# Museum Plaza

## Identification

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<td>skyscraper</td>
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<td>Current Status</td>
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## Location

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<td>Country Name</td>
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<td>City Name</td>
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<td>Address (as text)</td>
<td>Block bounded by River Road, Washington Street &amp; 7th Street</td>
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<th>State Name</th>
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<tr>
<td>Virtual Address</td>
<td>201 North 8th Street 700 West Washington Street 200 North 7th Street</td>
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**Metro Area Name**  
Louisville-Elizabethtown-Scottsburg Combined Statistical Area

**Map**

![Map of Louisville](image)

**Description**

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<th>Facade System</th>
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**Architectural style** deconstructivism

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### Spatial dimensions

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<td>Height (top floor)</td>
<td>683.68 ft</td>
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<td>Height (roof)</td>
<td>694.18 ft</td>
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<td>61</td>
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### Years and costs

| Year (construction start)        | 2008        | Building costs | $ 380,000,000 |
| Year (construction end)          | 2010        |                |              |

### Facts

- First proposed in the summer 2005 at 26 floors, the proposal grew to 61 floors by the time of the design's public unveiling in February 2006.
- The building features four separate 'legs' which are united by a multilevel arts center 'island' holding an acre-sized public garden on levels 24, 25, and 26.
- A large office cube of 15 floors and two condo towers with an additional 36 (east tower) and 34 floors (west tower) will sit atop the middle section, forming a unique, multi-peaked silhouette.
- Two of the legs will contain primarily vertical circulation elements. One is a simple elevator shaft, the other is a 342' (104.2 m) angled glass and steel shaft containing 2 funiculars rising 224'-2" (68.3 m) from a 7th Street plaza to the 25th level.
- The westernmost leg contains 18 floors with residential lofts; it meets the plaza at level 5.
- A Westin Hotel will occupy the southernmost leg, with 19 floors rising above the plaza closest to Washington Street.
- Given the different functions for each leg and each arm, the typical floor-to-floor heights for the building vary from 9'-6" (2.9 m) to 13'-4" (4.06 m).
- The overall height is measured from the north vehicular entrance to the parking podium. If taken from the level 5 plaza entrance the height is 656'-9" (200.2 m) and from the funicular entrance the height is 675'-9" (206 m).
- Joshua Prince-Ramus was the principal designer of this tower, while chief at the Office for Metropolitan Architecture. He started a new firm within months of unveiling the design.
The drilling of caissons in January and February 2008 caused significant vibrations in surrounding buildings of the historic West Main district. Construction was halted while the project team explored a solution, but construction never resumed and the tower was cancelled.

The building would have become the tallest in Kentucky, surpassing the 400 West Market.

**Involved companies**

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**Additional company data available for this building**

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