

# IMAGINE HOUSTON

No one knows better than Houston that with vision, hard work and the right attitude, anything is possible.

Go ahead. Walk up to a Houstonian and tell them they can't do something. Tell them that something's impossible. Throw the words "can't," "don't" or "won't" in their face. Then stand back and watch them prove you wrong. Watch the people of the Houston region make it happen when others say it can't be done. We tackle every challenge with a uniquely Houston attitude.

★ When many scoffed at the idea of carving through 50 miles of coastal swamp to create the largest, man-made shipping channel in the world, Houston did it anyway.

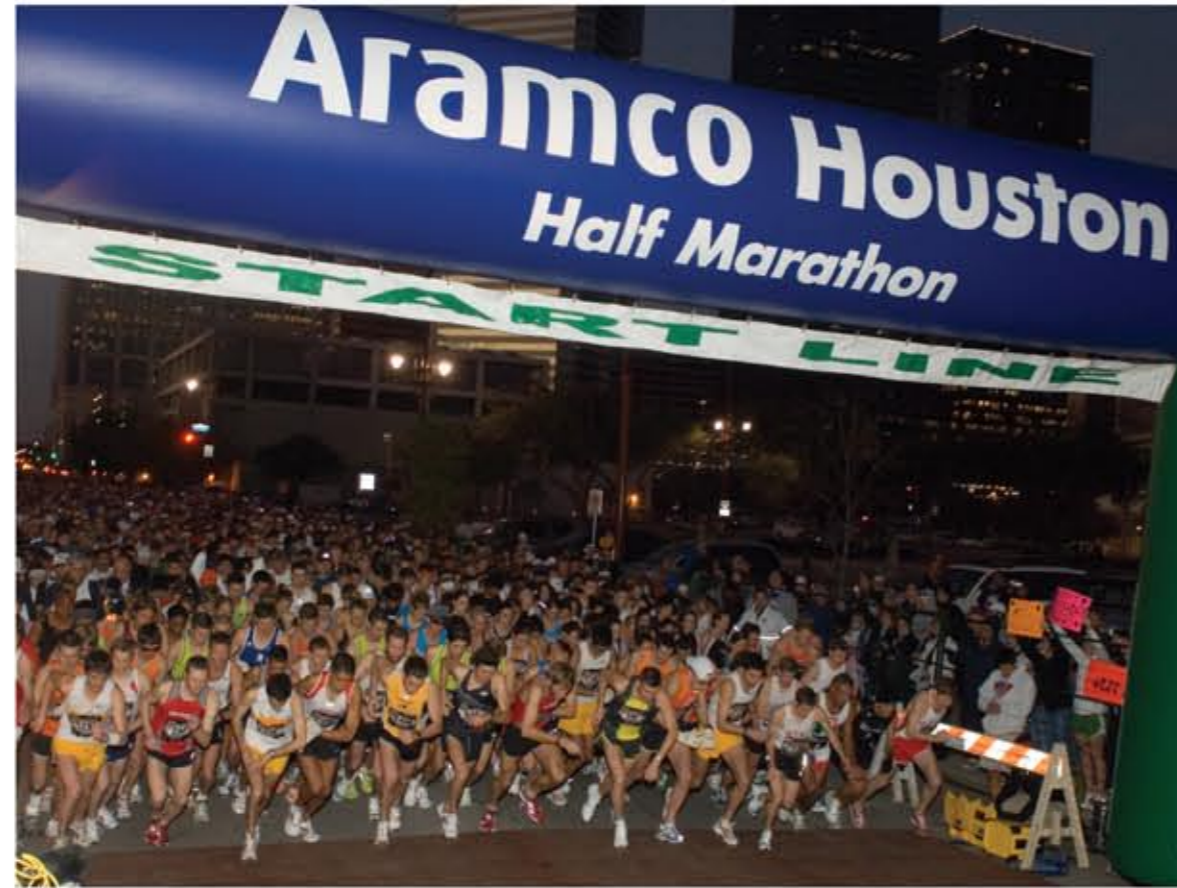
★ When leading edge health care was only accessible to the wealthy, Houstonians gave birth to what would become the world's largest and finest center for medical care, The Texas Medical Center—the greatest concentration of medical professionals in the history of mankind.

★ When Houston's "Good Guys" were down a 15-30 start at the beginning of the season, the Astros rallied to clinch the National League Championship for the first time in the 44-year history of the franchise.

★ When Houston lost its NFL franchise and experts said we would never bring another team to Houston, Houstonians ponied-up and landed another franchise—The Houston Texans.

★ And, when our neighbors to the east suffered one of the nation's worst natural disasters, Houston stood tall with an unparalleled display of manpower, resources and care, bringing hope and relief to hurricane Katrina victims.

The Houston region is a vibrant metropolis with the energy, optimism and indomitable spirit of a global leader. Eccentric? Sure. Eclectic? Perhaps. Driven? Without a doubt. But while other cities and regions have nothing to offer other than tax and financial incentives, Houston stands alone with the ultimate value proposition—a proven "can-do" attitude that transforms dreams into reality. Because no one knows better than Houstonians, that with vision, hard work and the right attitude anything is possible.



## It's more than just a race.

After months of dedicated training, it all comes down to a single start. Congratulations to all those who enter the Aramco Houston Half Marathon, especially those who run to support a local charity, mark a personal accomplishment, or honor a loved one. At Aramco Services Company, we are proud that participation in this annual race has more than doubled to 15,000 during our sponsorship, which began in 2005. We applaud every runner, and we thank the Houston community for supporting this great event.

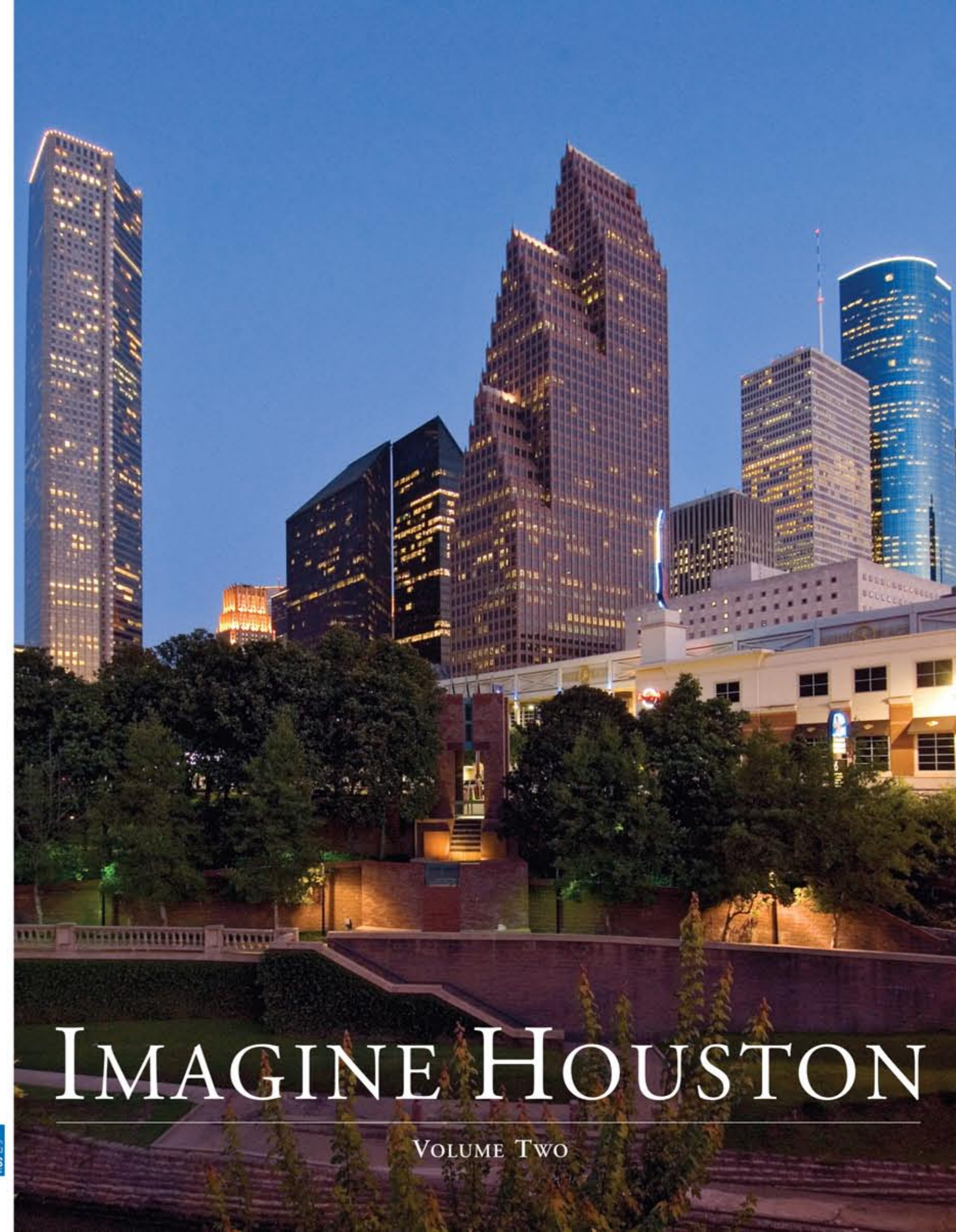
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Reflecting the potential of the city, the modern skyline of downtown Houston is a vibrant reminder of the progress that has been made in the Greater Houston Region. With an exceptional central business district, a low cost of living and a "can-do" attitude, Houston is poised to capitalize on new opportunities and growth in coming years.

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