

MetLife Building



Identification

EBN 114533

Name MetLife Building

Alternative Name Grand Central City, Pan Am Building

Construction Type skyscraper

Current Status existing [completed]

Location

Continent Name North America

Block Number

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Country Name U.S.A.

Lot Number

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State Name New York

Postcode

10166

Metro Area Name New York-Newark-Bridgeport Metro Area

Address (as text)

200 Park Avenue

City Name New York City

Main Address

200 Park Avenue

District (1st level) Manhattan	Side Address	East 45th Street
District (2nd level) Midtown		

Description

Structural Material	steel	Facade Color	gray
Facade System	curtain wall	Architectural style	international style
Facade Material	concrete	Main Usage	commercial office

Spatial dimensions

Height (structural)	808.01 ft	Floors (overground)	59
Height (tip)	808.01 ft	Parking places	315
Height (roof)	808.01 ft	Gross Floor Area (GFA)	Buy full PDF
Height (main roof)	808.01 ft		

Years and costs

Year (construction start)	1960	Year (construction end)	1963
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Features & Amenities

- One of the city's famous buildings
- Helipad is available

Facts

- The original contract for this project called for 65 elevators and 21 escalators from Westinghouse Electric Corporation. At the time this was the largest elevator contract in history.
- In 1981 purchased the building from Grand Central Buildings, Inc. and immediately invested in upgrading the space and adding valuable tenant amenities. Today it is managed by .
- The building has direct access to the adjacent Grand Central Terminal, the most important rail hub in New York City.

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- The MetLife Building is the focal point for , stretching from East Forty-Third to East Forty-Fifth Street.
- The roof served as a heliport for several years until an accident in 1977 closed it for good.
- The 1977 helicopter crash killed five people.
- MetLife bought the building in 1981 for \$400 million as an investment but didn't replace Pan Am's logo until 1993.
- The building has a unique sculptural presence, with an elongated octagonal footprint.
- The MetLife Building won the 2004/2005 BOMA Operating Building of the Year Award in the over 500,000 square feet category.
- What began in 1954 as the plans for the reconstruction of the Grand Central Terminal became the Pan Am Building upon its completion in 1963; we know this building today as the MetLife Building.
- The MetLife logo on top supports the nest for a pair of peregrine falcons which were introduced to manage the pigeon population.

Involved companies

Architect.....

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Pietro Belluschi

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Design Architect.....

Walter Gropius

Boston
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General Contractor

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