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Carmel Valley Ranch gets a \$35-million renovation



Carmel Valley Ranch, a golf and tennis resort tucked into the foothills of the Santa Lucia Mountains, has received a \$35-million face-lift.

The resort, which stretches across nearly 500 acres in Carmel Valley, was purchased in 2009 by John Pritzker, the founding partner of San Francisco-based Geolo Capital and son of the late billionaire Hyatt Hotels founder Jay Pritzker, who endowed the prestigious [Pritzker Architecture Prize](#). John Pritzker estimated last year that the renovation would cost \$25 million.

"The landscape at Carmel Valley Ranch is breathtaking," said Pritzker, "but the spirit of the place, or 'secret sauce,' as I call it, is the activities. We want our guests to tell their friends, 'You can't believe what I did at Carmel Valley Ranch.' It's like the best of summer camp without the discipline."

In its reincarnation, the property has been expanded to include a spa, two resort pools with adjacent outdoor dining and fire pits, and the refurbishment of the 139 guest suites. The 18-hole [Pete Dye-designed](#) golf course has been upgraded.

Improvements include the addition of an area called River Ranch, described as "a playground for adults and kids," which has a Junior Olympic-size pool, a splash zone for kids, bocce courts, playground and a 5,200-square-foot fitness center.

Introductory rates will start at \$300 a night.

Info: [Carmel Valley Ranch](#), (877) 583-0052

- Rosemary McClure, special to the Los Angeles Times

Photo: Carmel Valley Ranch infinity pool. Credit: Paul Dyer Photography