



THE third and last contract for the completion of the new Volkskas head office building in Pretoria has been awarded to Stock Construction (Pty). The building of R20-million must be completed early in 1978.

The first and second contracts for the building of 40 floors were awarded to Jan de Jong and Sons, who completed the first five floors as well as the five basements below street level.

The Volkskas building with a height of 132m, will be the highest building in Pretoria and the third highest in South Africa.

Of the 40 floors, 12 will be used by Volkskas, while the rest will be let, except for the 40th floor, which will be used as a look-out attraction. The 39th floor will be used for restaurants.

In the planning of the building, the property manager of Volkskas, Mr C. L. Engelbrecht, and the architects were sent on a world-wide tour to study major bank buildings.

Maximum lettable floor space has been obtained by placing the lift shafts on the corners of the building, thereby eliminating a central core except for four steel columns.