

Record-Breaking Moscow City Skyscraper Gets Extra Floors

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Moscow's Moscow-City business district just was not record-breaking enough for the city authorities, apparently. But an extra two stories may just do the trick.

The East Tower, one of two skyscrapers in the Federation complex, was already set to become the tallest building in Europe at 360 meters and 93 floors. But with a new design recently approved by the Moscow government, the tower will now be 13.2 meters taller, the city's committee for pricing policy in construction and state project inspections said last week in an online statement.

The tower's floor space will also increase from 213,000 to 218,000 square meters, the statement said.

Moscow-City already boasts the tallest skyscraper in Europe in the form of the 338.8-meter

tall Mercury City Tower. The next tallest building in Europe is the Shard in London, which will be bumped down to third place once East Tower reaches its full height in the autumn of this year. East Tower is expected to open for use by the end of 2015.

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