

Parkside Ready to Welcome Public

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At Aviawest Parkside Resort and Hotel's official opening, Atilla Cimsit, director of food and beverages, uses a sabre to crack a bottle of champagne.

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The Parkside Victoria Resort and Spa celebrated its grand opening yesterday after a five-year construction process.

The 126-unit, \$60-million building at 810 Humboldt St. bills itself as an ultra-green hotel because it was built to the Platinum standard -- the highest rating under the Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design program. Aviawest's development offers fractional ownership as a condo-hotel. It features a 10-metre-high atrium filled with exotic plants from the now-closed Crystal Garden on Douglas Street. Construction started in 2005 and weathered the ups and downs of the real estate market.

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