

Bally's North Tower



Identification





EBN	122202
Name	Bally's North Tower
Alternative Name	MGM Grand, Bally's Tower I
Construction Type	high-rise building
Complex Type	mixed-use
Complex Name	Bally's Las Vegas
Current Status	existing [completed]

Location

Continent Name	North America	Postcode	89109
Country Name	U.S.A.	Address (as text)	3645 Las Vegas Boulevard South
State Name	Nevada	Main Address	3645 Las Vegas Boulevard South

Zone	Las Vegas Strip	Latitude	Contact us
Metro Area Name	Las Vegas-Paradise-Pahrump Combined Statistical Area	Longitude	Contact us
City Name	Las Vegas		

Description

Facade System	curtain wall	Main Usage	 hotel  casino
Facade Material	glass stucco	Side Usage	shop(s)  restaurant  metro station
Architectural style	modernism		

Spatial dimensions

Height (estimated)	306.23 ft	Floors (overground)	26
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Years and costs

Year (construction start)	1972	Building costs	\$ 106,000,000
Year (construction end)	1973		

Facts

- The building was occupied by MGM Grand Casino before it burned down in November 1980, resulting in 84 dead and 679 injured.
- The blaze that started as a minor fire in the kitchen culminated in an inferno that emitted a smoke cloud 2000 feet tall (for comparison Stratosphere Tower is 1148 feet tall).
- The hotel featured doors that automatically went on lockdown in case of fire, initially conceived as a safety measure, later proved to be only adding to the danger as they trapped many people in the burning building.
- Witnesses recall that the fire helped bond Las Vegas as a community as hundreds of people rushed to the rescue effort; nearly all helicopters in town, from private to those in the nearby Nellis Military Base, were used to rescue those who made it to the roof.

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- 60 people died between the floors 19 and 26 as the smoke from the casino went up the tower ventilation systems and stairwells, killing anyone trapped in their rooms and those in the stairwells trying to make it to the roof.
- Those who were trapped in their hotel rooms during the fire were desperate to get out and used any means possible, from climbing down ropes and bed sheets to jumping out of windows and hoping for the best.
- The aftermath of the fire resembled that of a horror movie as the hotel was filled with dead bodies - laying on the staircases still in climbing poses, piled in front of the elevators, the worst being those in the casino where most bodies were burned beyond recognition.
- The devastating fire resulted in years of legal battles involving hundreds of lawyers, millions of dollars in settlements and changes in Nevada's fire safety codes, but the lessons learned helped prevent similar fires as owners of other hotels rushed to upgrade their properties' fire safety.

Involvement companies

Architect.....

Martin Stern, Jr. And Associates
Los Angeles
U.S.A.

Additional company data available for this building

Developer	Contact us	General Contractor	Contact us
Electrical Connections	Contact us	Interior Designer	Contact us
Facade Maintenance System Supplier	Contact us	Owner	Contact us

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