



Snow homes

Skiing, the ultimate luxury pastime is often reserved for fleeting winter breaks. **Stacey Carter** however, discovers permanent residences at the some of the world's top ski resorts that will ensure you never want to leave

For most, visiting mountains and mastering winter sports is a pursuit reserved for short ski breaks. However, for those who live for the thrill of racing down peaks and then retiring to a roaring timber fire, there is something a little more long-lasting on offer. Now, residences that combine the luxury of hotel service with the individuality of a private home can offer the perfect solution.

Viceroy Snowmass, Aspen

The Residences at Viceroy Snowmass in Aspen are perfectly

positioned for the keen skier. With the nearest mountain (and backdrop) Aspen's majestic Snowmass Mountain, situated only moments away, skiers who aim to be out early and stay out all day will be in their element. The direct ski-in/ski-out option for residents, plus the large collection of trails, parks and pipes mere minutes away, ensure there is plenty to keep even the most adventurous of skiers entertained.

Inside, property owners will receive prestigious privileges such as a dedicated concierge, exclusive storage, plus full access to all

the hotels comforts, including a slope-side ski valet, luxury spa and fitness centre.

And after you have relaxed at the on-site spa, tuck yourself away in the privacy of your own chalet, where granite fireplaces and crystalline glass features create a sophisticated mountaintop home for you to enjoy. The remaining units at The Residences Viceroy Snowmass range from studios to three-bedroom condos, priced from US\$279,000/€246,531 to US\$2.2m/€1.9m. Buyers will not only be rewarded with an idyllic ski getaway but also with above average investment returns from purchasing a property in the popular Alpine town. Issues can arise for international buyers from the lack

Above and below: Own a second home in the famed Rocky Mountain town at Dancing Bear, Aspen

of a social security number, as well as being able to produce US tax returns, however these are hurdles that can be overcome.

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Dancing Bear, Aspen

Nestled in the historic 'red brick' valley of downtown Aspen, overlooking Wagner Park – are the exclusive Dancing Bear residences. Part high-country getaway, part private retreat, they offers a unique opportunity to own a second home, in the famed Rocky Mountain town. Guests can buy a residence for fractional ownership under the ▶





Left and bottom: Return after a hard day out on the slopes to the luxurious Stilli Park Davos Residences
Below: Edernac 1800 offers an ideal base to enjoy the best of the French Alps

resort's exclusive Private Residence Club, where owners can enjoy a year-round home away from home with three bedrooms and three-and-a-half bathrooms.

Currently under construction is the new mountainside building, which will add eleven more residences to the current nine. Starting from US\$785,000/€693,646 the three-bedroom chalets will offer sleek granite-topped kitchens, sumptuous soaking tubs as well as cosy fireplaces to return to after a hard day out on the slopes. Meanwhile, facilities include a secluded spa grotto with a steam room and fire pits; alongside a state-of-the-art fitness center, private movie theatre, games room, rooftop terrace and stocked wine cellar. www.dancingbearaspen.com

Stilli Park Davos

For more than 150 years the world has been coming to Davos for its unique climate, picturesque mountains and hundreds of kilometres of icy-white ski slopes. The perfect location for winter sports fans, residents can race down the longest downhill run in Europe, across cross-country skiing trails and even skate at Europe's largest natural ice rink.

After all this activity has worn you down, the Stilli Park Davos Residences offer the perfect alpine retreat to return to. Combining the privacy of your own home with the high-class service of an

international hotel – in this case the Intercontinental Davos which the residences sit beside – the apartments offer the best of both worlds. Residents can take full advantage of the hotel's state-of-the-art spa, which includes a steam bath, sauna and whirlpool, while for keen golfers there is an 18-hole golf course which winds through the alpine scenery, finishing neatly at a snug clubhouse. Meanwhile, the properties themselves are designed in keeping with their beautiful natural setting. Rustic wooden floors feature in the bedrooms and living areas, while natural stone floors and granite work surfaces furnish the bathrooms and kitchens

Prices for an apartment start from US\$1.8m/€1.6m. Typically for Switzerland, international investors seeking to buy in Davos may find restrictions in the heavily regulated market and may have to apply for a license, however if you are a EU or EFTA national (part of the Norway, Iceland, Liechtenstein open economies) you will have the same rights to buy as a Swiss citizen. <http://www.residences-davos.ch>

Edernac 1800

Not many would pass up the opportunity to spend time in the iconic French Alps and Edernac 1800's collection of apartments offer one of the best destinations to test out your skis. Located at an altitude of 1,830m, the development

boasts an exceptional position that overlooks the jaw-dropping Mont Blanc where skiers – due to the high altitude – can enjoy a longer season with plenty of snow from early to late in the year. Access to the 425km of ski runs in the picturesque town of Paradiski is a key highlight, where residents will be able to step out of their luxurious ski-in-ski-out properties onto the spectacular pistes. The stylish one-to-three bedroom apartments are available for sale outright from US\$221,265/€195,427 or through a luxury leaseback

scheme managed by Odalys Vacances, the second largest property operator in France. Residents can take advantage of significant tax advantages by purchasing the property through the leaseback scheme and can even enjoy periods of time at the property for free of charge. Those who wish to buy the apartment outright however need to be aware of the varying taxes payable for property in France, that depend on whether the property is to be used as a main residences or has been bought to let. Consulting a notaire, a legal specialist, to examine these factors and draw up authenticated contracts can help a great deal.

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