Ministry of Foreign Affairs

**Identification**

- **EBN**: 111634  
- **Name**: Ministry of Foreign Affairs  
- **Alternative Name**: Ministry of External Economic Links, Ministry of Trade  
- **Construction Type**: skyscraper  
- **Complex Type**: mixed-use  
- **Complex Name**: Vysotniye Zdaniya  
- **Current Status**: existing [completed]

**Location**

- **Continent Name**: Europe  
- **Country Name**: Russia  
- **State Name**: City of Moscow  
- **District (1st level)**: Central  
- **District (2nd level)**: Arbat  
- **Address (as text)**: 32 Smolenskaya-Sennaya Square
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Metro Area Name  Moscow Metro Area  Main Address  Smolenskaya-Sennaya Square 32
City Name  Moscow

Map

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Description

Structural Material  steel  Main Usage  commercial office

Architectural style  russian-soviet architecture

Spatial dimensions

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<th>Height (structural)</th>
<th>Floors (overground)</th>
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<td>564.3 ft</td>
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Years and costs

| Year (construction start) | 1948 | Year (construction end) | 1953 |

Facts

- Topped with a 20-meter spire.

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• Approximately 200 rooms and offices inside the building cover an area of some 65,000 square meters.
• A frieze of cut marble decorates the walls of the main reception hall.
• The completion date is engraved on the upper portion of the protruding turret.
• Included in the building are 18 express lifts.
• The polished black granite floor in the entrance lobby contrasts sharply with the surrounding light marble walls.
• The relatively restrained decoration and uniform composition distinguish the building from the other six Vysotnie Zdaniya.
• The Belgrade Hotels were designed to enhance the monumental bulk of this building in the view from Borodino Bridge.
• 114 meters up the main facade is the reinforced concrete CCCP emblem of a hammer and a sickle in the center of two ears of wheat. It covers a surface of 144 square meters.
• In a sharp contrast to the brown facade, the sculptured bas-relief, white-limestone double entrance surrounds two metal trellis doors. On both sides of the grand entrance are two large obelisks of dark gray stone.
• Initially this was the only one of the Vysotnie Zdaniya without a spire, but Stalin, reviewing the plans, told the architects to "make them all sharp-nosed like that", meanwhile drawing a crude spire himself on the blueprints.

Involved companies

Architect...........................................................................................................................................................................

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