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Talus La Quinta developer Robert Green expects the 134-room Montage hotel to open in spring 2023, followed by the launch of the 200-room Pendry hotel later that year.

## Rock On

Named for a gathering of stones at the base of mountain, Talus La Quinta will be home to high-end Montage and Pendry hotels and residences. Here's what visitors can expect from the property formerly known as SilverRock Resort.

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### Every room has a view.

When construction is finished in the coming years, Talus developer Robert Green says a luxurious Montage hotel and spa will occupy a single story, while a hip Pendry property will rise three stories. They'll each be surrounded by lakes, Talus' golf course, and a 71,000-square-foot conference center and outdoor event site.

"The challenge I placed to our design team was, 'When we're done, I want every single guest room and home to have a view of the mountains. No one should only be looking out into the horizon,'" Green says. "If you look at a map of what they property will look like when we're done, everything — even the main ballroom in the conference center — has a view of the mountains. It's our greatest natural resource."

### You can live there.

Besides the Montage's 134 casita-style accommodations and Pendry's 200 rooms, Talus will feature 84 branded residences. The Montage properties will be single-family homes, while Pendry's offerings will be condos.

When not occupied, the vacation homes will be available for guests to rent, Green says. "If you add everything up,"

he notes, "we've actually created 500 hotel rooms without building one big monolithic hotel."

### The golf course is revamped.

Green spent \$5 million to modify the existing Arnold Palmer Classic Course, making room for the Montage hotel and ensuring the course could operate without interruption throughout construction.

"We're building the Montage hotel where the 18th hole used to be," Green explains. "We relocated the 18th hole to the old 11th to make it a drivable par-3 hole. We put in a new 11th hole along one of the lakeview water features. And, to maintain the 72-par rating, we modified holes 12, 14, and 17. It makes for a more comfortable playing experience overall."

### There will be plenty of places to eat.

Both the Montage and Pendry hotels will feature a signature restaurant and pool bar, while the historic Ahmanson Ranch House, currently the golf course's grill, will be restored and reimagined as a high-end restaurant.

The concepts are still in development, but Green anticipates the Montage restaurant will serve continental fare, Pendry's eatery will be Mexican themed,



and the Ahmanson Ranch House venue could be an Italian- or Mediterranean-style establishment.

### Construction is on track.

Following pandemic delays, Green affirms that the estimated \$400 million project is back on schedule. "We've got our construction loan closed," says Green, whose previous projects include the first Pendry hotel in San Diego and a Montage resort in Healdsburg, California.

Green anticipates the new clubhouse and Montage's 29 residences will open by fall 2022, while Montage's hotel is set for a spring 2023 debut, followed by the launch of Pendry's hotel and 55 condos.