Tall Buildings in Numbers

The Past, Present and Future of the European Skyscraper

There are currently 109 skyscrapers over 150 meters in Europe. This number is set to jump to 161 by the end of 2015, meaning that there are more than 50 projects in advanced construction. This study provides a snapshot of the past, present, and future of the European skyscraper.

Mapping Europe 2015: Population and Skyscrapers
Map shows data on skyscrapers and population as estimated in the year 2015 (see key for details). Building outlines show the tallest building in 15 European cities.

Europe Figures
Total population: 742,067,000
Total 150 m+ buildings (in 2015): 161
Tallest building height (in 2015): 360 m
150 m+ average height (in 2015): 188 m
Timeline of European Skyscraper Completion, since 1952
Bars represent total number of buildings completed each year. Dots represent a specific building height and its location.

Note: chart begins in 1952 with the completion of Europe's first 150 m+ skyscraper – Kotelnicheskaya Naberezhnaya, Moscow

- Russia (36)
- Turkey (36)
- France (18)
- UK (17)
- Germany (15)
- Spain (12)
- All Other (27)

Europe’s Future Tallest Ten: 2015
Tallest: 360 meters Average Height: 300 meters

Seven of the future tallest ten skyscrapers in Europe will be located in Moscow, including the continent’s tallest, Vostok Tower.

While only 12% of Europe’s 150 meter skyscrapers were mixed-use at the start of 2013, over 30% of the buildings set to complete between 2013 and 2015 are mixed-use skyscrapers.

Europe’s current tallest, The Shard, will only enjoy the title for a few months, soon to be surpassed by Moscow’s Mercury City Tower.