

Meta to Build AI Data Center the Size of Manhattan

Summary:

Meta CEO Mark Zuckerberg has announced the construction of one of the world's largest AI-focused data centers, estimated to be the size of Manhattan. Codenamed Prometheus, this project will serve as the backbone of Meta's Superintelligence Lab, which aims to build artificial general intelligence (AGI) to power next-generation applications - from virtual reality to autonomous agents.

Details:

- Targeted for a 2026 launch.
- Will host tens of thousands of AI training GPUs.
- Part of a larger infrastructure effort to compete with OpenAI, Google DeepMind, and Anthropic.
- Zuckerberg claims this will be "the most powerful AI computing hub in the world."

Impact:

This data center reflects the intensifying race for AI leadership, where compute capacity is a key differentiator. Meta is investing billions into both hardware and custom AI models (like LLaMA and Emu).