

Four of the ten tallest buildings completed in 2012 use KONE solutions

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KONE's innovative solutions enable a smooth flow of people at four of the ten tallest buildings completed last year. According to the Council on Tall Buildings and Urban Habitat (CTBUH), a total of 66 buildings taller than 200 meters were completed in 2012. Thirty-five of these are located in Asia and 16 are in the Middle East.



About 180 KONE elevators facilitate the flow of people at The Makkah Clock Royal Tower Hotel.

Standing at 601m **The Makkah Clock Royal Tower Hotel** in Mecca, Saudi Arabia was the tallest building completed during the year. It is currently the second tallest building in the world and has over 100 KONE escalators and more than 180 KONE elevators in its podium and clock tower alone.

In addition to being the second tallest building completed in 2012, **Princess Tower** (413.4m) in Dubai is the tallest residential building in the world. The milestone project features many KONE innovations and utilized the first KONE JumpLift installation in the Middle East.

Another residential structure in Dubai is listed as the fourth tallest building completed last year. **The Elite Residence** (381m) uses energy-efficient solutions including three KONE MonoSpace® Special platforms as well as nine KONE MiniSpace™ elevators with speeds of up to 6 m/s.

Leatop Plaza (303 meters) was the ninth tallest building built in 2012. KONE's eco-efficient equipment contributed to the LEED Certification of the futuristic complex.



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At 66, the number of tall buildings built last year was the third highest in history but was a decrease from 2011, when 82 tall buildings were finished. This was the first decline in six years. However, global completions are expected to increase in 2013 and 2014 when several projects originally scheduled to be finished in 2012 will be completed.

For more information on selected KONE achievements from around the world visit, including Shard in London www.KONE.com/references.

Meet KONE experts at MIPIM 2013:

Tarek Elnaggar, Senior Vice President, KONE Major Projects

Johannes de Jong, Head of Technology, KONE Major Projects

- Major Projects is KONE's global team of experts, with dedicated solutions available to help customers through every stage of the building process, from early programming throughout the building life-cycle.
- KONE Major Projects' references include landmark projects such as Shard in London, Marina Bay Sands in Singapore or Schiphol Airport in Amsterdam.

Pierre Liautaud, Executive Vice President and Area Director, Western and Southern Europe

- KONE as an innovation leader in elevator industry
- Focus on user experience – KONE's People Flow strategy

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