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Hyatt at Olive 8 Harnesses Recycled Power with New Wind Turbine Technology

Seattle silver LEED-certified hotel becomes first U.S. building to transform expended exhaust from daily operations into useable energy with new technology

SEATTLE, Wash. (April 2012) – Hyatt at Olive 8, Seattle’s first and only LEED-certified hotel, continues to lead the city in green building initiatives with the announcement of rooftop wind turbines. The revolutionary turbines repurpose neutral exhaust from Urbane, the restaurant located on the first floor of the downtown hotel, into energy to help power the hotel and condominium project and decrease wasted resources. Bringing this cost-effective, wind power technology to the United States for the first time, the projected annual output of the two turbines is 8,700 kilowatts, or enough energy to power a small house for a year.

“We are constantly looking for new ways to ways to further our energy efficiency and installing the wine turbines, to make viable use of what was essentially displaced air, was a great opportunity organized by the Olive 8 condominium residents to advance our commitment to being a more sustainable property as a whole,” said Andy Bishop, Seattle area sales and marketing director for Hyatt. “We currently use 32 percent less energy than a hotel of comparable size and we want to challenge ourselves, and other urban buildings, to grow that number through innovative programs like this.”

Seattle-based Northwest Wind Company installed two rooftop turbines to capture denser, higher-velocity air coming off the restaurant’s exhaust ducts and in turn generate 1,000 watts per hour, or the same energy it takes to power a 50 watt bulb for 20 hours. These low-maintenance turbines are durable enough to withstand gale force winds, but are able to operate without causing vibrations, feedback from static pressure, or other side effects that would be disruptive to Hyatt guests and surrounding neighbors. Equally important, the turbines were structurally designed so that the blades appear solid as they rotate, which helps birds, bats and other regional wildlife avoid the blades as they spin.

The technology for these revolutionary wind turbines, known as v100 energy balls, was developed in the Netherlands and its application is the first of its kind to be installed anywhere in the United States. To help the community better understand how beneficial this type of turbine is in reducing excess energy use in downtown Seattle, Hyatt at Olive 8 has also posted an informative [video](#) detailing the program.

About Hyatt at Olive 8

A striking addition to the Seattle skyline, the landmark Hyatt at Olive 8 is Seattle's first certified "green" hotel, awarded LEED Silver (Leadership in Energy & Environmental Design) by the U.S. Green Building Council in July 2009. Co-designed by Seattle architecture firm MulvannyG2 and renowned New York architect Richard Gluckman, the state-of-the-art Olive 8 building features striking design elements, including a sleek glass façade and one of the city's largest living rooftops. A total of 346 luxury guest rooms and suites occupy the 39-story building's first 17 floors (condominiums are housed above), and the world-class property offers a range of on-site amenities, including 11,000 square feet of green meeting space, the eco-conscious Elaia spa, a 65-foot lap pool, a 2,400 square-foot StayFit@Hyatt facility, environmentally sound housekeeping and dry-cleaning services, valet parking and 24-hour room service. Additionally, the ground floor is home to Urbane, a 108-seat downtown Seattle restaurant and bar serving fresh Northwest cuisine to Seattle residents and guests alike. For additional information about Hyatt at Olive 8 or to make reservations, please visit www.olive8.hyatt.com.

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