

Dancing Bear 'Mountainside' building to open in March

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After nearly eight years, the Dancing Bear Aspen will soon double its residences upon completion of its second phase.

Located at the corner of North Monarch Street and Durant Avenue, the Dancing Bear is a private residence club whose first phase houses nine three-bedroom, three-bathroom units with fractional ownership.

The Dancing Bear's new structure, the Mountainside building, sits directly across the Dancing Bear's original development on Durant Avenue and is scheduled to open in March.

Initially, the plan for the Dancing Bear residences was to consist of both building developments, said Dancing Bear Director of Real Estate Sales Pamela Ross.

While construction of the Mountainside building started in late 2008, the project was put on hold due to financial complications following the recession.

Ross said it was not until about a year and a half ago that construction of the Mountainside building continued.

Similar to the Dancing Bear's first building, the Mountainside development will also feature three-bedroom, three-and-a-half bath units.

New to the Dancing Bear, however, is the Mountainside building's 3,200-square-foot penthouse suite with its 3,500-square-foot private deck, which equals 11 resident units inside the new development.

The top floor of the first Dancing Bear building is a rooftop deck open to all its residents.

Ross said the view from the Dancing Bear's patio is one of the residences' most celebrated features.

Along with its location at the base of Aspen Mountain, both developments are among the tallest buildings in town, as a result of a height exemption the city of Aspen granted to the Dancing Bear in 2005.

"People say it is the best view in all of Aspen," Ross said.

The interior of the residences inside the new building also will be a little different and lighter in color, said the project's interior designer, Noelle Hernandez.

"It's an opportunity to give it a new look," Hernandez said, while still maintaining its unique, comfortable and warm feeling.

One of the reasons Hernandez said she chose lighter colors for the new Mountainside residences is also because they are slightly smaller in size.

The Mountainside units are roughly 1,800 to 1,900 square feet, while its original residences are measure around 1,900 to 2,000 square feet.

An underground tunnel that crosses Durant Avenue will connect the two properties.

In addition to its rooftop patio and Jacuzzi, the Dancing Bear houses a movie-screening room, a private dining room with wine cellar and a gym and spa.

Ross said the goal with the Dancing Bear was to offer those amenities that people would hope to include in their dream second home.