

Wind And Rain Don't Stop Topping Off Ceremony For Hotel Indigo At Port Of Everett

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Some happy news from the Port of Everett as today marked a milestone in the development of Waterfront Place.



Port officials, hotel owners and architects and elected officials all signed the final beam before it was placed. Photo courtesy Port of Everett.

Today, the final beam of the new Hotel Indigo was set, topping off the first private development at the Port of Everett's Waterfront Place Central in Fisherman's Harbor.

Port and local government officials joined project partners to commemorate this milestone by recognizing the labor of the Ferguson Construction crew and signing the beam before it was hoisted into position. The ceremony was attended by Port

Commissioners Glen Bachman, Bruce Fingarson, Tom Stiger, Everett Mayor Cassie Franklin and Snohomish County Council Chair Terry Ryan, among other representatives from the Hotel Indigo, the Port, and Ferguson Construction.

A topping off ceremony is popular in building construction as a builder's rite, traditionally held when the last beam is placed atop a structure during its construction. This practice is traced to the ancient Scandinavian rite of placing a tree atop a new building to appease the tree-dwelling spirits displaced through construction. For this reason, evergreen boughs were placed upon the iron beam, and a gift of food (in this case donuts) was given to the workers.

The 98,000 square foot Hotel Indigo is set to open in June 2019; reservations for the hotel and meeting space will open in February. The final \$36,000,000 construction boasts 142 rooms, more than 7,000 square feet of event space and full services of a restaurant, bar, and indoor pool surrounded by beautiful outdoor plazas. The luxury Hotel Indigo brand is one of several flags among Intercontinental Hotels and Resorts (www.ihg.com/hotelindigo) which boasts 211 locations worldwide primarily in Europe and Asia. The Hotel Indigo concept features a unique boutique hotel combining authentic local experiences reflecting the community around it with modern design, luxurious spa-like rooms, and great service.

Construction Facts

The Hotel consists of one level of Post Tension Transfer Deck with Three levels of Wood Frame above.

The Hotel sits on 478 – 18" piles, which are 31 feet deep. More than 3,000 cubic yards of concrete will be used on this project, including 1,300 yards in the Post Tension Deck.

Key Players Include:

Property Owner: Port of Everett

Hotel Owner: Omar and Christine Lee

Hotel Operator: Columbia Hospitality

Architect MZA Architects

Structural Engineer Brienens's Structural Engineers

General Contractor: Ferguson Construction Inc.

Interiors: Jensen Fey

Key Sub Contractors Include:

- McDowell NW Pile Driving
- Northwest Construction
- Apollo Mechanical
- Holmes Electric
- Alliance Partition Systems
- Construction Ahead
- Marvin Sheet Metal
- Premier Roofing

About Hotel Indigo

This location will be a significant hub in the new Fisherman's Harbor and feature local flavors on their menus and the art and photography of the location displayed as part of the design. This location is owned by Omar and Christine Lee, owner of the Great Wall Mall, Kent and the recently opened tech-hip Hotel Interurban in Tukwila. The facility will be under Columbia Hotel and Resort Management (www.columbiahospitality.com), founded in 1995, manages Bell Harbor among many other notable hotels and resorts around western United States as well as being the largest hospitality management firm in the region. The construction services have been provided by Ferguson Construction (www.fergusonconstruction.com), in business since 1948 and involved in major projects around the northwest and Coastal Community Bank has provided some financing of the project and AZM.