

Tukwila's 19-story hotel, apartments open near Southcenter

Complex north of Kent features 185-room Hotel Interurban



Hotel Interurban opened May 21 in Tukwila, just east of the Westfield Southcenter mall. COURTESY PHOTO. Hotel Interurban

People have watched the 19-story building go up in Tukwila and now the hotel and apartment complex is open.

Hotel Interurban opened May 21 at [223 Andover Park E.](#), just west of the Westfield Southcenter shopping mall and north of Kent. The hotel offers 185 rooms and rates start at \$199 per night, according to a Hotel Interurban media release.

The complex also includes the Waterleaf Restaurant & Bar, located on the ground floor. The restaurant features a spacious premium bar, inspired cocktails and an all-day, globally-influenced menu highlighting locally sourced ingredients.

Sean Prater is leading all food and beverage programming at Hotel Interurban as executive chef, as well as overseeing catering and private events. Prater was most recently the banquet chef for Cedarbrook Lodge.

Omar and Christine Lee, real estate developers and majority owners of Hotel Interurban, have remained committed to the growth and economic development of Tukwila, and they believe the hotel will uniquely position the city to be competitive with other major tourist destinations.

“Tukwila has all the elements to be a thriving area for tourism: convenient transportation options; a diverse population that provides a range of shopping, dining, and nightlife options; and proximity to Seattle,” said Omar Lee in the media release. “We are enthusiastic about Tukwila’s Southcenter District becoming a more complete urban center, and we believe Hotel Interurban is an essential piece of the growth puzzle for the region.”

Omar and Christine Lee also own the Great Wall Shopping Mall along the East Valley Highway in Kent.

Hotel Interurban includes more than 15,000 square feet for gatherings, ranging from intimate meetings to large conferences or weddings. The largest space is the nearly 5,000-square-foot Rainier Room on the hotel’s 19th floor, accommodating up to 500 guests in a theater-style setting and featuring impressive views of Mount Rainier.

Hotel Interurban is excited to introduce guests to the first hotel robot in Washington state, Hazelnut, or “Hazel” the Savioke robot, named for the Native American translation of Tukwila. Hazel delivers items to guestrooms, assists with room service and is a regular presence around the hotel.

Another tech-forward feature is a custom-built canopy at the entrance of the hotel, comprising 60 solar panels that produce enough electricity for almost all first-floor operations. The solar panels have a life expectancy of 30 years, during which they will eliminate 130 metric tons of CO2 emissions.

Additional guest features include LED lighting, and valet services, encompassing the “Valet and Get Away” package, offering hotel accommodations and overnight valet parking for up to seven days. Hotel Interurban also offers overnight guests daily complimentary shuttles to and from Sea-Tac Airport.

To learn more about Hotel Interurban, visit hotelinterurban.com.