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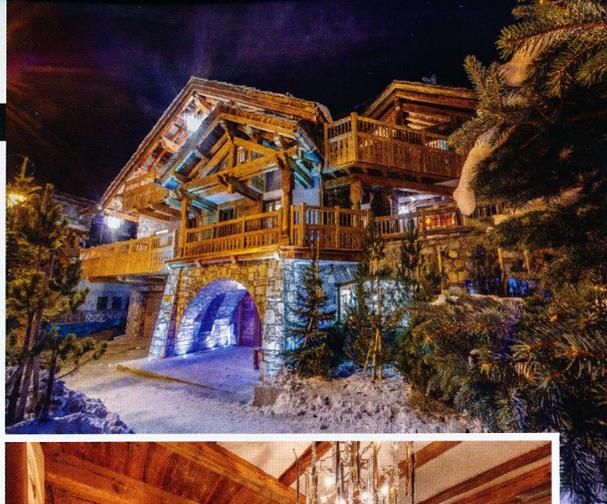
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Chalet Chic

Felix Milns recommends the chalets to enjoy your après ski in this winter



CLUB CHATEAU, ALPE D'HUEZ

The CLC, as it is affectionately known, is all about location. One of a hamlet of five VIP ski chalets, it lies right by the main gondola, and stands head and shoulders above the resort's other chalets. Alpe d'Huez may not be renowned for luxury chalets, but it is a fantastic sun-kissed ski area newly enriched by last season's launch of La Folie Douce. Definitely one of the best yet, and you can ski straight back to the chalet door. Sympathetically clad in local pine, the chalet comes with sauna/hot tub, open-tread pine staircase, enormous living area and balconies off every well-proportioned bedroom. VIP Ski specialises in affordable luxury; they cut down on the bells and whistles but deliver on excellent food and service. They also have an upgrade wine list at cost price, personally selected by the UK's youngest Master of Wine.

BOOK IT Seven nights half-board from £869pp, with flights and transfers. 0844 557 3119; vip-chalets.com

CHALET LHOTSE, VAL D'ISERE

It's not easy to stand out from the chalet crowd in Val d'Isere, but with its views of the infamous La Face downhill piste, heart of the old village location and eye-opening refurbishment, Chalet Lhotse is definitely one for your little black book. Particularly if your chalet checklist comes with indoor pool and spa, baby grand piano and unlimited Perrier Jouet champagne.

From the outside it looks like a classic Val chalet, low-slung, stone-clad and aged timber. Discretion, however, stays at the door. Most of the ground floor has been remodelled for an indoor pool, complete with projector screen, hot tub, sauna, steam and gym. Perfect for soaking away the après aches. Or pour yourself a drink from your own private après ski bar. Not bad facilities for a 12-bed chalet.

The main living space spans the entire top floor, with vaulted timber eaved ceilings, sophisticated lighting and a luxuriously elemental feel. Another projector screen drops down in front of the windows for movie nights, or you can just kick back on the giant cow hide corner sofa and gaze at the open fire. The dining space is spectacular, with riveted iron table and velvet studded armchairs it's the perfect venue for enjoying mouth-watering tailor-made menus and service from market-leading operators Consensio.

BOOK IT From £27,900 all-inclusive. 020 3393 0833; consensioholidays.co.uk



Three of the best NEWCOMERS



iGloo, Morzine

Forget the iPhone 6, the only 'i' we're after is the iGloo. It's a real party pad, with jazzy interiors and modern art worth pinching. Part traditional wood-clad building, part modern masterpiece, with expanses of glazing framing the far-reaching mountain views and a swanky cinema. Ski in, ski out, it's close to local après-ski joints, too.

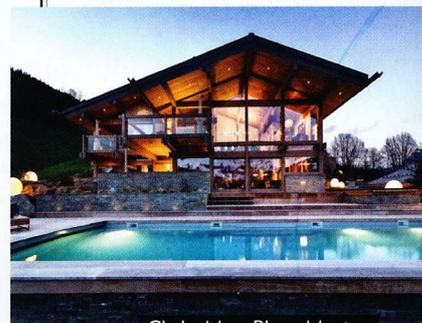
From £10,950 per week half board. 020 3582 6409; theboutiquechalet.com



Haus Alpina, Klosters

At first glance, Haus Alpina looks like an advert for the White Company. As chance would have it this sumptuous chalet was launched by the company's founder, Chrissie Rucker. Situated on the ever-so-snoozy Klosters resort, popular with European royals, it's decorated in 50 shades of white, (grey and black), with swathes of soft-knit wool and towering ceilings. Perks include a private chef, driver and White Company home comforts.

From £19,740 for seven nights. 020 8735 3815; hausalpinaklosters.com



Chalet Mont Blanc, Megève

It has its own helipad. What more do you need to know? Quite possibly the most decadent chalet around, with a heated outdoor infinity pool (plus an indoor one, with floor-to-ceiling vistas and hammam), private chef, home cinema, hair salon, wine cellar, chauffeur... The dedicated Consensio concierge team will handle anything the heart desires, from restaurant bookings to arranging pizza-making sessions.

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