

# Chanin Building



## Identification

<b>EBN</b>	115509
<b>Name</b>	Chanin Building
<b>Construction Type</b>	skyscraper
<b>Current Status</b>	existing [completed]

## Location

<b>Continent Name</b>	North America	<b>Block Number</b>	<a href="#">Buy full PDF</a>
<b>Country Name</b>	U.S.A.	<b>Lot Number</b>	<a href="#">Buy full PDF</a>
<b>State Name</b>	New York	<b>Postcode</b>	10168
<b>Metro Area Name</b>	New York-Newark-Bridgeport Metro Area	<b>Address (as text)</b>	122 East 42nd Street
<b>City Name</b>	New York City	<b>Main Address</b>	122-128 East 42nd Street

<b>District (1st level)</b> Manhattan	<b>Virtual Address</b>	374-390 Lexington Avenue 117-127 East 41st Street
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**District (2nd level)** Murray Hill

## Description

<b>Structural Material</b>	steel	<b>Facade Color</b>	light brown
<b>Facade System</b>	applied masonry	<b>Architectural style</b>	Art Deco
<b>Facade Material</b>	brick	<b>Main Usage</b>	commercial office

## Spatial dimensions

<b>Height (structural)</b>	648.95 ft	<b>Height (roof)</b>	648.95 ft
<b>Height (tip)</b>	680.12 ft	<b>Floors (overground)</b>	56

## Years and costs

<b>Year (construction start)</b>	1927	<b>Year (construction end)</b>	1929
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## Features & Amenities

- City landmark

## Facts

- Third tallest building in the world, when it was completed.
- Chanin himself had his own offices on the 50th and 51st floors of the tower that were famous for a theater and an award-winning bathroom.
- To attract tenants, the owner provided centralized services at the base of the building including an underground connection to Grand Central Terminal and ground-floor commercial spaces.
- A movie theater and a subterranean bus terminal were included in the original project but no longer remain.

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- Above the base, the tower's steel frame is clad in buff brick and terra cotta and it is set back in conformance with the 1916 Zoning Law.
- At the top, the skyscraper is capped by a dramatic crown that was once illuminated at night.
- Inside the lobby, the walls are decorated with reliefs by set-designer Jacques Delamarre and Renee Chambellan that represent "The City of Opportunity" and "The Active Life of the Individual," the latter perhaps a reference to Chanin's own rise to power and wealth.
- The facade illustrates the introduction of colored glass, stone and metal on the exterior of tall buildings.
- In contrast to its neighbor, Grand Central Terminal, the Chanin Building's art deco facade represents a turn away from the beaux arts style towards a more humanistic and modern imagery appropriate to the industrial age.
- Built as a monument to Irwin S. Chanin (see Irwin S. Chanin), a graduate of Cooper Union who became a major New York developer of the 1920s.

## Involved companies

Architect.....

**Irwin S. Chanin**

New York City  
U.S.A.

**Sloan & Robertson**

New York City  
U.S.A.

## Additional company data available for this building

<b>Developer</b>	<a href="#">Buy full PDF</a>	<b>Steel Supplier</b>	<a href="#">Buy full PDF</a>
<b>General Contractor</b>	<a href="#">Buy full PDF</a>		

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