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## **NEW PORTABLE OXYGEN CANISTERS A BREATH OF FRESH AIR FOR GUESTS AT PAN PACIFIC VANCOUVER**

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VANCOUVER, BC (Aug. 22, 2006) - For more than twenty years, the unparalleled luxury and service of the Five-Diamond Pan Pacific Vancouver has been a breath of fresh air for guests traveling on business or pleasure. Now that's literally true as the hotel voted one of the top 25 hotels in North America has made stylish dispensers of rejuvenating Oxia oxygen available in many of its guestrooms and suites.

The portable oxygen canisters - used by NHL players during games and a favorite item in Oscar gift bags - are the size of a small water bottle and provide approximately six gallons of oxygen-enriched air. That allows for two to three minutes of continuous airflow or 12-15 uses of 20-second airflow that's 90 per cent oxygen.

It has been proven that breathing oxygen stimulates human cells, increases the body's metabolism, and provides for increased energy and exercise performance. Oxygen also strengthens the immune system, aids digestion, improves cognitive performance and is a powerful tool for combating jet lag on those long-haul flights from Asia or New York.

"The Pan Pacific hotel experience is all about providing personalized service that helps our guests feel their best and perform their best," said Steve Halliday, President, PPHR North America and General Manager, Pan Pacific Vancouver. "These days, we're finding more and more travelers are looking for an oxygen boost to recover from jet lag or to alleviate the stress and fatigue of a long journey.

"Our business guests are discovering they're not only a great antidote to the afternoon doldrums but a healthy and energizing alternative for meeting breaks. And because these sleek oxygen canisters are the world's smallest and lightest they're the perfect item to pack for a workout in our fitness centre."

Personal oxygen dispensers will be available to guests for \$15.95. The refillable canisters will also be for sale. For more information on Oxia, visit [www.oxia.com](http://www.oxia.com)

Pan Pacific Hotels and Resorts currently encompasses 22 hotels (15 managed properties and 7 marketing affiliates) in 11 countries throughout Asia, the Pacific and North America. For more information, visit [www.panpacific.com](http://www.panpacific.com), or call toll-free reservations at (800) 327-8585. Pan Pacific Hotels and Resorts is a member of the Global Hotel Alliance.

Photos of Oxia canister available upon request.

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