TAIPEI 101

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**Rankings**

- **Global Ranking**: #9 Tallest in the World
- **Regional Ranking**: #6 Tallest in Asia
- **National Ranking**: #5 Tallest in China
- **City Ranking**: #1 Tallest in Taipei

**Height**

- **To Tip**: 508 m / 1,667 ft
- **Architectural**: 508 m / 1,667 ft
- **Occupied**: 438 m / 1,437 ft
- **Observatory**: 391.8 m / 1,285 ft

**Floors**

- **Above Ground**: 101 floors
- **Below Ground**: 5 floors

**Elevators**

- # of Elevators: 61

**Elevators Speed**

- Top Elevator Speed: 16.83 m/s

**GFA**

- Tower GFA: 198,347 m² / 2,134,989 ft²
- Development GFA: 357,719 m² / 3,850,455 ft²

**Parking Spaces**

- # of Parking Spaces: 1,839

**Companies Involved**

- **Owner/Developer**: Taipei Financial Center Corporation
- **Architect**:
  - Design: C.Y. Lee & Partners Architects/Planners
  - Structural Engineer: Evergreen Consulting Engineering; Thornton Tomasetti
- **MEP Engineer**:
  - Design: Continental Engineering Consultants, Inc.
  - Peer Review: Lehr Engineering
- **Project Manager**: Turner International LLC
- **Main Contractor**:
  - Kumagai Gumi; RSEA Engineering; Samsung C&T Corporation; Ta-You-Wei Construction; Taiwan Kumagai
- **Other Consultant**:
  - Acoustics: Shen Milsom Wilke, Inc.
  - Building Monitoring: Kinematics Inc.
  - Damping: RWDI; ITT Enidine
  - Façade: ALT Limited
  - Landscape: ALT Limited
  - LEED: Genius Loci
  - Lighting: EcoTech International; Siemens Building Technology; SL+A International Asia
  - Marketing: Theo Kondos
  - Sustainability: Wordsearch
  - Vertical Transportation: EcoTech International; Siemens Building Technology; SL+A International Asia
  - Wind: Lerch Bates
  - (not specified): RWDI

**Additional Information**

- Click arrows to view the next taller or shorter buildings.
About TAIPEI 101

Standing in the Xinyi District of Taipei, an area known for its financial services and vibrant shopping malls, TAIPEI 101 represents a worldwide precedent for sustainable skyscraper development. It achieved a LEED Platinum certification for Operations and Maintenance in 2011, an impressive feat for a tower of its size and complexity.

The tower rises from its base in a series of eight-story modules that flare outward, evoking the form of a Chinese pagoda. The top of each module houses mechanical floors that accommodate garbage systems, ventilation equipment, water storage, and MEP services. Near the top, a smaller tower caps the structure, forming a pinnacle that has become a familiar sight for the city. The façade of the tower features double-paned green glass curtain walls that are highly reflective and block solar heat gain by 50 percent. Other sustainable features include energy efficient luminaries, custom lighting controls, low-flow water fixtures, and a smart Energy Management and Control System.

TAIPEI 101 contains a 728-ton tuned mass damper (TMD), a large spherical steel pendulum that offsets lateral movements caused by strong winds. The TMD is located in a large multi-story cavity near the top of the tower. This location is ideal for countering overturning forces, a necessary precaution in a typhoon-prone part of the world.

Nearly every aspect of the building’s design is steeped in symbolism. The number 101 represents January 1, the first day of the year. As such, the building has become a central component of New Year’s celebrations in Taiwan. Every year, all of the tower’s lights are turned off and each of the stacked modules light up in sequential order, counting down the last eight seconds before the New Year, which is followed by a dazzling fireworks display.