

St. Regis Resort & Residences, Costa Rica; Club Casa Mina

Breaking Ground

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St. Regis Resort & Residences, Costa Rica

WHAT

Oceanfront resort and residential development.

WHERE

In the Puntarenas region of central Costa Rica, on the Pacific coast.

AMENITIES

Swimming pools, restaurants and a spa and fitness center, among others.

PRICES

Condominium-hotel units and other residences start at \$720,000.

STATUS

Construction should begin in November, and is scheduled to be completed in early 2009.

DEVELOPERS

Genesis Inmobiliaria and Lionstone Development.

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DETAILS About a two-hour drive from San José, this development is on more than a mile of oceanfront that includes a black sand beach. It will offer 49 one- to three-bedroom condominium-hotel properties, 42 free-standing villas and nine larger houses. All of the properties will have private plunge pools, terraces and outdoor showers, and there will also be three communal pools. Two restaurants will be built, one in the surrounding jungle, as will be an 11,000-square-foot spa and fitness center. There will be assistance in arranging outdoor activities, including guided hiking trips in a nearby preserve, deep-sea fishing and golf. Private butlers and helicopter transportation from the airport in San José will also be offered.



Club Casa Mina

WHAT Seven-unit residence club.

WHERE Santa Barbara, Calif.

AMENITIES Among others, a wine bar, a spa and a fitness center are planned.

PRICES One-eighth shares of properties start at \$415,000.

STATUS The development opened this month; a handful of memberships have been sold.

DEVELOPER Top Shelf Development.

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DETAILS This project in the historic Presidio district of downtown Santa Barbara consists of five three-story, three-bedroom adjoining villas and two two-bedroom penthouse units. The villas have patios where whirlpools are now being installed; the penthouses have terraces. Owners, whose memberships are not tied to specific units, are allowed to book three weeks a year in advance at the club, with more time granted depending on availability. The chef/owner of a fine dining restaurant across the street plans to open a wine bar at the development this winter, and will be available to prepare meals for owners in their residences. The development, within walking distance of the beach, is also planning an on-site spa and a fitness center nearby. Breaking Ground is a weekly look at projects, planned or under construction, that include weekend or vacation homes.



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