



Sam Spade went through these doors

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It has been calculated by Hammett fans, including Don Herron, the creator of [the Dashiell Hammett walking tour](#), that Sam Spade, the detective in *The Maltese Falcon*, had his office in the Hunter-Dulin, completed in 1926 by New York architects Schultze & Weaver, known for their beloved Waldorf-Astoria Hotel.

While not Deco or Moderne in style, the Hunter-Dulin Building is reminiscent of a French chateau. Its unusual copper mansard roof can be seen as you hike up Sutter Street. Notice the ornament course at eye level and you will see a bird. A falcon perhaps? Well not likely, since the building was complete before the black bird's infamous moments in literature. But it's fun to pretend.

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The building is named after the Los Angeles investment firm that paid for its construction.