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POLISHING A DESERT GEM: The Boulders Announces Multi-Million Dollar Renovation

CAREFREE, Ariz.—August 6, 2015— The Boulders Resort & Spa has begun a significant renovation project with plans for completion by December 2015.

Nestled in the lush high Sonoran Desert, this luxury hideaway is world-renowned for its dramatic and innovative architecture that blends seamlessly with the surrounding ancient rock formations. Now, a multi-million dollar restoration revives the luster of this celebrated resort with a fresh look that continues to draw inspiration from the serene desert environs.

According to June Chun, lead designer for DiLeonardo, an award-winning Rhode Island-based design firm, “We are rejuvenating a relaxed resort environment, embracing and respecting indigenous inspirations of the Old West. Scale, pattern and colors from the Native American heritage influence the architectural detailing, carpet patterns and rich colors. We have included custom details with a rich, organic sense that truly bring the indoors and outdoors together beautifully.”

The first-rate upgrades to the 160 casitas include an updated interior design, new finishes and furnishings that maintain their adobe-style architecture, one of the resort's distinguishing features. These spacious 550 sq. ft. residential-feeling guest rooms will be set in a fresh palette of earthy desert tones of teal and orange accents. Room furnishings, reminiscent of the Native American influences, include a unique headboard wall that is custom-designed with indigenous patterns and detailing that complements the luxury bedding topped with cozy plush comforters and pillows. Regional art and colorful chair pillows are juxtaposed with area rugs in bold colors

and patterns. New furnishings include contemporary chairs for lounging and watching television and sleek ceiling fans. Luxurious bathroom enhancements include a spacious shower with upgraded high-end fixtures and pebble walls. Custom freestanding milled vanities and accessories as well as flagstone flooring, further enhance each bathroom.

The focal point of the Boulders' casitas has always been the wood-burning fireplaces. The designers have introduced adobe-style fireplaces to further enhance the sensory ambiance. The private patios, a personal oasis to contemplate nature and relax, will be upgraded with fresh wood decking and custom lighting that illuminate and intensify the romantic beauty of the Sonoran Desert landscape.

Main Lodge

The fresh design begins with a true *sense of arrival* highlighting the reception area with a sophisticated flavor inspired by warm and inviting Native American patterns. It includes a custom-designed reception desk made of rich inlaid wood and a three-dimensional sculpture prominently featured behind the desk serves as a focal point for guests upon arrival. Custom-designed light fixtures under the lobby skylight add to the dimension of the area combined with the signature fireplace that provides warmth and welcome. New casually elegant furniture is upholstered in soft and warm natural palettes and colorful, custom-designed hand-woven carpeting takes its inspiration from the rich hues of the Southwest's majestic landscape.

Bar lounge

Breathtaking views of the Sonoran Desert and the 12-million-year-old boulder formations take center stage for the new lounge that is positioned to capture a beautiful sunset with dramatic floor to ceiling windows. Added bar seating provides an exciting focal point to counterbalance the majestic landscape. Hand-painted patterned ceramic tiles and wood pilasters create a beautiful bottle display at the back bar. The room's furnishings define contemporary sophistication with large sofas covered in sumptuous leather and comfortable upholstered chairs in deep muted shades of persimmon, white and navy. Flanking solid stone tables, sleek ceiling fans and custom low lighting make the lounge feel both elegant and inviting.

Palo Verde

The signature Palo Verde restaurant, located at the main lodge, will be fully renovated to complement the famed Southwestern cuisine. The modernized décor, inspired by the glorious outdoor panorama vistas, include wood patchwork panels hung in the hexagon dome of the ceiling and geometric parquet wood flooring. This is all set against a clean white plaster shell, which serves as a backdrop for the indigenous color story that highlights the vitality of an authentic experience. New furnishings for both the indoor dining areas and the outdoor patios offer a relaxed and sublime dining experience.

Latilla Ballroom

From its inspiring desert setting to state-of-the-art technology, the Boulders has perfected the art of seamless meetings and events. Now, debuting in December 2015, a new 5,500 sq. ft. Latilla Ballroom will be added, offering 16 ft. ceilings and floor-to-ceiling windows with breathtaking views of the atmospheric waterfall and the ancient boulder formations beyond. The space will be crisp and sophisticated, outfitted with carpeting in deep muted tones of navy and orange. The ceiling will feature artisan-crafted bronze chandeliers, inspired by the Native American sun symbol. Organic elements will include a wall adorned with a contemporary mix of clear glazing and rustic wood doors creating a beautiful rhythm that extends the indoor space out into the natural environment and reflects the indigenous inspiration. The ballroom will also offer an extended outdoor patio with an adobe-wood-burning fireplace.

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About the Boulders & Spa

An extraordinary desert hideaway, The Boulders features 160 guest casitas and 61 one-, two- and three-bedroom villas, seven restaurants and a lounge, two championship Jay Morrish-designed golf courses, eight tennis courts including three classic clay surfaces and five premier cushion courts, and a full-service spa. For more information call 866-397-6520 or 480-488-9009, or visit www.TheBoulders.com.

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