Base jumpers leap off luxury hotel towers for Leap Day

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High-rise hotels proved a popular place to "hang out" on Leap Day yesterday.

That's because energy drink maker Red Bull assembled members of its aerial sports team to leap off tall buildings around the country. Among them, the Conrad Miami Espirito tower in downtown Miami that contains one of Hilton's luxury Conrad hotels.

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There, jumpers Miles Daisher and Chris Santacroce leap off the 460-foot-tall tower at around 2 p.m.

"The power of Leap year and the support of the people of Miami shocked the wind just long enough for the Red Bull Air Force to sneak in two base jumps off the city's most iconic building," Santacroce said after his jump, according to a press release. "This only happens every four years!"

Elsewhere, Red Bull's team jumped off the 400-foot-tall Borgata hotel-casino tower in Atlantic City, and the 480-foot Foundation Room at Mandalay Bay hotel-casino in Las Vegas.

"Talk about a publicity stunt!"

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