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## Signature Tower serenades Nashville

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Nashville, TN, US (NCS) - Known as "Music City USA" for the advent of the Grand Ole Opry and being home to the Country Music Hall of Fame, Nashville, Tennessee will soon be hearing music to its ears.

In the growing capital of the New South, a city devout to classical architecture and traditional mores, an icon is about to emerge that will not only divert attention from prominent towers currently occupying the Tennessean skyline, but will become the tallest building in the United States outside of Chicago or New York.

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Planned to rise 1,030 feet, a bit shorter than the originally proposed height of 1,057 feet, The Signature Tower will break ground any day now on Church Street and 5th Avenue in Nashville.

It will replace the current tallest building in the U.S. not in a major city, the 871-foot-tall NationsBank Corporate Center in Charlotte, North Carolina, and will draw universal attention that was not so much received by Nashville's other architectural babies like the L&C Tower, the State Capitol or the Ryman Auditorium.

The 70-story Signature Tower will contain 400 condo units, 197 hotel rooms, and a fine dining restaurant. It will also feature street-level retail.

The \$340 million project is being developed by Tony Giarratana, president of Giarratana Development, and will be designed by Atlanta-based

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