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Ferris wheel sale is off as numbers rise

Vienna. Visitor numbers to the giant Ferris wheel in Vienna's Prater increased by six per cent to 660,000 in 2008. The number of visitors had also been 35 per cent higher in December than in the same month of the previous year.

Peter Petrisch, the head of the firm that owns the Ferris wheel, said the Euro 2008 had not resulted in the expected increase in the number of visitors. Petrisch added that a sale of the Ferris wheel was no longer under consideration.