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A Village Takes Shape

The Appen-Snownass ki area encompases \$5,300 acres over four mountains (Appen Mountain, Aspen Highlands, Snowmass, and Buttermilk). In the middle of it all, the town of Aspen has foomed large for decades, with every new development setting off an analysische of now in the kit model.

The big news this season, however, is unfolding 9 miles west of Aspen at the base of Snowmass Mountain. There, the developer Related WestPac is unweiling an entirely new village on what was previously just gravel parking lots. Of the four peaks, Snowmass is known for its sheer size, with more kiable acrease than the other three

mountains combined. Over the past two years some 90 ski-in, ski-out condos have opened in the new Snowmass Village along with a smattering of restaurants, a kids' activity center, and a beginners' this phool.

November marked the opening of the new village's showpiece: the Viceroy Snowmass hotel (from 5450/might viceroy hotelsandreords.com). The 173-room resort represents a novel venture for the Viceroy brand, which previously cropped up in strictly sumbliney spots (Southern California, Miami, Mexico, and Anguilla). Upon entering Viceroy Snowmass, one of the first things a visitor notices is a visitor notice is a



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glass-fronted gas fireplaces.

And what gives the Viceroy an edge on its counterparts? For one, it is ski-in, ski-out (only Aspen's Little Nell can claim the same thing). The record also hosts a full spa: Treatments range from the traditional, with techniques inspired by the Ute Indian tribe of southwestern Colorado, to the modern, with facials that hydrate using hyperbaric oxygen.—BB