



## Totally Disappearing Pools! An emerging trend in the hospitality industry

Providing guests with a laid-back activity option, pools have always been an integral feature of hotels. But it can be a waste of space to have so many square feet dedicated to just one purpose, especially considering that pools are not in use all day long and often occupy prime spaces which are otherwise perfectly suited to special events. Enter the newest solution: movable pool floors.

### SPACE-SAVING TRANSFORMABLE POOLS

Appearing a few years back in private residences, they became sought after for their safety and flexibility by means of a highly secure floor, usable for a full range of activities once raised above the water's surface. They made a somewhat later entrance into hospitality facilities since fewer available technologies meet their high standards in terms of capacity – 500kg/m<sup>2</sup> versus 250kg/m<sup>2</sup> for residential projects.

Designed by Paco Group, a Canadian company with over five decades of expertise in engineering projects, AKVO Spiralift® Movable Pool Floors have been installed

in both private and commercial projects in United Kingdom, Switzerland, Hong Kong, Canada and the United States. Over the past six years, the firm has become the leading North American design and manufacturing specialist in robust fully customizable movable pool floors.

### HOW IT WORKS

The AKVO Spiralift system uses a series of compact actuators to automatically raise an entire pool floor up to ground level. With its multiple support points beneath the floor, it can be adapted to any pool shape,



size or capacity as well as any architectural environment. A full-depth pool can be transformed into a gym or lounge area... in about 10 minutes at the touch of a button!

For the Holborn Group, an international award-winning real estate developer and property manager, these capabilities give hotels extraordinary flexibility: "One of the main innovative features in our hotel building [Vancouver] is how the pool bar facility is designed to function as the hotel pool during the day and transform into a nightclub during the evening. Having this flexibility allows the same space to be used for completely different functions during different operational hours, making the space efficient and innovative. Additionally, unique venues are created for hosting exclusive pool party events."

Definitively, transformable pools are becoming more widely recognized in the hospitality industry as an efficient way to resolve space issues... and generate meaningful ancillary earnings!

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## SCALE YOUR POOL

### AKVO SPIRALIFT MOVABLE POOL FLOORS

#### SPACE-SAVING

Doubles space with a dry floor, usable for snack bar, lounge space, nightclub...

#### WATER DEPTH ON DEMAND

Allows for different aquatic activities.

#### SUPERIOR DESIGN

Completely blends in with its environment and provides large load capacity floor.

#### ECO-FRIENDLY SOLUTION

Minimizes evaporation during the day and heat loss at night.

#### REDUCED CLEANING TIME

Protects from harsh weather.

#### MAXIMUM SAFETY

Pool can be closed when not in use.



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