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Chicago, Illinois, USA

Located along the western edge of Chicago's Loop, UBS Tower is a Class A office high-rise with technical features that set it apart, at the time, from former generations of downtown office buildings. The 51-story tower is designed with three distinct floor plates of 29,300, 33,300 and 37,900 square feet and 45-foot column-free lease spans to maximize efficiency and flexibility for a range of tenants. The lobby is enclosed with a dramatic, 40-foot-high cable-supported netwall that uses low-iron glass with a non-reflective coating to create a virtually transparent boundary between inside and out.

The tower is enclosed with a unitized curtain wall with high-performance glass and linen-finish stainless steel mullions. Circular steel columns extend the building's full height and above the roofline, providing a distinctive image on the skyline and setting a clear organizational rhythm for the building's architecture.

Locating the tower in the northwest corner of the site allows the building to define the Wacker Drive street wall. This location also opens up the east side to a large plaza with fountains and creates a major pedestrian connection along Madison Street. This east-west connection is enlivened with large granite benches encircling mounded landscape elements and tall trees. Together, these elements reinforce the building's design and provide seating and shade for the thousands of pedestrians who traverse the plaza daily.

## Project Data

### SIZE

51 stories  
1,754,000 sf total

### FEATURES

Conference center  
Fitness center  
Restaurant  
220 parking spaces  
LEED-EB Silver  
ENERGY STAR

### CLIENT

The John Buck Company

## Recognition & News

### RECOGNITION

2007, General Design Honor Award – American Society of Landscape Architects  
2003, Divine Detail Honor Award, UBS Tower Planters – American Institute of Architects, Chicago Chapter  
2003, Divine Detail Honor Award, UBS Tower Cable Netwall – American Institute of Architects, Chicago Chapter  
2002, Downtown Office Development of the Year – National Association of Industrial and Office Properties, Chicago Chapter  
2002, Merit Award for New Construction – Chicago Building Congress  
2002, Award of Merit, Large Structure – Structural Engineers Association of Illinois  
2002, Best Streetscape Addition – Chicago Magazine  
2001, Development of the Year – Chicago Commercial Real Estate Awards

### NEWS

ENR Midwest Names GP 2020 Design Firm of the Year  
James Goettsch Honored With CTBUH Lifetime Achievement Award