

Aon Center



Identification

EBN 116756

Name Aon Center

Alternative Name Standard Oil Building, Amoco Building

Construction Type skyscraper

Current Status existing [completed]

Location

Continent Name North America

District (1st level) Downtown

Country Name U.S.A.

District (2nd level) Loop

State Name Illinois

Postcode 60601

Zone New Eastside

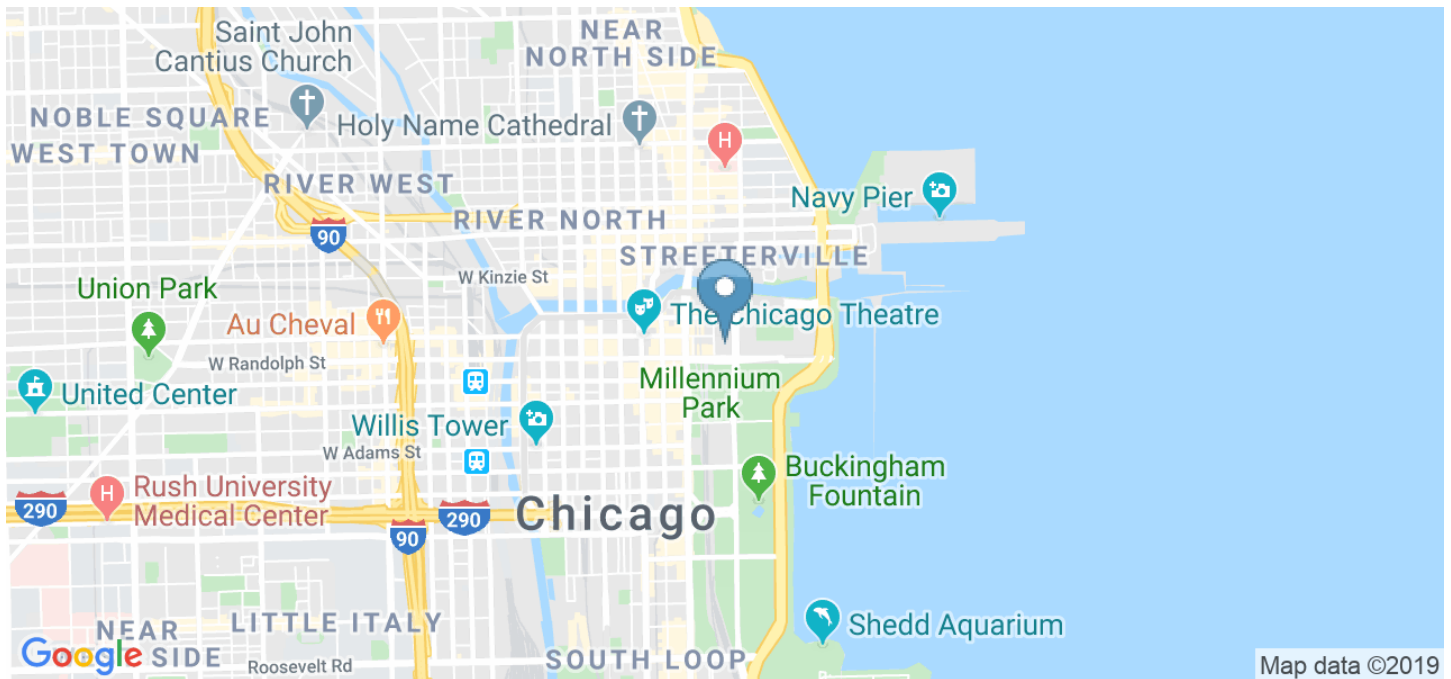
Address (as text) 200 East Randolph Street

Metro Area Name Chicago-Naperville-Michigan City

Main Address 200 East Randolph Street

	Combined Statistical Area		
City Name	Chicago	Virtual Address	150 North Columbus Drive 201 East Lake Street 151 North Stetson Avenue

Map



Description

Structural System	framed tube	Facade Color	white
Structural Material	steel	Architectural style	modernism
Facade System	curtain wall	Main Usage	commercial office
Facade Material	granite	Side Usage	shop(s) 🍴 restaurant

Spatial dimensions

Height (structural)	1,136 ft	Floors (underground)	5
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Height (roof)	1,136 ft	Floors (overground)	83
Height (main roof)	1,123 ft	Parking places	679
Height (floor-floor)	12.67 ft	Gross Floor Area (GFA)	Contact us
Length	194 ft	Usable Floor Area (UFA)	Contact us
Width	194 ft		

Years and costs

Year (construction start)	1970	Year (construction end)	1973
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Features & Amenities

- One of the city's famous buildings
- Doorman is available
- Pedway access is available
- Plaza is available to the public

Facts

- The Standard Oil Company built this tower to replace its old headquarters on South Michigan Avenue, now known as the Michigan Avenue Lofts.
- During the groundbreaking ceremony on April 6, 1970, a helicopter hovered 1,136 feet (346 m) over the site to demonstrate the height of the building when finished.
- From 1990 to 1992 the building's 43,000 marble cladding panels were replaced by two-inch-thick Mt. Airy granite panels at a cost of about \$80 million.
- Marble removed from the cladding of the building was crushed and used as decorative stone surrounding the Amoco refinery in Whiting, Indiana. The project was referred to as the "Whiting Beautification Project."
- This was the tallest building in Chicago from 1973 until 1974, when it was surpassed by the Willis Tower.
- The "Sounding Sculpture" by Harry Bertoia is split between the east and west plazas. Its metal rods make soft music in the wind. The sculpture was originally a single ensemble in front of the building.
- A sunken plaza leads to the main entrance off Randolph Street. Before a postmodernization in the 1990s the plaza was a secluded space with two groves of locust trees flanking a reflecting pool with the Bertoia sculpture.

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- Each side of the building has 15 vertical bands of black windows, recessed between triangular white piers.
- Aon Center is the only regular "box-shaped" building in the world over 300 meters tall.
- Wells Real Estate Investment Trust, Inc. acquired Aon Center from The Blackstone Group for \$475 million during the week ending May 10, 2003.
- Until the Shanghai World Financial Center was topped out in 2007, this was the tallest building in the world without any major antennae, spires, or finials at the top.
- In July 2009 a small communications antenna was installed on the roof.
- The 601W Companies purchased the property in 2015 for \$712 million.
- Plans for a new observatory were announced in 2018 that would increase the height of the building. The mechanical penthouse would rise to 1,170 feet 6 inches while an exterior glass elevator would rise to 1,184 feet 2.5 inches.

Certificates

Name	Level	Year	Status
Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design	Silver	2014	Certified

Involved companies

Associate Architect.....

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Additional company data available for this building

Client	Contact us	Landscape Architect	Contact us
Developer	Contact us	Owner	Contact us
Electrical Connections	Contact us	Roof Installation	Contact us
Elevator Supplier	Contact us	Sealants & Adhesives Supplier	Contact us
Facade Consultant	Contact us	Steel Supplier	Contact us
General Contractor	Contact us	Wind Surveyor	Contact us
Geotechnical Engineering	Contact us		

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