

The rich history of

NEW YORK MARRIOTT EAST SIDE

From its architectural flourishes to its famous visitors, the New York Marriott East Side has a few stories to tell. Take a step back in time and see how the hotel developed its unique character and charm.

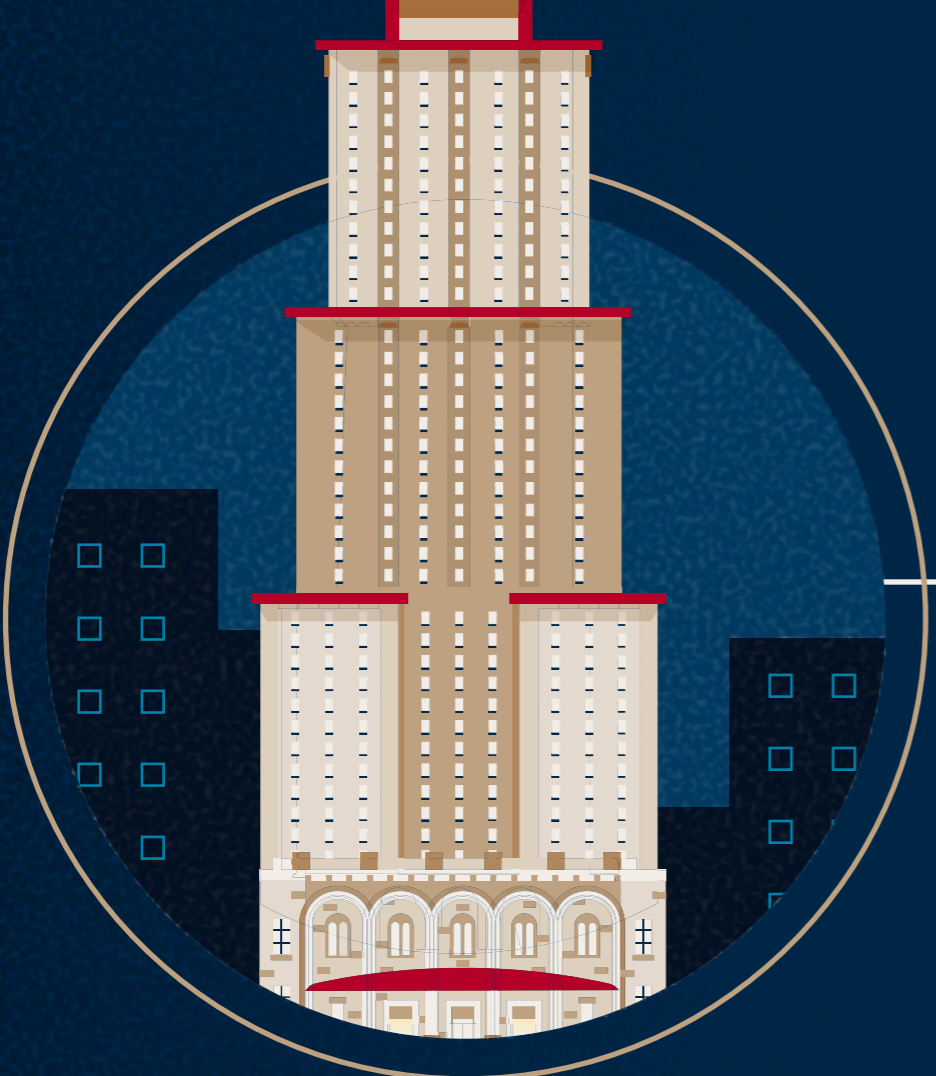


Designed by architect Arthur Loomis Harmon, who later contributed to the design of the Empire State Building

Originally opened in 1924 as the Hotel Shelton



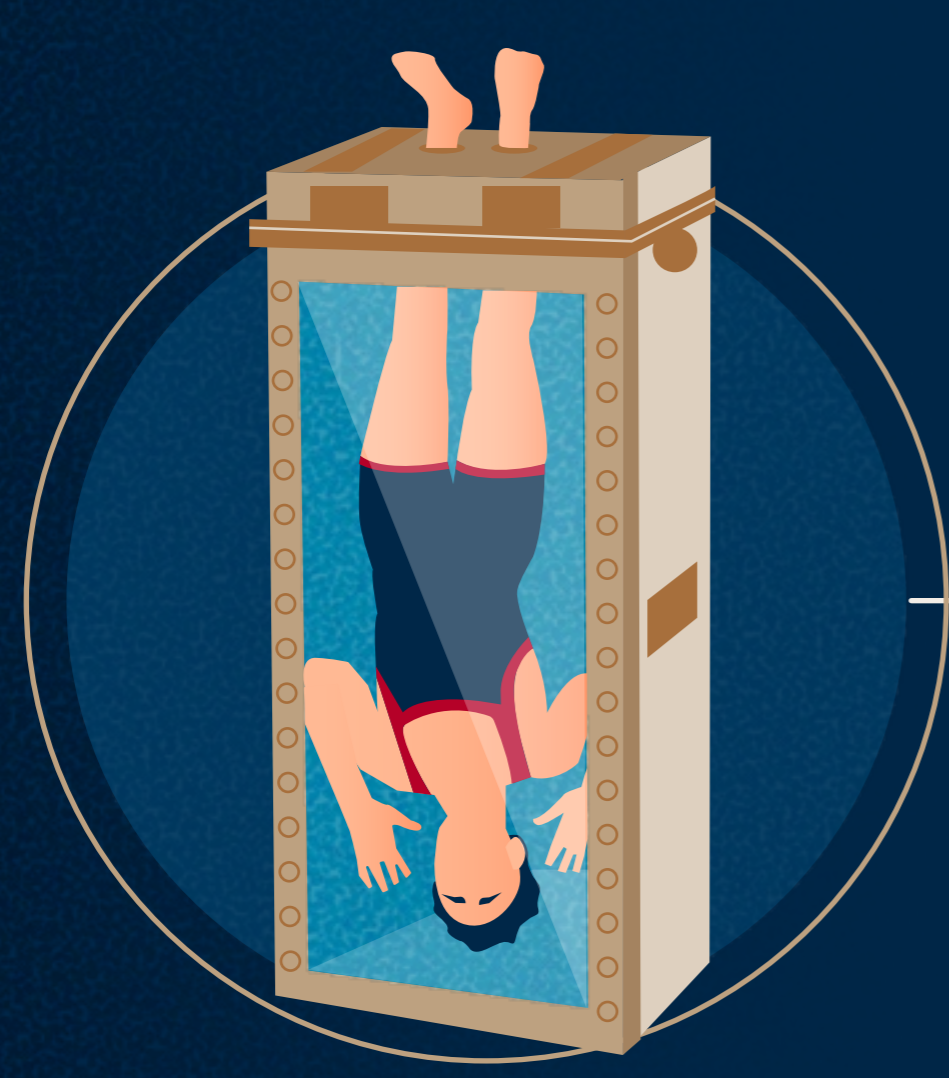
Said to be the tallest hotel in the world at the time of its opening



Until 2000, a tiled swimming pool area spanning two floors could be found on the hotel's lower level



Legendary illusionist Harry Houdini was submerged in the swimming pool in a sealed box for an hour and a half before escaping



Painter Georgia O'Keeffe and photographer Alfred Stieglitz lived at the hotel in the 1920s and 1930s



"I went out one morning to look at (the Shelton Hotel) and there was the optical illusion of a bite out of one side of the tower made by the sun, with sunspots against the building and against the sky."

— Georgia O'Keeffe, recalling the inspiration of her painting "The Shelton with Sunspots"



Big band leader Benny Goodman and a 9-piece orchestra performed in a nightclub formerly housed in the hotel

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