

The Montgomery



Identification

EBN	116865
Name	The Montgomery
Alternative Name	Montgomery Ward's Headquarters
Construction Type	skyscraper
Current Status	existing [completed]

Location

Continent Name	North America	District (1st level)	Downtown
Country Name	U.S.A.	District (2nd level)	Near North Side
State Name	Illinois	Postcode	60610
Zone	Kingsbury Park	Address (as text)	535 West Chicago Avenue
Metro Area Name	Chicago-Naperville-Michigan City	Main Address	535 West Chicago Avenue

	Combined Statistical Area		
City Name	Chicago	Virtual Address	530 West Superior Street 766-798 North Kingsbury Street 765-799 North Larrabee Street

Map



Description

Foundation System	caisson foundation	Facade Color	white light gray
Structural Material	concrete	Architectural style	international style
Facade System	curtain wall	Main Usage	residential condominium
Facade Material	aluminum	Side Usage	restaurant

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travertine

 parking

Spatial dimensions

Height (structural)	403.67 ft	Floors (overground)	28
Height (tip)	403.67 ft	Units	Contact us
Height (roof)	403.67 ft	Parking places	350
Height (floor-ceiling)	10.25 ft	Elevators	5
Length	103 ft		

Years and costs

Year (construction end)	1972	Year (last renovation)	2005
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Facts

- The striking design features white travertine brackets at each corner.
- This is the only skyscraper in Chicago by Minoru Yamasaki, the architect of the World Trade Center in New York.
- Until the late 1990s this stood out as the only highrise building in a wide area northwest of the downtown skyline.
- The Montgomery is the only high-rise in Chicago besides The Plaza on Dewitt and 500 North Michigan with any significant use of travertine in the facade.
- Original plans called for a fountain and reflecting pool in the plaza.
- The facade between the brackets was originally a black aluminum curtain wall. During the 2004 renovation, this was replaced by silver aluminum.
- During the renovation balconies were added to the narrow lengths of the facade on the east and west sides.
- The strong corners were designed to free up the interiors on each floor, creating a wide open space without interrupting walls.
- Before the central sections of the facade were replaced with silver metal, the building resembled Internationales Handelszentrum Berlin in Berlin.
- The structure is braced at all four corners by concrete shear wall cores (underneath the travertine), making it impossible to install corner windows.

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- In 2004 this building and 6 North Michigan - both former headquarters of Montgomery Ward's - underwent major reconstruction for conversion into condominiums.

Involved companies

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Renovations

Renovation 2005

Companies involved in this renovation

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