



The Architectural Character

The architectural character of Residences at The Little Nell was inspired by the neighboring buildings and Aspen's rich history. The palette of materials used for the exterior include masonry, timber and weathered copper that capture the elegance and style that has defined Aspen as a world-class destination while honoring its rich mining history.

The base of the structure will be a mix of architectural concrete and rubble stone. This base varies in height to create interest and vitality to the elevations. The second major exterior material is copper weathered to a mottled earth tone color. This copper will be installed as panels, particularly on the shed-roofed portions of the structure. Finally, timber beams are used on some of the areas between the copper-clad elements to foster interest and create just a hint of Aspen's mining past.

The "massing" of the Residences is broken down with a series of low sloping shed-roofs punctuated by a series of flat-roofs. This concept in combination with a variety of exterior materials visually breaks the project down into four or five smaller buildings as opposed to a single larger structure.

The Residences will replace a number of older nondescript multi-family, single-family and commercial structures. The surrounding neighborhood consists of traditional multi-family and townhome projects built over the entire period of Aspen's development as a destination resort. These existing properties ranged from the post and beam architecture of the North of Nell Condominiums, built in the 1960s, to the more contemporary Galena Place Townhomes and the Little Nell Gondola Building, both built in the early 1990s.

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