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Six New Hotels to Try in the French Alps

Making an Alpine ski getaway? A flurry of new and renovated hotels make their debut in the French Alps this winter.



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Mademoiselle This 41-room property just launched at the base of Val d'Isère's slopes as the resort's only ski-in, ski-out luxury hotel. The décor shows off a 4,000-piece collection of Louis XIII-style antiques and 17th-century art, and the 13,000-square-foot spa, by Guerlain, is the town's largest. valdisere.airelles.com

Refuge de la Traye In Les Allues-Méribel, this once-rustic spot has reopened as a refined mountainside retreat. Reached exclusively by foot, horseback or Sno-Cat, the forested haven offers five rooms and suites, a pair of two-story cottages called mazots and a private chalet, all done in a palette of warm neutrals. refugedelatraye.com

Hotel Le Coucou Designer Pierre Yovanovitch has masterminded this new ski in-ski out hotel, also in Méribel, inserting a signature touch of contemporary style and a dose of alpine whimsy to the 55 rooms and suites, pair of chalets, Tata Harper spa and two restaurants—one Italian, the other a meat-lover's dream. lecoucoumeribel.com

Écrin Blanc Resort More easily accessed is this new Courchevel hotel (above), a strong option for families. Its 127 rooms and suites can accommodate up to eight people each; it features a private tunnel to Aquamotion, an indoor water park and spa; and it offers all-day supervised programming for kids ages 4 to 17. ecrin-blanc.com

Grand Hôtel du Soleil d'Or This Megève property has welcomed guests since 1901, but never like this. Its 16 rooms and three new chalets are the results of a 15-month, \$11-plus-million renovation, which included the installation of a rooftop bar featuring a replica of a fountain in one of the town's squares. lesoleildor-megeve.fr

Les Chalets du Mont d'Arbois Elsewhere in Megève, this cluster of three chalets has opened as a sister property to the village's two-year-old Four Seasons Hotel. The restoration and refurbishment of the historic buildings was overseen by Ariane de Rothschild. The chalets have long been in the de Rothschild family, which owns the hotels. She collaborated with designer Pierre-Yves Rochon to dot the 41 rooms with personal effects and ephemera. fourseasons.com/megevechalets/