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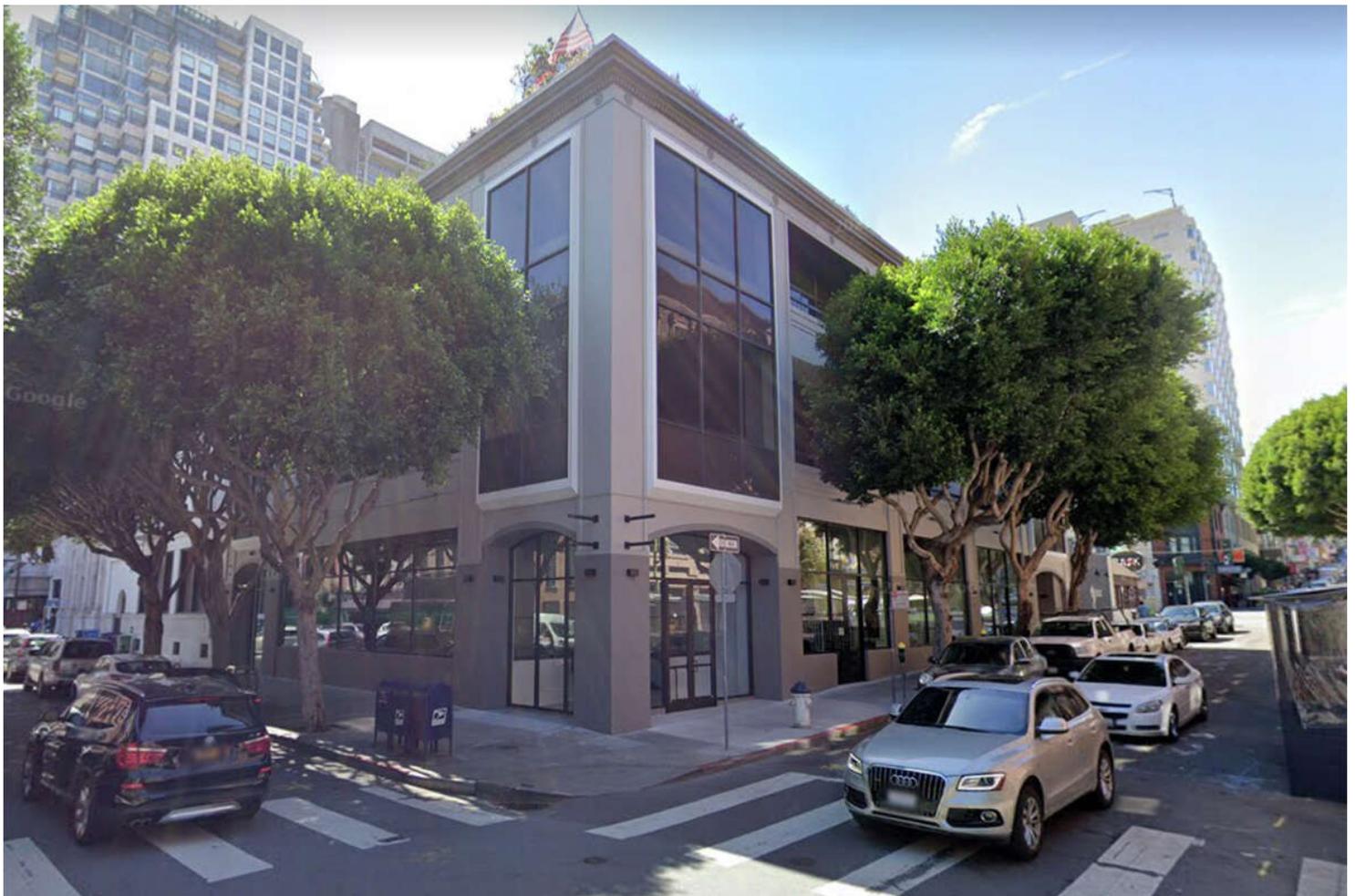
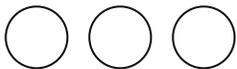
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Chief, a private club for executive women, to open in downtown San Francisco this year



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The exterior of the building where Chief plans to open its private, women-only club in San Francisco.

Another new private club is opening in San Francisco, this time exclusively for female executives. Chief, a private membership network for women, will open up a multilevel space in Jackson Square, as first reported by the [San Francisco Business Times](#).

The space at 735 Montgomery St. was originally slated to debut sometime in 2020 but was delayed because of the pandemic. The space reportedly includes a bar, a lounge space, meeting rooms, private phone booths and a mothers' room. Chief confirmed to SFGATE that they hope to launch the clubhouse before the end of the year.

“San Francisco is one of our largest markets and we're excited to launch this new clubhouse which will have plenty of space for us to host Member events and provide a place for them to work, have meetings, and connect with each other,” a spokesperson said in an email to SFGATE.

Carolyn Childers and Lindsay Kaplan founded the network in 2017, and backers of the company include Alphabet's investment arm CapitalG. It already operates clubhouses in New York, Los Angeles and Chicago. Membership with Chief doesn't come cheap — women at the vice presidential level would pay of \$5,800 annually and C-Suite executives would pay \$7,900.

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