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## **World's Largest Photo: Record-Breaking Photo Taken With GigaPan EPIC Pro *Dubai Tops Paris for Gigapixel Supremacy***

**PORTLAND, Ore. – May 10, 2010** – First, it was a breathtaking image of Paris that set the record as the world's largest digital panorama at 26 gigapixels. But that record was broken as GigaPan announced today that an [image taken of Dubai](#) has taken the top spot as the world's largest digital photo. The gigapixel image that can be viewed at photo sharing site [GigaPan.org](http://GigaPan.org), topped out at 45 gigapixels. If printed, this photo would be the size of nearly 1200 billboards.

Recently, photographer Gerald Donovan took a majestic image of a landscape in Dubai using the GigaPan EPIC Pro robotic camera mount based on technology employed by NASA's Mars Rover.

He shot the photo using a Canon 7D camera coupled with GigaPan's [EPIC Pro](#) robotic mount, which took nearly 4,250 pictures over a three- and half-hour time frame. With the help of GigaPan Engineers Randy Sargent and Paul Heckbert, they stitched together the thousands of photos into one very large image using Autopano stitching software and uploaded it to the [GigaPan.org](http://GigaPan.org) site. "This was intended as a technical test," said Gerald Donovan. "It was about exploring the limits of the hardware and software out there."

Of course, if anyone thought of visiting Dubai without leaving their living room, this is an excellent opportunity to do so because the level of detail is so intense. The tallest building in the world is at the center of the image, a perfect complement to the largest panorama in the world.

To view the record-breaking image and other famous images like [Barack Obama's Presidential Inaugural Address](#), go to [GigaPan.org](http://GigaPan.org). No special downloads or programs are required. All photographers can upload their gigapixel images to the site, no matter what hardware or software is used, record breaking or not.

### **Introducing the EPIC Pro**

Based on technology employed by NASA's Mars Rover, the GigaPan EPIC Pro recently joined the GigaPan EPIC series of robotic mounts that allows users to take thousands of photos to create one highly detailed, multi-gigapixel panoramic image. Designed to work with DSLR cameras and larger lenses, the EPIC Pro features advanced technology and design for stunning performance and precision. Powerful, accurate and easy-to-use, EPIC Pro is the ultimate device for capturing multi-gigapixel panoramas.

### **About GigaPan**

Leader in gigapixel imaging, GigaPan provides the first complete solution for capturing incredibly high resolution photos. GigaPan EPIC robotic mounts work seamlessly with GigaPan Stitch software and [GigaPan.org](http://GigaPan.org). Now everyone has the opportunity to use technology developed for Mars to take their own incredible images here on Earth.

GigaPan Systems was formed in 2008 as a commercial spin-off of a successful research collaboration between a team of researchers at NASA and Carnegie Mellon University. The company's mission is to bring this powerful, high-resolution imaging capability to a broad audience. For more information, visit <http://www.gigapansystems.com>.