

Helsinki's 'Finnair Skywheel' joins the world's great wheels

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The Finnair SkyWheel, in Helsinki, opened on Tuesday, June 3, 2014.
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Given that Helsinki's highest building is just 282 feet tall, the new Finnair SkyWheel should provide quite a view.

The 460-foot observation wheel opened Tuesday in the central Katajanokka harbour, not far from where Finnair first based its flight operations, as Aero Oy, in the 1920s. It has 30 climate-controlled

gondolas, including a VIP cabin with a glass floor and leather seats.

The regular cabins cost 12 euros (\$16) for a 15-minute ride. The VIP cabin, which seats four, costs \$266 for a 25-minute ride, including Veuve Clicquot Champagne.

SkyWheel Helsinki Oy owns the wheel, which Netherlands-based firm Dutch

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