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Lake Buena Vista Resort Village & Spa in Orlando broke ground in January on an "aquatic center" scheduled for completion by Memorial Day. A giant pirate ship will anchor the 25,000-sq-ft amenity. Echo Artz is the lead design firm for the project. The general contractor is KNS Construction.

During December, residential continued its freefall, and the value of nonresidential projects – a strong market throughout the year – also fell. Residential registered a 54% drop compared to the previous December and totaled roughly \$981.9 million for the month. The nonresidential category's 45% decline resulted in a total of about \$774.1 million in new contracts during the month, well down from last December's \$1.4 billion total. The nonbuilding segment kept moving up, however. Its total of about \$933.1 million was an estimated 29% better than last December's \$722.7 million tally.

For 2007, Florida contract activity totaled approximately \$46.9 billion, or 27% behind 2006's total. The residential market, estimated at about \$21.9 billion, was 48% behind 2006's volume. The other sectors remained positive, however. Nonresidential, at about \$15.4 billion, ended the year 7% ahead of 2006, while nonbuilding construction finished approximately 20% ahead, with a total of about \$9.6 billion.

Suffolk Lands \$124M in Contracts

Suffolk Construction Co. of West Palm Beach closed 2007 by landing four contracts collectively valued at approximately \$124.3 million.

The projects include: the 1.2 million-sq-ft Loop at Punta Gorda retail center; a \$36 million Miami Airport Marriott Hotel Complex for Thayer Lodging Group; a \$20 million Spring Hill Suites in Miami; and a \$3.3 million Columbus Networks Warehouse project in Boca Raton.

Panattoni Constructing Two Industrial Buildings in Deerfield Beach

Panattoni Construction has started work on two industrial buildings for Prudential Financial Corp. and Panattoni Development Co. The buildings are located on a nine-acre site in Deerfield Beach, and measure 151,735 sq ft and 94,262 sq ft.

The project is expected to complete in the summer.

New Marriott for Sanibel Island

Greenville, S.C.-based gkkproworks is serving as construction manager for a new, six-story, 117,000-sq-ft Residence Inn by Marriott on Sanibel Island. The owner is JHM Hotels, also of Greenville. Atlanta-based Lloyd Fructman & Associates is the architect. Pellicano Construction of Albany, Ga., is the general contractor. <<