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Park Inn by Radisson installs first large scale commercial PVT project in Cape Town CBD

Park Inn by Radisson, the vibrant and dynamic upper midscale hotel brand is proud to announce its hotel in Cape Town Foreshore, South Africa, has together with Solarus, producers of hybrid solar PowerCollectors™, installed Cape Town Central Business District's first large scale commercial hybrid Photovoltaic and Thermal (PVT) project.

Park Inn by Radisson Cape Town Foreshore has installed 30 innovative PowerCollectors, a unique technology which combines generation of thermal (T) energy with the photovoltaic (PV) generation of electricity and produces one of the highest energy yields ever measured. When compared to traditional Solar panels, the PowerCollector produces both electricity and hot water output up to 70°C and delivers 3 times more energy on the same surface area.

The installation, located on the hotel's rooftop will be completed mid-March and is scheduled to be fully operational by the end of the month, producing an average of 1050kWh of energy per week for the hotel. In addition to the renewable energy produced on the roof of the hotel, the installation also saves 79000 liters of water per year by reducing energy used from the grid. This is because for every kWh electricity bought from the South African power utility company Eskom uses 1,45 liters of water to produce. This is significant, since water saving is a fundamental factor to any resident or business located in Cape Town, due to the city's current water crisis.

"In the hospitality industry, there is a high heat demand and energy cost, it was with this in mind, and our unwavering responsible business mindset that installing the 30 PowerCollectors, maximizing our small rooftop made absolute sense. With the location of our hotel, our rooftop is also the perfect location to absorb as much sun as possible and generate three times more energy," said **Jim Schleich, General Manager of Park Inn by Radisson Cape Town Foreshore**. "We are thrilled that the installation will not only be saving electricity but will also have a significant water saving, which adds to our extensive water-saving initiatives, as we strive to avoid Day Zero in the region."

Inge Huijbrechts, Global Vice President, Responsible Business, Radisson Hotel Group said, "As a responsible business leader, we aim to align with the global targets of the COP21 Paris Climate Agreement and significantly reduce our hotels' carbon footprint. As part of our Think Planet pillar in our Responsible Business



strategy, one of the areas we are focusing on, is increasing the number of Radisson Group hotels making use of renewable energy. Renewable energy has immense untapped potential, even in city centers and business districts, as this innovative project at our Park Inn by Radisson Foreshore hotel proves. One of the key steps in our strategy is to partner with innovative companies such as Solarus who strive to provide a clean, renewable alternative energy source, actively diverting the burgeoning energy demand from CO2-intensive sources and thereby helping to combat climate change.”

“The Solarus technology with its superior performance gives the ability to accelerate the transition towards a clean energy future,” said **Henning Brand, Development Director for Solarus in South Africa**. “The sun is very generous in South Africa and makes for an attractive business case. It makes absolute sense to harvest the free energy instead of using fossil fuel based sources. As a certified B (benefit) corporation, Solarus wishes to compliment the Think Planet Responsible Business Strategy by Radisson Hotel Group. As businesses we have to use our influence in the world as a force for good, and that is exactly what the Park Inn by Radisson, Cape Town Foreshore has done by example.”

The energy produced in conjunction with the reduced demand from the grid will provide electricity and heat throughout the hotel. Over a 20-year period, this installation will save the hotel approximately €250 000.

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ABOUT SOLARUS

Solarus is a private company founded in 2006 and it develops, produces and sells hybrid solar PowerCollectors with a peak efficiency up to 70%. The company is headquartered in The Netherlands, has an office in South Africa and a R&D group in Sweden. Solarus works worldwide with local distributors and installers and is now mainly active in Europe, (South) Africa, India and Turkey. The company's vision is 'Sunpower for the people'. The mission of Solarus is to fight energy poverty and decrease the emission of CO₂ and pollutants that come from burning fossil fuels. By being good Solarus is doing good, which is a reason for Solarus to be a certified BCorp

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