



Dancing Bear Mountainside Building Opens

With amenities that include a rejuvenation spa, underground parking, and an owner ski locker room, the new Mountainside building of the Dancing Bear Aspen private residence club opened its doors to residents in early June.

The first private residence club to open in Aspen since the recession, this second phase of the phenomenally successful Dancing Bear features ten 3-bedroom residences, averaging just over 1,800 sq ft each, being sold in 1/8th fractional interests starting at \$825,000. Topping the building is a four-bedroom, 3,200 sq ft penthouse with an additional 3,500 sq ft of outdoor living space. As with the first phase, owners in the [Dancing Bear](#) enjoy membership in the [Timbers Collection](#), which allows reciprocity with the full portfolio of Timbers residence clubs worldwide.



Designed by Colorado-based Noelle Hernandez and her firm [NCH Design](#), the new residences reflect the iconic mountain contemporary style of the Dancing Bear, with an updated color palette. A slightly lighter color scheme with more neutral blues and grays offers a feeling of peacefulness and calm, while allowing the copper-highlighted woodwork and colorful artwork to pop in a refreshing way. The look complements that of the original set of residences so that owners and guests can feel at home in either building.



The third bedroom in all the residences has a lock-off feature — an extra element of privacy for owners' guests or extended family, or an option for owners who want to stay beyond their six-week allotment and still have access to all Dancing Bear amenities.

An underground corridor—a unique amenity in Aspen—links the two buildings, allowing for convenient access (i.e. no need to put a coat on in winter!) to Dancing Bear amenities including a movie-screening room, private dining room, gym, rooftop patio, and of course, the new spa.

Inspired by the elements of water, earth, and air, the cutting-edge Zen Den spa (anticipated to open around Fourth of July) features a saline flotation tank, oxygen aromatherapy lounge, self-service hydro-massage beds, and steam chamber, among other services.



In addition to the rooftop lounge in the Parkside Building, which hosts occasional owner parties and happy hours, two restaurants are on site: The Monarch, a steakhouse with the vibe of a London gentlemen's club (we highly recommend the tableside Caesar salad) and a new, yet-to-be-determined eatery in the Mountainside building. As Dancing Bear sales director Pamela Ross explained, the choice of a tenant for the light-filled corner space is a meticulous process, as the ownership wants a restaurant that will not only be a unique draw for owners and the Aspen public in general, but one that has staying power and can thus engender trust and loyalty in a very particular market.



Now going on seven years in business (the Parkside building opened in 2009), the Dancing Bear occupies a distinct niche in the Aspen market. With its relatively small number of units, opportunities to meet and mingle, and local management (Timbers Resorts is based in nearby Carbondale), owners feel like they're part of an intimate club, or even a large family. Joining a private residence club rather than owning a home outright not only makes ownership in Aspen more affordable, but it's a greener and hassle-free way to live, according to the Dancing Bear's Ross, who also points out that many Dancing Bear owners still work so a six-week ownership scenario fits just right in their schedules.

As of late May, around one-quarter of the shares in the the Dancing Bear's second phase have been presold, said Ross.

"We love The Dancing Bear and its facilities and management – one of the most popular residence clubs in the Aspen/Snowmass area," says BJ Adams, owner of [Berkshire Hathaway Home Services Aspen/Snowmass Properties](#). "Contact us if you'd like more information."

