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Travel Talk

Winter sports: New hotels for 2018

France gets a slew of upmarket, city chic-style ski hotels, Eastern Europe's peaks go boutique, Whistler opens some affordable 'pod hotel' rooms and Powder Mountain, Utah, starts turning punters away

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Switzerland

A grande dame make-over

She's 110 this year but Belle Époque [Hotel Walther](#) in Pontresina, near St Mortiz, is as spry as a slalom racer, thanks to an artful revamp by Zurich-based designer, Virginia Maissen. The venerable Engadin Skimarathon (11 March 2018; engadin-skimarathon.ch), one of Europe's best-known ski races, passes through the village. Double rooms from CFH300 (£239).