

Merchandise Mart



Identification

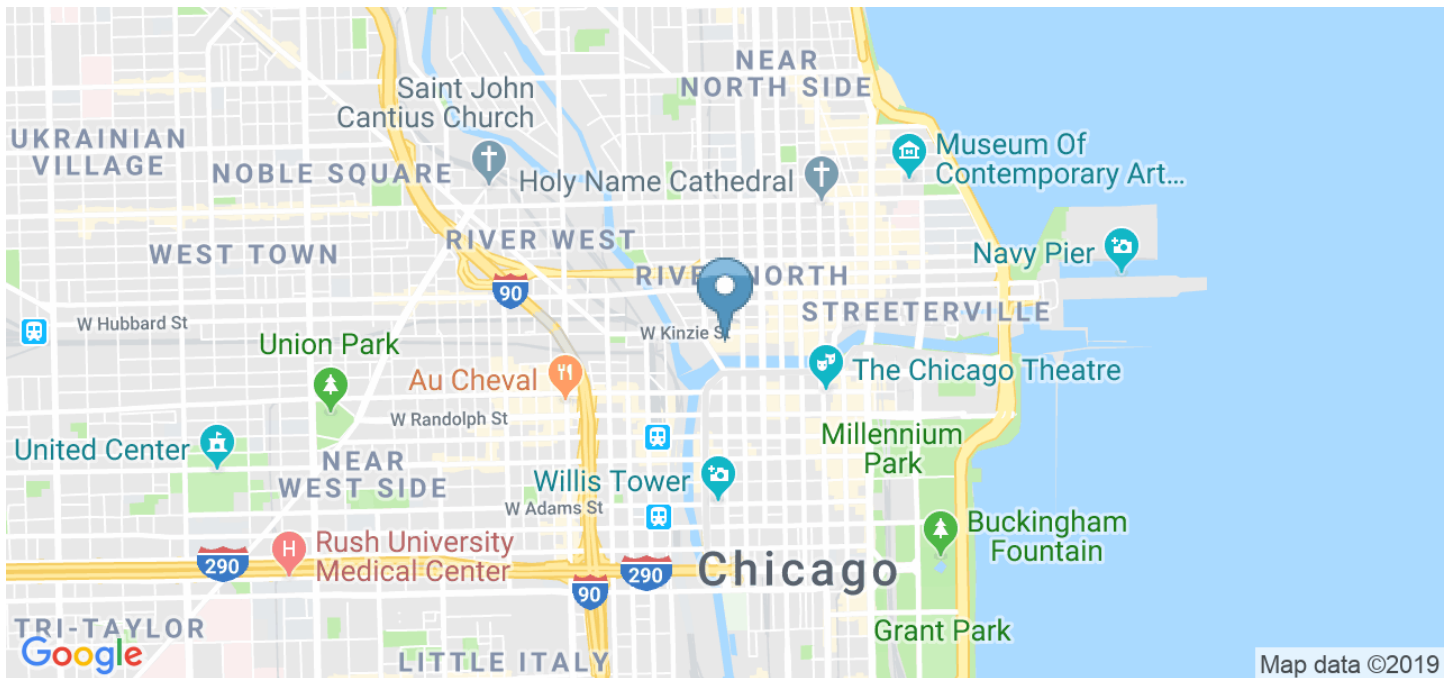
EBN	116907
Name	Merchandise Mart
Alternative Name	222 Merchandise Mart
Construction Type	skyscraper
Current Status	existing [completed]

Location

Continent Name	North America	District (1st level)	Downtown
Country Name	U.S.A.	District (2nd level)	Near North Side
State Name	Illinois	Postcode	60654
Zone	River North	Address (as text)	222 West Merchandise Mart Plaza

Metro Area Name	Chicago-Naperville-Michigan City Combined Statistical Area	Main Address	222 West Merchandise Mart Plaza
City Name	Chicago	Virtual Address	351 North Orleans Street 201-319 West Kinzie Street 350 North Wells Street

Map



Description

Foundation System	caisson foundation	Facade Color	light brown
Structural Material	steel	Architectural style	Art Deco
Facade System	applied masonry	Main Usage	commercial office
Facade Material	limestone	Side Usage	shop(s) restaurant

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Spatial dimensions

Height (structural)	340 ft	Width	724.01 ft
Height (tip)	340 ft	Floors (overground)	25
Height (roof)	340 ft	Elevators	38
Length	324 ft	Gross Floor Area (GFA)	Contact us

Years and costs

Year (construction start)	1928	Year (last renovation)	2007
Year (construction end)	1930		

Features & Amenities

- One of the city's famous buildings
- Doorman is available
- Floodlighting at night
- Light court is present
- Metro entrance inside building
- Pedway access is available
- Skybridge link to next building

Facts

- An enclosed bridge designed by Helmut Jahn links the Merchandise Mart to the Apparel Center across Orleans Street.
- One of the Mart's most notable customers was the Sultan of Brunei, who dropped \$1.6 million here to furnish his entire palace. He claimed that this was the only place in the world where the task could be completed in one week.
- Until 2004 the Merchandise Mart housed the headquarters of the Chicago Transit Authority, the public agency which runs Chicago's buses and rapid transit lines.
- A major el station for the Brown & Purple Lines occupies the northeast corner of the second floor, connected to platforms over Wells Street.

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- The building is so large that it has its own zip code: 60654.
- The parapet in front of the building holds the Chicago Retail Hall of Fame, with metal busts of major local retailers.
- Largest office building in Chicago, and one of the largest in the world.
- Built as a wholesale facility for Marshall Field & Company, the building is still used for trade shows and showrooms.
- Owned by the Kennedy family from 1945 until the 1990s.
- In 1992 the first 2 levels were converted to retail, with a department store, food court, and several shops.
- The lobby appeared in the movie "Hudsucker Proxy" as the interior of the Hudsucker Company headquarters (which was actually set in New York City).
- The building has a trapezoidal shape with a diagonal side on Orleans Street. Within the block it is honeycombed by several light courts.
- The lobby is decorated with 17 murals by Jules Guerin illustrating commerce around the world.

Certificates

Name	Level	Year	Status
Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design	Silver	2007	Certified

Involved companies

Architect.....

Graham, Anderson, Probst & White

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Additional company data available for this building

Developer	Contact us	Owner	Contact us
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Facade Supplier	Contact us	Steel Supplier	Contact us
General Contractor	Contact us	Structural Engineering	Contact us

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