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Fairmont
Heritage Place,
Ghirardelli Square

By the Bay... and the Slopes

RESIDENCE CLUBS IN SAN FRANCISCO AND VAIL

Fairmont Heritage Place, Ghirardelli Square San Francisco, California

It's the view that first grabs you—a sweeping panorama of San Francisco Bay, the Golden Gate Bridge, Alcatraz and, on the far shore, Sausalito. And then it's the fine touches that woo you—the wide-plank maple floors, the exposed brick walls, the limestone hearth fireplace that lights up at the flip of a switch.

The Fairmont Heritage Place, Ghirardelli Square occupies a notable piece of real estate along Fisherman's Wharf, on the historic grounds of the legendary chocolate factory and within easy walking distance of some of the city's best shops, restaurants and attractions. Opened

in 1893, the Ghirardelli chocolate factory's former home is now a National Historic Landmark and its cluster of brick and timber structures—the Woolen Mill, Chocolate, Cocoa and Mustard Buildings, along with the striking Clock Tower Building—have been lovingly transformed into a collection of 53 residences, 10 of which are offered for fractional ownership.



“The unique configurations of these buildings allowed us to design an assortment of different residential layouts, everything from lofts to three-bedroom residences, so there is nothing cookie-cutter about the place,” says Fred Karpik, sales manager for Fairmont Heritage Place, Ghirardelli Square. “They offer great appeal for people who are

looking for a place to call home in the city. We have owners who live just two hours away and others who live as far away as Singapore.”

The property will get what amounts to an in-house restaurant in early 2012 when famed restaurateur/chef Gary Danko will open an eponymous brasserie on the first floor courtyard. In addition to reciprocity at other Fairmont Heritage Place properties, along with any Fairmont or Raffles hotel, owners at Ghirardelli Square have year-round club privileges, allowing them just to drop by and kick back for a few hours if they happen to be in town. One of the big draws—the spacious Mustard Terrace, where you can pull up a chair around the custom-designed gas firepit and soak in the view across the bay.

The terrace will be an especially popular place in September 2013, when the 34th America’s Cup competition will take place on the bay.

“There won’t be a better seat in the house,” says Karpik.

PRICING: One-bedroom residences sell for \$185,000 and two bedrooms for \$208,000. This includes up to five weeks of use per year.

INFORMATION: Call 800.921.8865 or visit

www.fairmontghirardelli.com

Four Seasons Residence Club

Vail, Colorado

Since opening in December 2010, the Four Seasons Resort and Residences/Vail has garnered plenty of notice. Nestled at the base of one of North America’s most acclaimed ski resorts, the 121-room resort offers 16 whole-ownership residences and 19 residences that are part of its fractional ownership program.



The resort successfully combines the area’s European influences with true American flair. The spacious, open floor plan residences are decorated in the comfortable, yet elegant style of the Rocky Mountain West and feature mountain contemporary finishes, gourmet kitchens, state-of-the-art appliances and electronics, as well as beautifully appointed five-piece bathrooms. The on-site full-service spa, indoor/outdoor meditation garden and sunken, all-season outdoor saline pool offer residents a serene atmosphere to relax and enjoy the outdoors year-round.

During the summer season, a Four Seasons Vail concierge can arrange for an active day of Colorado river rafting or horseback riding adventures. Owners at Four Seasons Residences Vail also have the luxury of avoiding the summer rush during the annual summer Bravo!

Vail Valley Music Festival, a season-long hallmark cultural attraction in Colorado.

During ski season, owners can take advantage of the Ski Concierge services. And after a day on the slopes, residents can continue their après-ski experience by sipping some “Haut Chocolat,” served exclusively in Four Seasons Resort and Residences Vail’s Fireside Lounge.

Fractional owners can choose from two-, three- and four-bedroom condominiums ranging in size from approximately 1,842 to 3,564 square feet. And they can enjoy the services of dedicated staff members who can stock the pantry prior to the owner’s arrival.

PRICING: From \$299,900 to \$528,900 for one-twelfth deeded interests (four weeks).

INFORMATION: Call 877.748.8245 or visit

www.vailresidences.com

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