

Even though it's the third largest metropolitan economy in the world, Los Angeles has never been a bastion for skyscrapers- the thought of the city alone invokes horizontality, not verticality. This is largely due to the inherent legislative and seismic barriers we've had to overcome: the city forbid any buildings taller than 13 stories until the 60's, and mandated that all downtown towers be flat-topped to accommodate a helicopter landing pad until just recently. Despite this, LA has started to boom with new high rise construction, undergoing a renaissance of urban renewal and inspiring GQ magazine to call downtown: "The next great American city." It needs a new landmark. Los Angeles is the most photographed city in the world, yet it has the least recognizable cityscape. Through this icon, we can change that.









