

## A Park In The Middle Of The Vegas Strip?

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The New Park will Feature Landscape and Design Inspired by the Surrounding Mojave Desert  
LAS VEGAS, Feb. 5, 2016 /PRNewswire/ -- Las Vegas calls to mind images of glittering lights, luxurious resorts and jaw-dropping attractions. But soon, nestled between Monte Carlo Resort and Casino and New York-New York Hotel & Casino will be The Park, an oasis designed to feel like a microcosm of the surrounding desert landscape that will also serve as the pathway to the new T-Mobile Arena. Set to open in April 2016, The Park will provide a respite from the hustle and bustle of The Strip, allowing guests to relax and unwind in the beauty of modern design while socializing with friends, enjoying delicious food and beverage from charming culinary destinations or strolling through the space to take in the sights of The Strip's newest architectural marvel.

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MGM Resorts partnered with Imelk landscape architecture & urban design with the common goal of creating a space where stunning desert landscape and cutting edge design work in harmony. Standout elements such as

brehtaking monumental shade structures, theatrical lighting, dynamic water features and meta-quartzite stone sourced from a local quarry offer a modern interpretation of the incredible beauty one finds in the desert.

The !melk team did extensive research, making numerous visits to Las Vegas and the Mojave Desert, studying the geographic and geologic context of area. Their approach was to eschew the Vegas tradition of creating illusions of something else and instead create a place that is directly and authentically inspired by the city's context, history and landscape.

Once their concept was in place, the !melk team began to search for the perfect desert trees and ground coverings to bring their vision to life. They selected trees such as acacias and honey mesquites to provide ample shade from the desert sun. Rather than waiting years for plant life to mature, The Park was designed to be fully grown on opening day, so the team explored nurseries throughout the southwest and meticulously chose the unique trees and plants, which were transported and carefully placed in their new Las Vegas home.

Also hand-selected were the wide variety of colorful blooms that will punctuate the planters. Flowering plants such as pink hesperaloes, yellow damianitas and purple salvias will create year-round visual interest and color throughout The Park.

Las Vegas was once a green oasis in the desert with natural springs bubbling from the ground. Water features throughout The Park will pay homage to that history. Visitors will have the chance to walk between a double water wall, which will stand at 8-feet at its highest point, before strolling past low water tables programmed to allow water to bubble and splash, creating soothing sounds and atmosphere.

Casual restaurants and bars with outdoor seating will flank The Park, providing visitors the opportunity to indulge in delicious fare as they make their way through the space. Whether relaxing under the shade structures, taking photos in front of the spectacular water wall or meeting up with friends, The Park is an enticing getaway that provides a fun, exciting and relaxing cultural experience for all.

### **Did You Know:**

- More than 200 mature trees and 3,000 ground covers will give The Park its distinctive look
- Two water walls, inspired by the Nevada desert's natural springs, will serve as a pathway through which guests may stroll
- In addition to compelling architecture and design, unique restaurant and bar locations will offer guests a wide variety of dining options

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