



## **OJAI VALLEY INN AND COUNTRY CLUB - OJAI, CALIFORNIA**

**CLIENT:** Crown Center Redevelopment Corporation

**COMPLETION:** 1985

**DESCRIPTION:** Approximately 75 miles northwest of Los Angeles, 32 miles southeast of Santa Barbara, and 14 miles from Ventura, situated on top of a ridge in the Sierra Madre Mountains, is the Ojai Valley Inn and Country Club. This natural setting within the beautiful Ojai Valley and its proximity to several major southern California population centers have contributed to the success that the inn has enjoyed over the past several decades in attracting vacationers, sporting enthusiasts, conventioners, and small conferences. From any viewpoint in this exceptional location, the site appears to be in perfect harmony with the surrounding environment. From one vantage point, beautifully manicured fairways contrast with the mountains beyond, another panorama encompasses the natural beauty of the unspoiled valley.

DMJM was retained to evaluate the present facilities and to remodel and design additions to double the capacity while also providing conference, convention, and dining facilities.

Throughout the planning process, DMJM endeavored to maintain the unique charm of the old Spanish style inn with its tile roofs, thick stucco walls, arches, balconies, courtyards, and low, rambling profile, while at the same time modernizing and upgrading dated amenities; standardizing room size, comfort, and quality; and consolidating new development in close proximity to existing facilities. Other considerations that played an important role in developing the master plan were initial and life cycle costs; day-to-day service procedures and long term maintenance of facilities; guest and employee circulation; traffic analyses conducted in and around the resort complex.

**COST:** \$20 million

**ROLE:** Anthony Lumsden was the Design Architect.