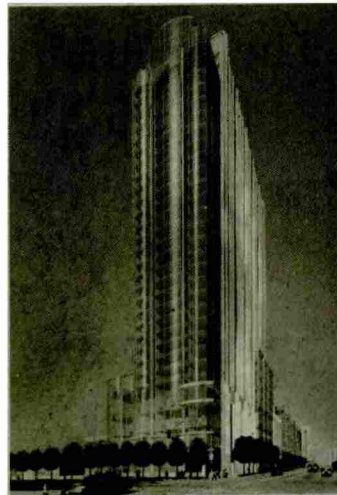


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Hotel through blue-colored glass

Inside a cool, blue glass tower that soars 32 stories above San Francisco, an **InterContinental** hotel is getting ready to open Thursday in the South of Market district. Besides 550 rooms, the InterContinental San Francisco, near the Moscone Convention Center, will offer a restaurant called Luce with a 200-label wine cellar and Tuscany-themed menu and design. The



InterContinental Hotel San Francisco

hotel's Bar 888 promises to get a grip on grappa, with an extensive selection of the Italian brandy. And you'll also find a spa, fitness center and indoor swimming pool. Room rates average \$259 to \$400 a night, the hotel said, although we found rates as low as \$170 in March. (888) 811-4273, www.intercontinentalsanfrancisco.com.

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