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BofA Tower Best Building in America

The Durst Organization's Bank of America Tower at One Bryant Park is the Best Tall Building in America.

Come October, the eco-friendly skyscraper could also be named the best in the world when the Council on Tall Buildings and Urban Habitat announces the overall winner of its annual global search for the "Best Tall Building" award.

Fully completed in May 2010, the 1,237,890 s/f Bank of America Tower was designed by Cook+Fox Architects LLP. The structural engineer was Severud Associates Consulting Engineers, P.C. while Jaros, Baum & Bowles served as MEP Engineer and Tishman Construction was the construction manager.

All 55-stories of the tower were designed to meet the highest sustainability standards, which has prioritized human health and corporate responsibility.

Its high indoor environmental quality results from hospital-grade, 95% filtered air; natural daylight; an under-floor ventilation system; round-the-clock air quality monitoring; and views through an exquisitely clear, floor-to-ceiling glass wall. The high-performance curtain wall minimizes solar heat gain through low-e glass and heat-reflecting ceramic frit. The building's advanced technologies include a clean-burning, on-site 5.0 MW cogeneration plant, which provides approximately 65% of the building's annual electricity requirements and lowers daytime peak demand by 30%.

The Durst tower is one of four global skyscrapers selected by the CTBUH for their design and technical innovations, sustainable attributes, and the enhancement they provide to both the cities and the lives of their inhabitants.

The other awards went to The Pinnacle @ Duxton, Singapore (Asia & Australasia); Broadcasting Place, Leeds (Europe); and Burj Khalifa, Dubai (Middle East & Africa).

"Best Tall Building Overall" will be announced at an October Awards Ceremony in Chicago when "Lifetime Achievement" awards will also be presented to William Pedersen of Kohn Pedersen Fox Associates and Ysrael A. Seinuk, Ysrael A. Seinuk, P.C.

Both men were selected for their lifetime's work to the advancement of Tall Buildings, with their portfolios including many seminal, iconic skyscrapers.



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