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WITH THE DEBUT OF **DANCING BEAR'S** LONG-AWAITED SECOND PROPERTY, ASPEN'S QUIET CORNER GETS READY FOR ITS CLOSE-UP.

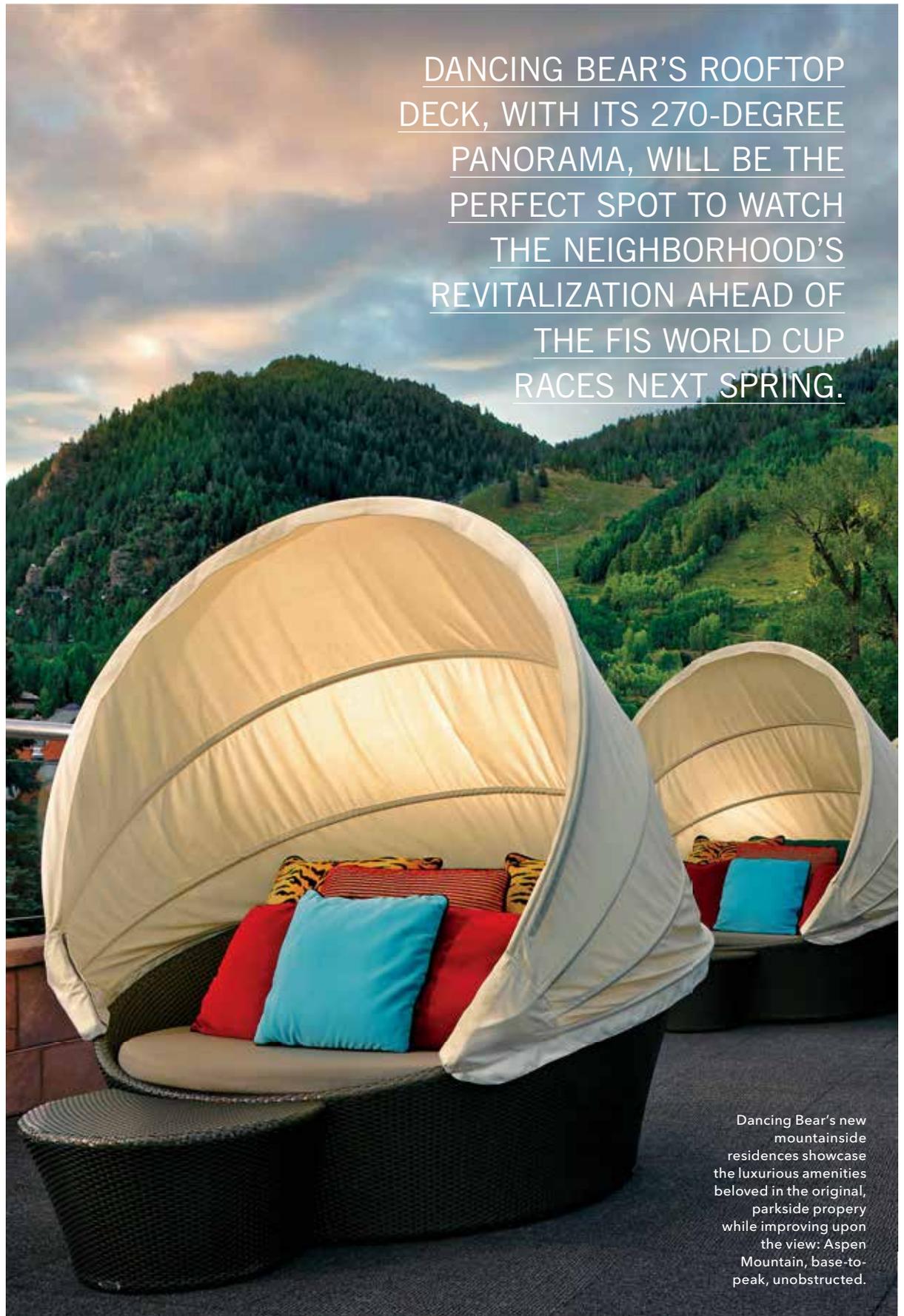
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Dancing Bear's rooftop patio, perched high above Wagner Park, has sweeping views of Aspen Mountain. For the last six years, it also had direct sight lines to a construction zone. That's where phase two of the property sat unfinished following the recession, on what should have been a bustling corner across from the park and below Lift 1A. Now, that's all changed—just in time for next year's World Cup Championship.

The tony residential complex finished up construction this spring. It now showcases nine new three-bedroom homes, bringing the total number available for fractional ownership (including those on the original property) to 19. Half of the mountain rooms look up on the western flank of Aspen Mountain, while the others gaze out on bustling Wagner Park. An underground corridor connects the new building to the original, so guests can share the common amenities, which include a wine cellar, exercise facility, game room, newly opened Zen Den rejuvenation spa, and two restaurants—The Monarch, in the first building, and an as-yet-unannounced second, set to open in the new building this summer.

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DANCING BEAR'S ROOFTOP DECK, WITH ITS 270-DEGREE PANORAMA, WILL BE THE PERFECT SPOT TO WATCH THE NEIGHBORHOOD'S REVITALIZATION AHEAD OF THE FIS WORLD CUP RACES NEXT SPRING.



Dancing Bear's new mountainside residences showcase the luxurious amenities beloved in the original, parkside property while improving upon the view: Aspen Mountain, base-to-peak, unobstructed.

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and brighter” design elements than the original units, according to Ian Mullin, sales executive for Dancing Bear. Carbondale-based NCH Design used pops of red throughout the rooms to complement the natural woods and copper doors. Wolf appliances (naturally), welded latticework on the cupboards, Villeroy & Boch china, and ultra-plush Mascioni linens show the same elegant attention to detail that is a hallmark of the original property.

Another boon: Owners won’t have to decide between the mountainside and parkside locations. All of Dancing Bear’s residences are for sale in one-eighth interests—buyers get three winter and three summer weeks of residency (plus reciprocity to worldwide Timbers Club properties), and can choose whichever units they want, based on availability. While many may opt for the luxe/mod digs in the new building, others will stick with the original property, which will always feel like “home” to many. With restaurants inside both, this previously forlorn little intersection will see some much-needed vitality as the neighborhood prepares for the FIS World Cup Championship races next spring. Aspen Skiing Co. is poised to build a new lift, as well, replacing the 45-year-old Lift 1A double-seater, which sits on the west side of Aspen Mountain today. In conjunction, a new 81-key hotel and residence, the Gorsuch Haus, has been proposed for the base of the mountain.

With ever more construction to come, Dancing Bear is the first property to lead the revitalization of this part of town. And its rooftop deck, with 270-degree views, will continue to be the perfect spot to watch everything else unfold. ■

The new mountainside property (MIDDLE RIGHT) offers nine three-bed, three-and-a-half-bath corner residences featuring mountain-modern stylings and pops of red to complement the natural wood décor.

