

MAD Architects in Mississauga, Ontario

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[MAD Architects](#) designed the curvy [Absolute World Towers](#), in Mississauga, Ontario. Photo: Tom Arban

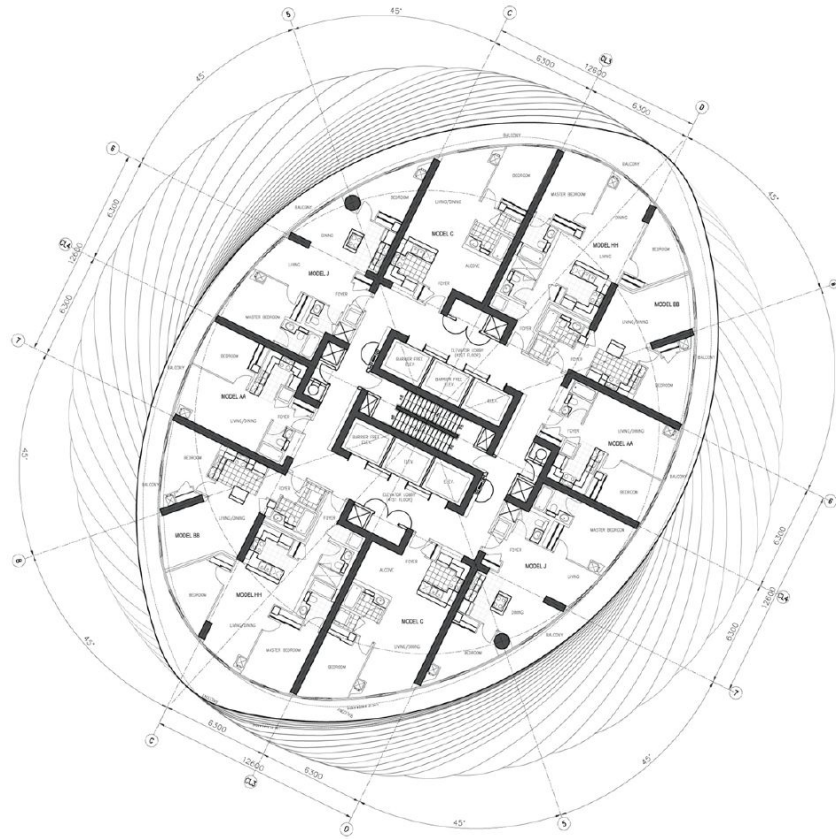
The [Absolute World Towers](#), a two-building residential high-rise project in Mississauga, Ontario, has been completed. These sinuous buildings, designed by Beijing, China-based [MAD Architects](#), have an ovoid plan, with each successive floor rotated a few degrees with respect to the one below, resulting in a visual sense of the buildings twisting or dancing. The effect has earned the buildings the dubious nickname the "Marilyn Monroe" towers.



Tower A is 56 stories, while Tower B is 50. Photo: Iwan Baan

At each floor, the concrete slab cantilevers slightly beyond the building envelope to form a continuous balcony that is slightly deeper at the ends of the floor's longer axis. Between the slabs, a ribbon of floor-to-ceiling glazing encircles each level, forming the weather envelope.

The typical floor plan shows 10 units per floor, around a rectangular central service core that is ringed by a continuous hallway.

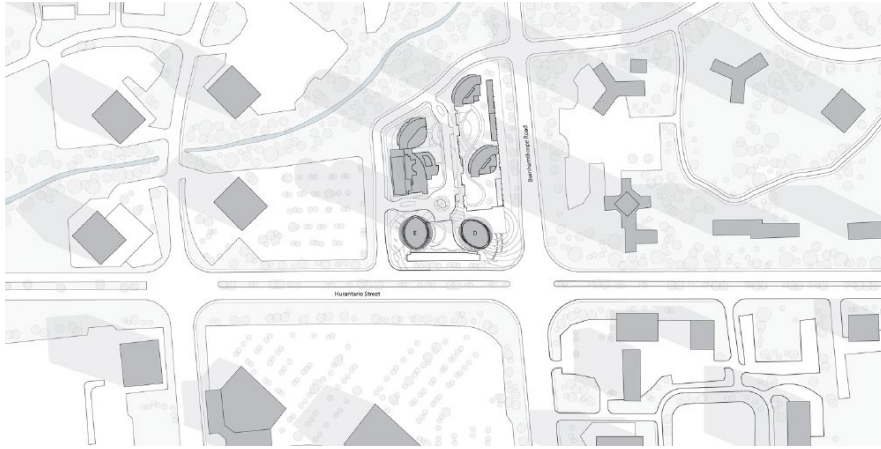




Looking down at the balconies of the Absolute towers. Photo: Iwan Baan

Project Credits

- Owner: Fernbrook and Cityzen
- Design Architect: MAD architects
- Associate Architect: Burka Architects
- Structural Engineer: Sigmund Soudack
- MEP Engineer: Stantec
- Project Manager: MAD: Ma Yansong, Dang Qun, Fernbrook: Anthony Pignetti, Sergio Vacilotto, Ivano DiPietro, Faruq Ahmad, Jordana Scola
- Landscape Architect: NAK Design
- Interior Designer: ESQAPE Design



Absolute World Towers site plan drawing. Image: MAD Architects

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