











UBS Tower

Chicago, Illinois, USA

Located along the western edge of Chicago's Loop, UBS Tower is a Class A office high-rise with technical features that set it apart, at the time, from former generations of downtown office buildings. The 51-story tower is designed with three distinct floor plates of 29,300, 33,300 and 37,900 square feet and 45-foot column-free lease spans to maximize efficiency and flexibility for a range of tenants. The lobby is enclosed with a dramatic, 40-foot-high cable-supported netwall that uses low-iron glass with a non-reflective coating to create a virtually transparent boundary between inside and out.

The tower is enclosed with a unitized curtain wall with high-performance glass and linen-finish stainless steel mullions. Circular steel columns extend the building's full height and above the roofline, providing a distinctive image on the skyline and setting a clear organizational rhythm for the building's architecture.

Locating the tower in the northwest corner of the site allows the building to define the Wacker Drive street wall. This location also opens up the east side to a large plaza with fountains and creates a major pedestrian connection along Madison Street. This east-west connection is enlivened with large granite benches encircling mounded landscape elements and tall trees. Together, these elements reinforce the building's design and provide seating and shade for the thousands of pedestrians who traverse the plaza daily.

Project Data

SIZE

51 stories
1,754,000 sf total

FEATURES

Conference center
Fitness center
Restaurant
220 parking spaces
LEED Silver
ENERGY STAR

CLIENT

The John Buck Company

Recognition & News

RECOGNITION

2007, General Design Honor Award – American Society of Landscape Architects
2003, Divine Detail Honor Award, UBS Tower Planters – American Institute of Architects, Chicago Chapter
2003, Divine Detail Honor Award, UBS Tower Cable Netwall – American Institute of Architects, Chicago Chapter
2002, Downtown Office Development of the Year – National Association of Industrial and Office Properties, Chicago Chapter
2002, Merit Award for New Construction – Chicago Building Congress
2002, Award of Merit, Large Structure – Structural Engineers Association of Illinois
2002, Best Streetscape Addition – Chicago Magazine
2001, Development of the Year – Chicago Commercial Real Estate Awards

NEWS

ENR Midwest Names GP 2020 Design Firm of the Year
James Goettsch Honored With CTBUH Lifetime Achievement Award