

PRESS RELEASE

TK Elevator installs its environmentally friendly elevators in new Pikes Peak Summit Visitor Center, Colorado

- The Summit Visitor Center, located 14,115 feet above sea level at the top of Pikes Peak – America's Mountain in Colorado, was the highest construction project in the U.S.
- Manufactured with the healthiest materials in the industry, the two TK Elevator units will help the Summit Visitor Center in its pursuit to become the first facility in Colorado to earn Living Building Challenge certification.

Düsseldorf/Colorado Springs, June 30, 2021 – TK Elevator is proud to announce that it has provided the Pikes Peak Summit Visitor Center on Pikes Peak – America's Mountain with two of its environmentally friendly elevators. The Summit Visitor Center, which opened today to visitors and is located at the top of the 14,115-foot mountain, features numerous interpretive exhibits and panoramic views.

“Partnering with our good friends at GE Johnson, we worked together under some of the most unique and challenging circumstances to create a building as unique as the project itself,” says Kevin Lavalley, President and CEO of TK Elevator North America and Australia. “We are proud to have our, environmentally friendly elevators in place at one of America's most majestic locations.”

Since construction on the Summit Visitor Center was the highest ongoing construction site in North America and faced significant weather – and transportation-related challenges, safety was paramount throughout all aspects of this project. To ensure a safe work environment, GE Johnson required all crew members to undergo an extensive physical examination, including a flexibility test and Harvard Step fitness assessment. Crew members also went through a two-hour, site-specific orientation followed by a briefing on the special safety measures necessary to work at high altitude.

The Pikes Peak project is pursuing LEED Silver and Living Building Challenge certification. The Summit Visitor Center will feature net positive energy, net positive waste and net positive water.

The Living Building Challenge – an international sustainable building certification program created in 2006 by the International Living Future Institute – promotes the most advanced measurement of sustainability in the built environment. In order to be eligible for Living Building Challenge, buildings must have elevators with Declare labels. Declare is a transparency platform and nutrition label created by the International Living Future Institute that shares where a product comes from, what it's made of and where it goes at the end of its life. The Living Building Challenge also includes a list of chemicals known as the 'red list' that cannot be incorporated into any part of a building.

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Available [here](#). (Photo credit: Windstar Studios)

To get a tour of the construction project from GE Johnson, click [here](#) (video courtesy of Pikes Peak – America's Mountain).

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ABOUT US

TK Elevator (formerly: thyssenkrupp Elevator)

With customers in over 100 countries served by 50,000 employees, TK Elevator achieved sales of around €8 billion in the fiscal year 2019/2020. Over 1,000 locations around the world provide an extensive network that guarantees closeness to customers. Over the past decades, TK Elevator has established itself as one of the world's leading elevator companies and became independent since its sale by thyssenkrupp AG in August 2020. The company's most important business line is the service business represented by over 24,000 service technicians. The product portfolio covers commodity elevators for residential and commercial buildings to cutting-edge, highly customized solutions for state-of-the-art skyscrapers. In addition, it also consists of escalators and moving walks, passenger boarding bridges, stair and platform lifts. Integrated cloud-based service solutions, such as the MAX platform, are gaining in importance. With these digital offerings, there are no limits to urban mobility anymore. TKE – move beyond.