

Bank of China Tower

Identification

EBN	120582
Name	Bank of China Tower
Alternative Name	####
Construction Type	skyscraper
Current Status	existing [completed]

Location

Continent Name	Asia	District (1st level)	Hong Kong Island
Country Name	China	District (2nd level)	Central and Western
State Name	Hong Kong	Address (as text)	1 Garden Road
Metro Area Name	Hong Kong Metro Area	Main Address	1 Garden Road

City Name Hong Kong

Description

Structural System	space truss	Facade Color	light blue
Structural Material	steel concrete	Architectural style	structural expressionism
Facade System	curtain wall	Main Usage	commercial office
Facade Material	aluminum glass		

Spatial dimensions

Height (structural)	1,205.38 ft	Floors (underground)	4
Height (tip)	1,205.38 ft	Floors (overground)	70
Height (top floor)	946 ft	Parking places	370
Height (roof)	1,001.02 ft	Elevators	45
Height (main roof)	1,001.02 ft	Gross Floor Area (GFA)	Buy full PDF
Volume	Buy full PDF		

Years and costs

Year (construction start)	1985	Year (construction end)	1990
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Features & Amenities

- One of the city's famous buildings

Facts

- Grouping of four triangular glass and aluminum towers of varying heights that emerge from a granite podium.
- The inspiration of the design of the BOC is derived from the elegant poise of bamboo; its sectioned trunk being propelled higher and higher by each new growth. The BOC Tower is symbolic of strength, vitality and growth.

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- Tallest building in Hong Kong and Asia from 1989 to 1992, until the completion of Central Plaza.
- First composite megastructure space frame high-rise building.
- Replaced Hopewell Centre as the tallest building in Hong Kong when completed.
- The building sports a 15-storey atrium.
- A small skydeck that is open to the public on the 42nd floor gives a view to the northwest side of Hong Kong.
- Construction of this tower was started on 18th April, 1985 and the official opening ceremony was held on 17th May, 1990.
- The silver reflective glass is glazed in a low maintenance dry gasket system, and the curtain wall is a unitized design assembled off-site under factory conditions. This enabled close quality control of all aspects of the frame assembly, which numbers over 10,000 pieces in total.
- It was the first building outside the United States to break the 1000 foot mark. That also means it was the tallest outside America from its completion year, 1990, through the completion year of Central Plaza, 1992.
- Virtually every aspect of this building was challenging from moving material to a height never before achieved outside of the USA, to glazing the largest 25mm thick pattern cut lights ever produced. All required not only careful planning but also the development of new erection techniques.
- This building is one of 18 buildings involved in the Hong Kong Tourism Commission's Victoria Harbour Lighting Plan.
- The megastructural steelwork is expressed externally by naturally anodized panels that form part of the curtainwall.
- The topping out ceremony was held on 8 August 1988, which is the century's most auspicious date.
- The changes in geometry, from a square base through several geometric changes to a single spire, result in a multifaceted facade of angles and profiles that reflect the light and seem almost crystalline in composition.

Involved companies

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