

Hot off the piste

Liz Rowlinson combs the slopes for the most luxurious chalets on the open market worldwide

Plenty of people dream of owning a place in the ancient town of Zermatt, yet it's nigh on impossible for a foreigner to get a permit to buy. This 'trophy' chalet slips through the net because it's classed as a business, rented out year-round with a full staff, although, after five years, the new owner will have no rental obligation. The 'best chalet in the Swiss Alps' offers panoramic views of the Matterhorn, a huge wellness centre, a private entrance tunnel and 778sq m of opulent living space. *Through Investors in Property* (020-8905 5517; www.investorsinproperty.com)

FOR SALE
CHF22.5m

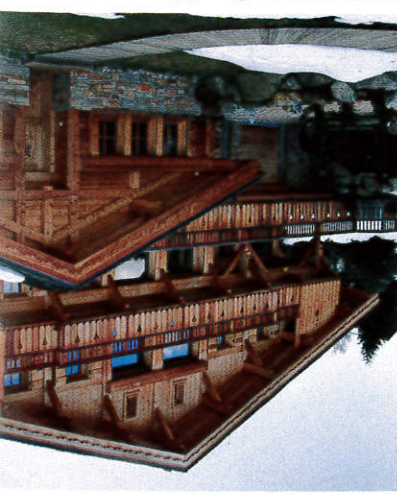
Zermatt (£15.6 million)



This spacious six-bedroom chalet is located a short distance from chic Megève, but your money goes a lot further in the little hamlet of Cordon. Built in traditional style with a cedar-shingled roof, the three-storey chalet also offers a mazot (cabin). But its biggest selling point is a bar that occupies most of the ground floor—so, after labouring in the gym, relaxing in the jacuzzi and warming up in the sauna, one can stroll directly across to the bar for a pick-me-up drink. *Through Winkworth International* (020-7870 7181; www.winkworthinternational.com)

FOR SALE
£1.68m

Combloux



FOR SALE
£1.95m

Courchevel

When it comes to location, little beats this new chalet. The quick access it offers to the largest ski resorts of the Tarentaise is key to its appeal. Built on three levels, it offers four en-suite bedrooms, a professional kitchen, a sauna, a wine cellar and a separate apartment. *Through Sotheby's International Realty* (00 33 479 08 34 73; www.courchevel-sothebysrealty.com)

Chalets rarely come on the open market in the exclusive resort of St Moritz, and even less so in its most prestigious neighbourhood, Suvretta. Dubbed 'Billionaires' Hill', it's a little enclave where the very wealthy retreat for Christmas, New Year and the White Turf winter polo. In this five-bedroom luxury villa, the principal property and staff house are connected by a custom-made wine cellar. Other features include a large indoor pool, spa and domed hammam. *Through Weyag Consulting, Christie's International Real Estate's affiliate* (00 41 91 751 3106; www.christiesrealestate.com)

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St Moritz, price on application

