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Architecture & Design Features

- ◇ Chicago Landmark status
 - ◇ Late-Gothic style with crown-shaped top
 - ◇ Medieval influenced top portion of the building is designed after France's Rouen Cathedral, Tour de beurre
 - ◇ Upper tower is encircled by 8 flying buttresses with sculptures of bats
 - ◇ The 25th floor terrace was a public observation deck until the 1950's
 - ◇ Gargoyles of carved images including Robin Hood, a howling dog "Howells", and a frog
 - ◇ Façade comprised of Indiana limestone with vertical piers and horizontal spandrels
 - ◇ Rocks and bricks from historically important sites, throughout the world, incorporated into the lower levels of the building
 - ◇ Famous quotations, promoting freedom of the press, from Benjamin Franklin, Voltaire, Thomas Jefferson, and James Madison, are carved into lobby walls
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PROJECT SUMMARY

Project Description	Completed in 1925, this historic building won 1st place in a widely-publicized international design competition. This architectural gem and Chicago Landmark influenced future high-rise buildings in the 1920's and 1930's. The building was the headquarters of the Chicago Tribune newspaper for over 70 years.
Official Building Name	Tribune Tower
Other Building Names	Chicago Tribune Building
Location	Downtown Chicago, IL Michigan-Wacker Historic District & Magnificent Mile
Address	435 N. Michigan Avenue, Chicago, IL
Construction	Commenced - 1923 Completed - 1925
Occupancy & Use	Prior Office Current conversion to 163 residential condominiums completion in 2020

PROJECT DESIGN & CONSTRUCTION

Owner/Developer	CIM Group / Golub & Company
Architect	John Mead Howells & Raymond Hood
Primary Contractor	Hegeman-Harris Company
Structural Engineer	Henry J. Burt
Façade	Prominent façade design by American artist Rene Paul Chambellan
Structure	Steel, applied masonry, and limestone panels

BUILDING CONSTRUCTION SUMMARY

Size Category	Residential - 163 condominiums under construction Prior - Class A Office
Height Details	Occupied Floors: 463 feet / 141 meters
Number of Floors	Above Ground - 34 Below Ground - 4

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NOTABLE FACTS

- ◇ Listed as a Chicago Landmark and one of Chicago's most famous buildings
- ◇ During the design phase, the Chicago Tribune newspaper's owner's goal was to develop the most beautiful office building in the world.
- ◇ The original Tribune Tower building was built in 1868 and destroyed in the Great Chicago Fire in 1871.
- ◇ Previously the home of the newspaper Chicago Tribune newspaper
- ◇ The building's design influenced the architecture of many prominent buildings including New York City's Rockefeller Center and the 1929 Gulf Building in Houston, Texas.
- ◇ Stones and bricks from historically important sites, throughout the world, were integrated into the lower levels of the building and are labelled with their location of origin. Incorporated stones are from St. Stephen's Cathedral, the Parthenon, Trondheim Cathedral, Taj Mahal, Westminster Palace, The Great Pyramids, The Alamo, Berlin Wall, Notre Dame de Paris, the Great Wall of China, Independence Hall, and Abraham Lincoln's tomb.



Landmark buildings at Chicago Riverfront

Wrigley Building (photo center with American Flag) | Tribune Tower (right-side of photo)