HOK in Istanbul, Turkey

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Solar "trees" are part of the HOK masterplan for the Istanbul International Financial Center in Turkey. Image: HOK

Site work has begun on a new finance center complex in Istanbul, Turkey. Masterplanned by HOK, the Istanbul International Financial Center (IIFC) will occupy a 170-acre (69-hectare site) will also include two high-rise office towers designed by the firm.

Located on a site between the Ataşehir and Ümraniye districts, HOK's masterplan divides the complex into four districts with cultural, commerce, governance, and civic functions.

Aerial view of IIFC plan. Image: HOK

The masterplan also calls for some 45 million square feet (4.2 million square meters) of built space divided among office, residential, retail, conference, and hotel functions on a campus of buildings organized around a series of three major open spaces and surrounded by park space. Major infrastructure improvements, including a new subway line and stop, are also plans.

Construction of the IIFC is expected to be complete in 2016.

One of the three plazas of the IIFC. Image: HOK

Project Credits

- **Master planner:** HOK
- **Builder:** Arup
- **Engineer:** Arup
- **Sustainability Consultant:** Arup
- **IT Consultant:** Arup
- **Communications and Security design services:** Arup

The mixed-use master plan for the 170-acre (69-hectare) includes offices, hotel and residential units, retail, and conference space. Image: HOK

Towers of the IIFC. Image: HOK

Site plan of IIFC. Image: HOK

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