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Seasons at Sandpoint and CostaBaja Resort & Marina

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Seasons at Sandpoint

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WHAT Lakefront resort community.

WHERE Sandpoint, [Idaho](#).

AMENITIES A private beach, marina and clubhouse with [spa](#), among others.

PRICES Town houses are currently priced at \$2.1 million.

STATUS Construction of the town houses began in December and is expected to be completed early next year.

DEVELOPER BVG Incorporated.

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DETAILS Sandpoint, Idaho, in the state's panhandle, is a magnet for second-home hunters. Like the Lake Tahoe area 850 miles southwest, it offers a wealth of options for

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outdoor activities year-round, from [fishing](#) and boating on the 43-mile-long Lake Pend Oreille to [skiing](#) in the nearby Selkirk Mountains. Seasons at Sandpoint is a nine-acre development that fronts 1,800 feet of private lakeshore on a peninsula adjacent to downtown. Opened in 2007, the community has completed 72 condominiums so far. There are eight three-story, three-bedroom town houses, each more than 4,000 square feet, in the latest phase. They include balconies, covered porches, gas fireplaces and two-car garages; rental opportunities are available. The clubhouse has a lounge, a fitness center, a lakefront pool and whirlpools. [Yoga](#) classes are held regularly in a building nearby. There is also an area for private parties in the clubhouse, and concierges will make arrangements for meals on the beach or on a deck overlooking the lake. Shuttle service is offered to the Schweitzer Mountain Resort ski area, about 11 miles north, and there are numerous nearby [golf](#) courses. The closest major airport is an hour-and-a-half-drive southwest in Spokane, Wash.

CostaBaja Resort & Marina

WHAT Beachfront resort and residential development.

WHERE La Paz, the capital of Baja California Sur, [Mexico](#).

AMENITIES A [golf](#) course and a village of shops and restaurants, among others.

PRICES New residences are around \$400,000 to \$2 million.

STATUS Construction of the development's second phase is now under way.

DEVELOPERS Grupo Concord and Prudential Real Estate Investors.

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DETAILS Travelers and second-home buyers priced out of the flashier Los Cabos in the Lower Baja Peninsula are heading north to the area around La Paz, to developments like the CostaBaja Resort & Marina, a 550 acres on the Sea of Cortez that opened in 2005.

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