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PHOTOGRAPH: JEAN-MARC PALISSE



A photograph of a modern ski chalet interior. The room features light-colored wood flooring and a large window with a wooden frame. Outside the window, a snowy forest of evergreen trees is visible. A wooden railing and a small table with a black chair are positioned near the window. The text is overlaid on the right side of the image.

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## LA PEDEVILLA South Tyrol, Italy

Like two sides of a monochrome domino piece, this blackened-timber chalet in the tiny hamlet of Pliscia flips its palette inside to reveal white concrete walls, floors and ceilings in the ultra-light kitchen and dining room. Designed by husband-and-wife architects Armin Pedevilla and Caroline Willeit, this minimalist haven is barely furnished, with just a cowhide rug and vintage table in the dining room, surrounded by Gothic-style chairs with keyhole backs by Tyrolean interior-design company Haidacher. Curtains made from thick, woollen Loden cloth soften the look and there are flashes of fun, such as the mismatched sofas and a curved pinewood table in the living room that resembles a half-eaten apple rolling on its back, and the colourful Dot coat hooks by Muuto on the stairs. It's all lovely and lo-fi: water comes from the chalet's own well, deer streak through the snow-covered meadows and fresh milk can be bought from the farm next door. [www.lapedevilla.it](http://www.lapedevilla.it). From around £157 per night. Sleeps four

## AUFBERG 1113 Piesendorf, near Zell Am Zee, Austria

What a spectacular modern structure. Made from glass and black-painted larch, this raised rectangular box has a balcony that catches the sun throughout the day.

Designed by architect Andreas Meck, the house is split into two apartments – Sparrow's Nest and Swallow's Nest – that can be rented separately or together.

Both have a stylish, uniform look: flagstone or wood floors, felt-covered sofas, open fires and quirky chill-out nooks cut out of the wall. Much of the furniture has been built by the architect, including a dining room table that's made from an old wooden door, but there are also Hans Wegner chairs and a matching Bestlite light hanging from the ceiling, a bathtub by Philippe Starck and a coat stand made from sticks by designer Michael Schwebius that looks more like a piece of art. [www.aufberg.at](http://www.aufberg.at). From £149 per night individually; £354 per night for the whole house (sleeps seven)



## MONTAGNE ALTERNATIVE Orsières, Switzerland

In the once-forgotten medieval hamlet of Commiere, a handful of houses and barns have been revamped by Swiss architect Patrick Devanthery, whose work includes the Lausanne opera house.

Crooked walls have been straightened and strengthened, roofs rebuilt and floors polished. The result is a sensitive yet still rustic transformation – each of the four chalets retains traces of its former life, whether in the larch that has been re-used on the stairs or the window slats inspired by the spaces between barn beams once used to dry hay. The biggest and most contemporary is Barbey, which sleeps 10. But all have been brought bang up to date with leather sofas beside glass-fronted fireplaces, plus there's a yoga and spa treatment room in one of the buildings. Much of the furniture, such as the 1950s school chairs, was bought at antique markets in Brussels, and combined with Indian throws and swirly-patterned rugs, a three-legged Tom Dixon stool in one corner, a big Moroccan cushion in another. It's an eclectic and unexpected mix that really works.

[www.montagne-alternative.com](http://www.montagne-alternative.com). From about £260 per night for Maison Berard (sleeps four)







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## SKYFALL

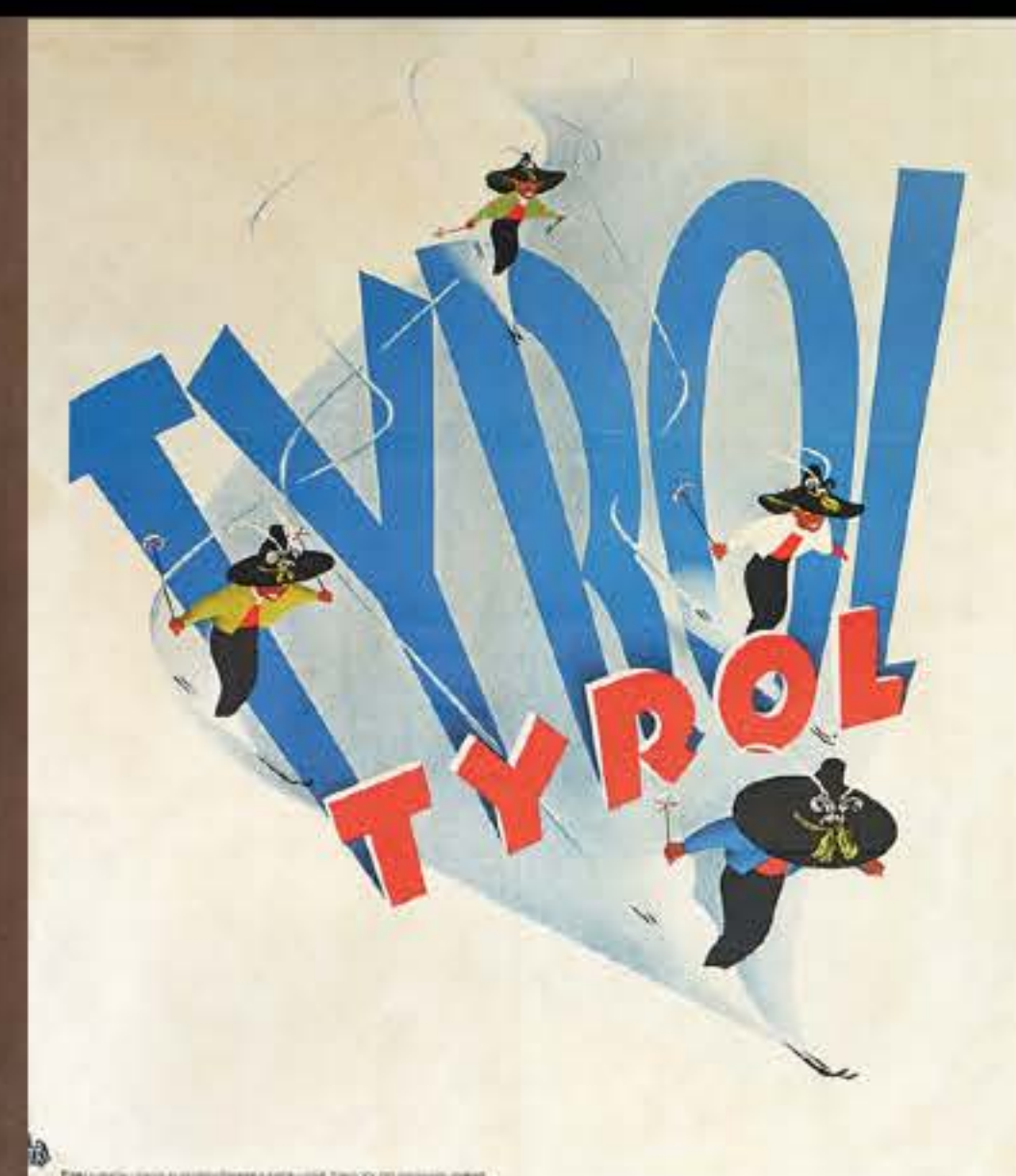
St Christoph, Austria

Despite the Bond-ish name and numbering of the four apartments (001 to 004), the vibe here is homely, somewhere to hunker down. Named by the owners' children for the breathtaking views of the Valluga peak, Skyfall is the first private chalet to be built in the village for 50 years, and possibly the last, due to super-strict planning restrictions. The pick here is penthouse apartment 004, set on the top two floors with five bedrooms and bathrooms and a smart, David Linley-designed kitchen. In the dining room, glass-disc chandeliers by Italian lighting company Viabizzuno twinkle above an antique refectory table. Original black-and-white mountaineering photographs from the Royal Geographical Society and vintage ski posters are framed on the walls. Everything is cleverly considered, right down to little touches such as bone handles on the doors, tree motifs carved on the bunk beds and a pair of binoculars atop a tripod for spotting skiers as they swoosh down the slopes. [www.aribergskyfall.com](http://www.aribergskyfall.com). 004 from £14,220 a week. Sleeps 11



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