CA firm buying Reno's Grand Sierra Resort-Casino - San Jose Mercury News

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RENO, Nev.—A California investment company says it is buying Reno's Grand Sierra Resort and Casino, the largest hotel-casino in northern Nevada. Terms of the pending deal have not been released but Meruelo Group founder and CEO Alex Meruelo said in a statement Wednesday the day-to-day operations will be unaffected by the acquisition expected to be completed next month.

The 145-acre property with 2,000 rooms was the world's largest hotel-casino when it opened as the MGM Grand in 1978.

The Grand Sierra Resort Corp. bought it from Caesars Entertainment for \$150 million in 2005. Since 2008, it's been owned by a subsidiary of JPMorgan Chase & Co.

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