

Torre Banco Macro

Location	Buenos Aires, Argentina
Total Area	570,000 square feet 53,000 square meters
Date of Completion	2015
Client	Vizora

This 30-story headquarters for Banco Macro will be built on one of the last vacant lots of Catalinas Norte, a prominent business district in downtown Buenos Aires. The building is adjacent to Torre BankBoston, also by Pelli Clarke Pelli Architects.

The tower is nearly oval in plan with a gentle inward curve as the tower rises. This shape is efficient but sculptural, fitting the building into an irregularly-shaped five-sided site. The sloping tower top includes a curving plane that faces the city.

The highly reflective glass curtain wall has a smooth and taut appearance. The 1 by 3.8-meter glass panels are held in place with vertical silicon glazing. Stainless steel bullnoses mark each floor on the exterior.

In addition to executive and administrative offices, the tower will contain a cafeteria, gymnasium, a daycare, an auditorium and a retail bank. The top two floors will be reserved for presidential offices. These triple-height floors will have views of the river on one side and the city on the other. A stair from the lobby will lead to the auditorium, which will be below grade. The first floor will also include the cafeteria and a large balcony overlooking the river. The gymnasium will be on the mezzanine level.

Office users and bank customers will enter through the same lobby, where a glass wall separates the bank from the office entrance. The lobby will have stone floors, glass walls and a parabolic skylight, creating a luminous interior.

Incorporating high-performance building systems and sustainable materials, the building is being designed for a LEED Gold rating.

