

A Dynamic Skyscraper

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Is it the skyscraper of the future? Or just a pie-in-the-sky idea? Italian architect David Fisher unveiled in New York Tuesday the design for what he's calling the world's first "building in motion." It's an eighty-story residential tower with revolving floors, ostensibly set for construction in Dubai this fall.

David Fisher:

It's-it's the first building that is being-that is dynamic, changing the shape. You can adjust the shape the way you like every given moment.

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Fisher says he is also slated to build one of the "dynamic" buildings in Moscow and, he hopes, New York City. He says the buildings also double as generators. Wind turbines on every floor will provide power.

David Fisher:

This building is completely self-powered. Wind has a very negative effect on-on skyscrapers, we all know. And I say, why, why do we want to fight the wind? Let's use the wind, you know, for our benefit.

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The Dubai condos are going for three thousand dollars a square foot. Lifts will allow penthouse residents to park their cars right in their condominium. Fisher says the building parts will be prefabricated in a factory in Italy and then assembled at the final location. The architect says he'd like to have the Dubai building ready to live in by 2010.

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