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BREAKING GROUND

Four Seasons Resort Vail

WHAT Resort and residential development in ski country.

WHERE Vail, Colo.

AMENITIES A spa and an après ski lounge, among others.

PRICES Full ownership residences start at \$5.3 million, shared ownership at \$406,000.

STATUS Scheduled to open late this year.

DEVELOPER Black Diamond Resorts-Vail LLC.

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DETAILS The town of Vail, which was incorporated more than 40 years ago, recently found itself in a bit of a midlife crisis. While the ski resort remained one of the world's best known, the town below had grown a bit dated, with a number of its buildings still stuck in the '70s. The response was a large-scale renewal effort, now valued at around \$2 billion, that includes this 2.7-acre Four Seasons-branded project. Its plans call for a 121-room resort and 35 condominiums in a 10-story building near the entrance to Vail Village. Nineteen of the residences will be two- to four-bedroom, 1,835- to 3,500-square-foot furnished units that are sold in one-12th fractional shares. Fractional owners will be granted at least three weeks of use a year, including one week in winter and one in summer that will be assigned on a rotating schedule. The rest of the residences are whole-ownership, 1,650- to 5,800-square-foot units with one to five bedrooms. Both types of residences will include gas fireplaces and terraces, and most will have views of the mountain. For amenities, there will be the spa, a fitness center, a fine-dining restaurant and a 75-foot-long pool and whirlpools in a courtyard. The ski lounge will include a bar and an outdoor terrace, and ski and snowboard valet service will be offered nearby at the resort's Vista Bahn lift.



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