

## MAD Architects in Mississauga, Ontario

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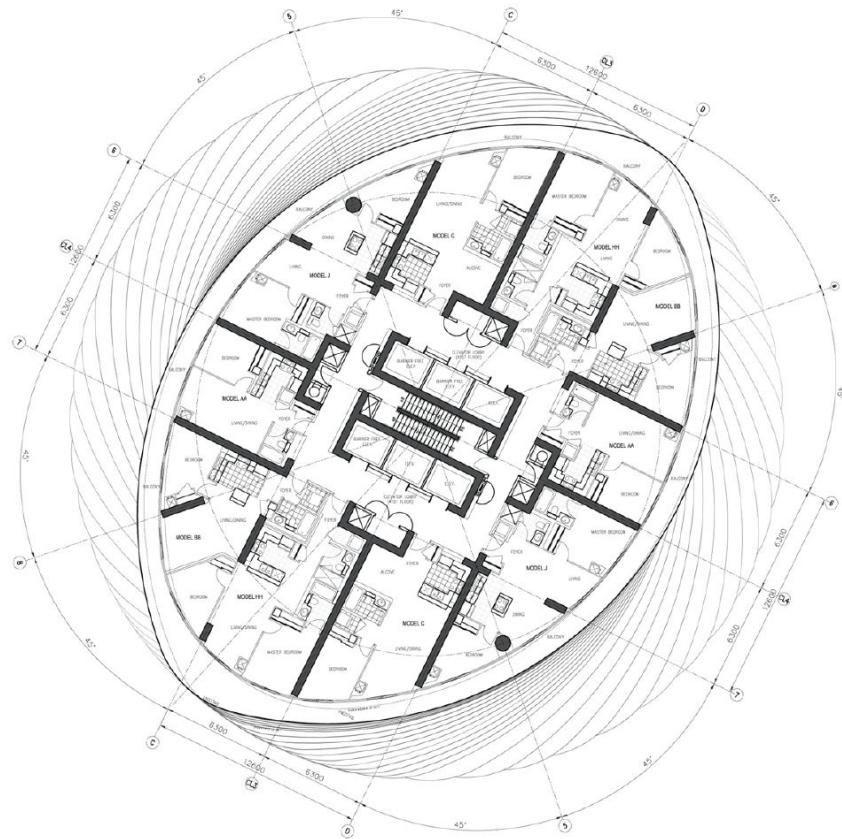
[MAD Architects](#) designed the curvy [Absolute World Towers](#), in Mississauga, Ontario. Photo: Tom Arban  
The [Absolute World Towers](#), a two-building residential high-rise project in Mississauga, Ontario, has been completed. These sinuous buildings, designed by Beijing, China-based [MAD Architects](#), 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.



*Typical Absolute World Towers floor plan. Image: MAD Architects*

The towers comprise 95,000 square meters (1.02 million square feet), dividing 861 condominiums between them. Tower A is the taller of the two, at 170 meters (560 feet) in 56 stories, while the 50-story Tower B measures 150 meters (490 feet).

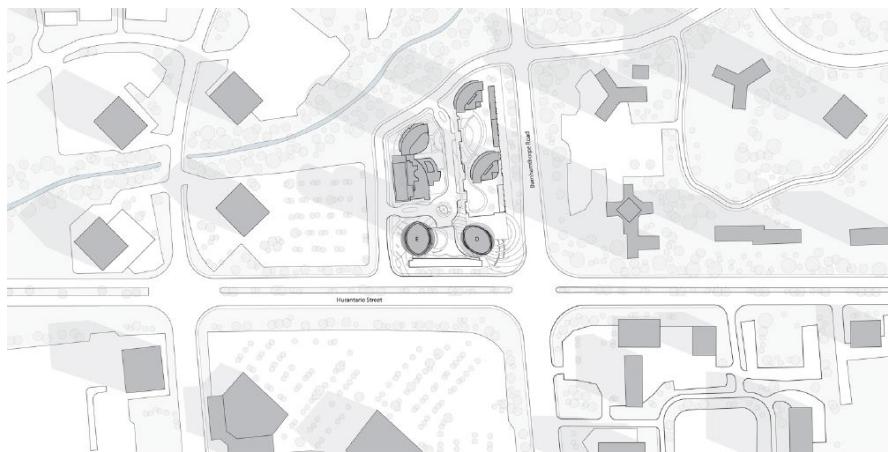
The buildings were completed in November 2012, and received a [CTBUH Tall Building Award](#) earlier in the year.



*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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