

Top 9 unique structures

**Top 9 Unique Building Structures In
The World Being Built Now.**

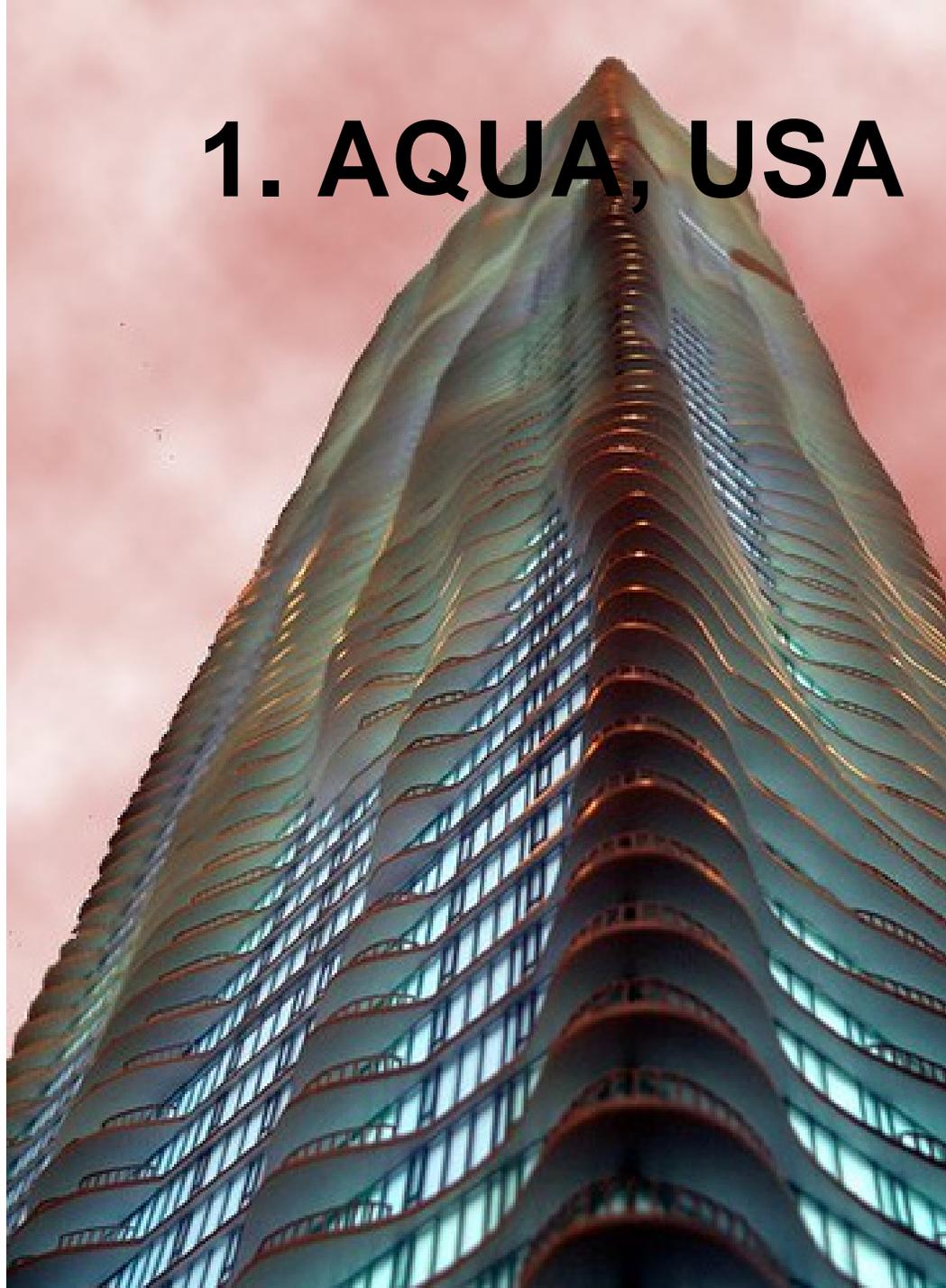
Top 9 unique structures should be built soon

Obviously, construction technologies are advancing extremely quickly. Couple that with multi-billionaires / deep-pocketed companies trying to outdo each other in the quest for the next standout design and you have a near-future filled with mile-high skyscrapers and buildings that no longer look like buildings.

Below are 9 strange and unique structures which have either been approved or are in the final stages of approval. Some have already been partially constructed.

Welcome to the future landscape.

1. AQUA, USA





From a distance this skyscraper, to be completed in 2009 in Chicago , will seem quite traditional. It'll only be when you get close and look up that you can appreciate the ripple/jelly effect created by variously sized balconies from top to bottom.

2. CHICAGO SPIRE, USA





The phenomenal Chicago spire, when completed in 2010, will be the world's tallest residential building and the tallest building of any kind in the western world. Seemingly modeled on the image of a giant drill poking through the ground, the 609m structure will dominate the Chicago's skyline.

3. CCTV Headquarters, CHINA





At a modest 234m the CCTV building isn't going to stand out from a distance, however the design and shape is a crowd stopper to say the least and will be another incredible addition to Beijing 's skyline in time for the 2008 Olympics. The shape, described as a 'z criss-cross' results in a very high, seemingly unsupported corner at the front. let's hope there's a glass floor up there.

4. REGATTA Hotel, JAKARTA





Taking on a nautical theme, the developers say the 10 smaller towers represent sailing boats whilst the larger building is 'the lighthouse'. It's the lighthouse that steals the show for me, possibly the most incredible looking structure I've seen for a long time. If it ends up looking anything close to these pictures I'll be impressed.

5. RESIDENCE ANTILIA, INDIA



Construction has begun on Residence Antilia despite opposition from those who see it as an 'excessive' design. Politics aside, and after you recover from the initial shock of seeing a skyscraper that resembles an Ikea cd rack, the building actually looks like it may succeed as a stunning, unique, green piece of architecture.

6. RUSSIA TOWER, RUSSIA





Topped with an Observation Deck over the city of Moscow , Russia Tower will become the tallest building in Europe when completed in 2012 and twice the height of the Eiffel tower.

Construction has already started on this angular beast which was designed by Foster & Partners, also responsible for the Gherkin and Spaceport America , currently in development.

7. Penang Global City Centre, Malaysia





Following months of speculation and sturdy opposition, this humungous project is in the final stages of approval and apparently construction will start very soon. Even so, due to the size of the plan it will take at least 15 years to complete. Resembling a sci-fi city, the area will be crowned by 2 x 200m towers and completely transform the small island of Penang

8. Gazprom Headquarters, Russia





This gigantic, 300m tall glass flame of a building will house the Gazprom Headquarters in St. Petersburg , dwarfing all structures in its vicinity. it will apparently change color up to 10 times per day depending on the position of the sun. The building has already been nicknamed 'corn on the cob' by unhappy locals.

9. Burj Dubai, Dubai





This is the big one. when completed next year it will be the tallest man-made structure in the world and the tallest building by a long shot with a predicted height of 818m. Note: currently the tallest building on earth, excluding an antenna, is Taipei 101 in Taiwan which stands at 509m. The photo below is the building's current state: the skyscrapers below the Burj Dubai used to look tall.