Willis Tower Undergoes Transition

Willis Tower practically begs for an aerial view. Formerly called the Sears Building, this iconic Chicago tower boasts 4.5 million square feet of commercial office, retail, broadcast, and the country’s highest observation deck. Originally built in 1973, the 110-story building is undergoing extensive upgrades and infrastructure retrofits. They include retrofitting the HVAC, adding motion sensors, putting lighting control panels in tenant areas, and switching to LED fixtures. A complete upgrade of the building automation system is expected to provide better temperature control, HVAC sequencing, and energy monitoring.

What are the goals of the elevator project? The goal is to improve efficiencies. We’re bringing in the destination dispatch system, which services the tenants faster and better. There are no buttons inside the elevators. You start by selecting the floor you’re going to instead of the up-an-down call button. The elevator calculates which elevators will get everyone to their floors the quickest. It’s also helping our freight elevators finally talk. In the future, only one elevator is going to respond to the hall call instead of the other two wasting time coming to that location. Construction people, the deliveries, the services that tenants are ordering, people coming here that’s going to all go faster.

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Hancock Building Getting New Name

Chicago’s 100-story John Hancock Center along Michigan Avenue is getting a new name. One of the skyscraper's owners tells the Chicago Tribune that for now the building will be known as 875 N. Michigan Ave. while a new naming rights deal is sought. Hearn Co. president and CEO Stephen Hearn says the insurance company "just decided to have their name removed." Its name and logos throughout the building will be taken down immediately. The insurer, acquired by Toronto-based Manulife Financial in 2004, hasn't been a tenant for many years. Manulife representatives didn't respond to requests for comment from the newspaper. The building is the fourth-tallest in Chicago at 1,128 feet and is known for its black, X-shaped braces. Hearn says it "deserves a more important identity than simply the address."

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