

Colorado

Tech generation will find nothing lacking in luxury condos in Vail

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One Willow Bridge Road, a \$100 million condominium development under way in Vail, will incorporate the latest in technology.

The "tech generation" will be right at home in a luxury condominium development to be delivered in Vail this fall.

One Willow Bridge Road, a 22-unit whole and fractional ownership property with residences that have sold for as much as \$7.5 million, will be the most technologically advanced property of its kind in Vail.

"It separates it from everything else. It gives it a vision of the future that no other properties have," said developer Bob McNichols of Daedalus Real Estate Advisors.

One Willow Bridge Road will allow owners to control everything from the room temperature, lighting, fireplace and entertainment systems via the Web, e-mail or the property's concierge. Their preferences then can be downloaded before they arrive for vacation, so they can walk in find their residence at the perfect temperature, with the fireplace on and their favorite music or video playing.

Residences will have flat-panel televisions, surround-sound audio systems, Cisco's most advanced color display telephones, a fully automated environmental lighting and heating system, and electronic security and access controls. A wireless LCD touch panel control system within each unit can be used to control lighting levels, music, favorite television channels and temperature. Residences will have wired and wireless Internet connections throughout. The property has hired Tony Chesery, who helped and maintain torpedo technology with the U.S. Department of

Defense, as its technology manager, or "eConcierge."

McNichols said he chose to build the latest technology into the building not only to accommodate today's tech savvy buyers, who want the same access to technology they have at their primary homes, but also so that "all the technology that comes along in the future could be accommodated in the building."

Buyers have been receptive to the \$100 million property, whose luxuries will include wide-plank New American Black Cherry hardwood and Big Sky Bronze Flagstone flooring, marble slab vanity tops and custom wood vanity cabinets, heated tile floors in the bathrooms, coffered ceilings with wood beams and custom crown molding. Fractional ownership units feature Brunswick & Fils furniture, handcrafted tables and top-quality designer bedding.

One Willow Bridge Road's owners will have access to the Sonnenalp Resort of Vail's spa and fitness facilities, five-star management services and golf club in Edwards, as well as the property's own swimming pool, whirlpool, patio seating area,

entertainment area and library. They also will have ski lockers at the base of Vail Mountain, underground parking and a 6,000-sf street-level marketplace, which McNichols described as a "mini-Whole Foods concept."

The Marketplace on Meadow Drive will feature a wine tasting bar, creperie and sweet shop, grocery with unprepared and prepared foods, coffee and bakery, and restaurant and cafe.

The property has sold 70 percent of the units, putting it on track to be sold out by the time it opens, McNichols said. All of the whole ownership condos have presold at prices from \$3.5 million to \$7.5 million, and half of the fractional shares have sold. A three-bedroom, 2,100-square-foot, fully furnished residence goes for \$690,000 for a one-seventh share, which entitles owners to a minimum of seven weeks per year.

Located in the center of Vail Village, One Willow Bridge Road was designed by Resort Design Associates and being built by The Weitz Co. It is the first project to be completed as part of a \$1 billion renewal effort under way in Vail.▲

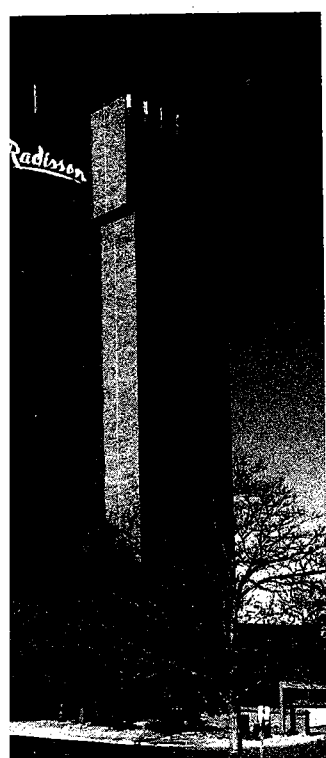
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