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Where to hit the slopes in style this winter

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WHETHER YOU'RE SEEKING stellar backcountry, fresh powder or gorgeous groomers, you'll find what you're looking for at these five-star European ski resorts this winter.



Stay in the Panorama Suite (below) at the Alpina Gstaad (above) and indulge in all the haute hotel has to offer, including a Six Senses Spa, the Michelin-starred Sommet, Megu and a Havana-style cigar lounge.



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Gstaad, a resort town in the southwestern Swiss Alps, is a famously popular destination for the jet setters and high society alike. Although two of its most famous events occur during the summer months—the Hublot Polo Cup and the Swiss Open—it's best known as a mountain town, and as such, the winter months are a killer time to come and ski or snowboard in style. Stay in Gstaad as well by booking a suite at the Alpina Gstaad, which, when it opened its doors in 2012, was the newest luxury hotel to open in that small Swiss Alpine village in 100 years. Even in this village of billionaires, it made a splash with its Six Senses Spa, its two Michelin-starred eateries Sommet and Megu, Havana-style cigar lounge, cinema where the Hollywood set screens films, a 1,000-bottle wine room, Culinary Week takeover of the storied Harry's Bar and a stunning modern art collection from the likes of Tracey Emin, Futura and Roy Nachum. In addition to the permanent collection there, the hotel also features an artist of the moment in order to provide a new, fresh and constantly rotating cultural exhibit.

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