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The Pavilion at La Quinta nearing completion

Construction is 90 percent complete for The Pavilion at La Quinta, a new 164,000-square-foot, high-end neighborhood retail center in La Quinta, for which San Diego-based **Smith Consulting Architects** provided complete architectural services. **Thomas Enterprises**, of Newnan, Ga., is the project owner and developer. Mel Kuhnel is the San Diego representative for Thomas Enterprises. Completion is expected later this fall.



The Pavilion at La Quinta will be anchored by a number of major retailers, including **Henry's Marketplace**, **DSW** shoe store, **Bed Bath & Beyond**, **Best Buy**, **Office Max** and **Famous Footwear**, and a **Wells Fargo Bank** branch. The center also will comprise several retail shops and restaurants, including **Coffee Bean & Tea Leaf**, **Juice it Up**, **zPizza** and **Panera Bread**.

Mike Comulada, the project architect, is overseeing the project for Smith Consulting, with Norman Barrett as project designer. **Stan Tech** is the civil engineer, with **JBLA** as landscape architect.

The shopping center will capture the essence of an Italian Tuscan village. It was designed to include a series of one-story buildings with articulated façades, recessed architectural accents, arcades to create deep shadows and other elements to provide a friendly atmosphere and protection from the desert sun. Other features include barrel roof tiles over store entries, decorative lighting, vine-covered wood trellises, stone columns, pedestrian walkways, arched porticos and towers.