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### Dubai Mall set to open by end-2008

The Dubai Mall, one of the world's largest shopping malls, being developed by Emaar as part of a Dh 73 billion Downtown Burj Dubai project, is getting ready for opening by the end of this year.

With a total site area in excess of 12.1 million sq ft, the showpiece mall sets a new dimension with its various construction components truly epic in proportion and scale. The structural steel used in mall, which will be bigger than the Mall of Emirates, is double that deployed for the Eiffel Tower (7,300 tonnes), and the stone and tile works of 1.2 million sq ft already laid are approximately 18 times the size of a football field measuring 69,000 sq ft. The net leasable floor area will be equivalent to the size of 50 football fields put together, developers said.



The centrepiece of the Downtown Burj Dubai project is Burj Dubai, the world's tallest tower, whose eventual height when completed is a well guarded secret. In June 2007, the tower, still under construction, surpassed the height of Taiwan's Taipei 101 at 512 metres.

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