

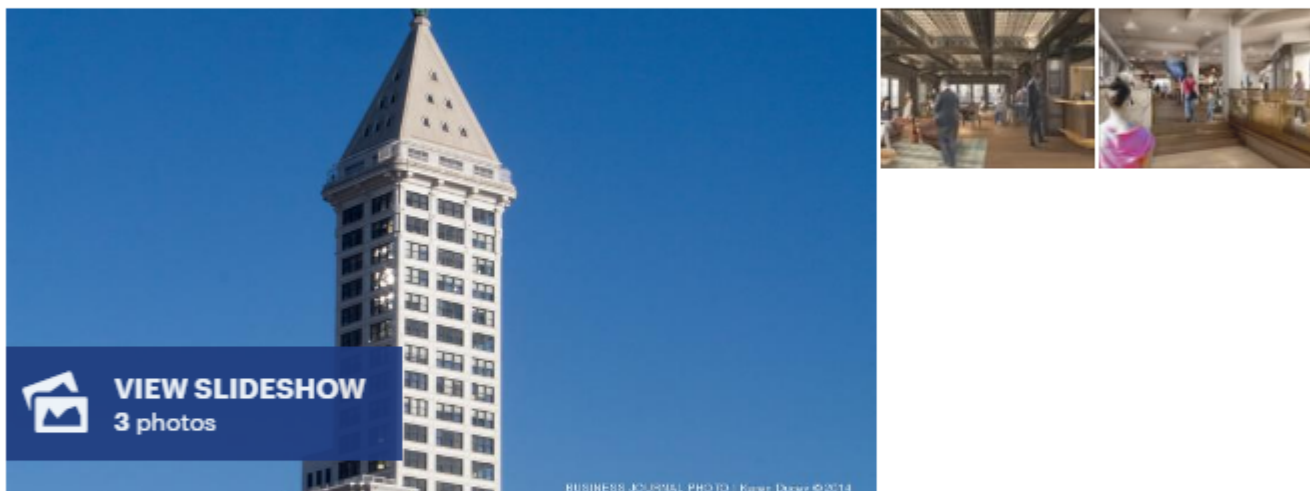
New bar, 'general store' part of big Smith Tower renovation

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Seattle's historic [Smith Tower](#) is undergoing a multi-million dollar renovation, including a new observation deck cafe and bar inspired by the Prohibition era.

Seattle-based [Unico Properties](#), which [bought the historic, 42-story Seattle tower last year for nearly \\$74 million](#), announced the plans Wednesday. Also new in the office building will be what Unico calls a street-level "general store," where "locally focused items and gifts" will be sold, according to a press release.



Smith Tower as seen from the Seattle waterfront.

"We are honored to enhance [Smith Tower](#)'s reputation as a premier city landmark and excited to offer tourists, tenants and visitors an unparalleled and fully immersive experience, introducing them to a [Smith Tower](#) like they've never seen before," Unico senior asset manager [Scott Brucker](#) said in a statement.

Seattle-based architecture firm [Graham Baba](#) is designing the store, and the cafe and bar on the 35th floor observation deck. [Gallagher & Associates](#), a San Francisco-based museum planning and design firm, is creating interactive tours and historical exhibits. Columbia Hospitality of Seattle will oversee the visitor programs and private events.

New interactive tours of the landmark will start in August.

[Smith Tower](#) was Seattle's first skyscraper, and at 522 feet it was one of the world's tallest buildings when it opened in 1914.