

## Hotel Interurban's opening set for June

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Hotel Interurban in Tukwila is set to have its grand opening in early June of this year. This is the first boutique hotel in over 20 years.

A boutique hotel is described as a small stylish hotel, typically situated in a fashionable urban location.

The hotel is the tallest building in Tukwila at 19 stories high, with more than 15,000 square feet of meeting and event spaces. It is also connected to the Airmack Apartments.

The hotel is located on Andover Park East, just one mile away from Southcenter Mall.

The largest room that the hotel offers is called the “Rainier Room.” This room is 5,000 square feet and is located on the 19th floor, giving guests a view of Mount Rainier — that is when there are no clouds blocking its view. The room will be able to accommodate up to 500 guests, according to a press release.

There are 185 “contemporary-style” guest rooms within the hotel that will have a 49-inch HDTV, sitting area with custom-designed leather chair and ottoman, coffee maker with complimentary Seattle’s Best coffee products, mini-refrigerator, Simmons Napa Pillow Top Mattress, LED-lighted mirrors in the bathrooms, bathrobes and slippers, and William Roam bath amenities. Each room will also have triple-pane, operable windows make for a quiet stay or a light breeze of Pacific Northwest air, according to the release.

Each room will also offer “keyless” access so that guests will be able to access their room by touching their phone to the sensor next to each room’s door.

The majority owners of Hotel Interurban are Omar and Christine Lee. In the press release, it said 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 in the press 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.”

Waterleaf Restaurant and Bar is the hotel’s onsite restaurant that will be open to not only the guests at the hotel, but also to the public.

According to the general manager, Mike West, the idea was to make Waterleaf different from the hundreds of other restaurants in the Tukwila area.

The hotel will offer a “grab-and-go” espresso bar called “Venti,” which, according to West, will offer Starbucks coffee. He also said there will be a 24-hour vending machine that offers full-time access for guests. The vending machine will offer snacks, traveling essentials and other general items a guest might need during their stay.

One of the more unique features that Hotel Interurban will offer is the Savioke robot that is named “Hazelnut,” or Hazel for short. The robot is named for the Native American translation of Tukwila, according to the press release.

“Hazel will deliver items to guestrooms, assist with room service, and be a regular presence around the hotel,” it said in the release.

Room rates for the hotel start at \$159 per night on weekends and \$189 per night on weekdays, the release said.

Both the hotel and the apartments have already received reservations/down payments.