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Chalet  
Indigo

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Chalet  
Pashmina

Megève began its life as a ski resort when Baroness Noémie de Rothschild opened the Mont d'Arbois hotel there in 1921. Overlooking Mont Blanc in the Haute-Savoie, the

ski resort's smart shops and luxury hotels (including the Chalet du Mont d'Arbois and Les Fermes de Marie) continue to attract a moneyed crowd, and this quartet of up-market chalets, all sleeping 12, is likely to prove equally enticing. Brought together with six others under the Evasion Prestige banner by former French national team skier David Prétot, they include the spectacular **CHALET INDIGO** in the Mont d'Arbois area, which comes with an indoor pool, outdoor Jacuzzi, home cinema with bar, DJ station and karaoke machine, and the gorgeous, rustic **FARM SHATOOSH**, a renovated 19th-century farm building 10 minutes' drive from Megève, with a wooden staircase curving up through 15 metres of exposed struts, beams and rafters, and a spa area with steam



Chalet  
Cashmere

room, Jacuzzi and massage room. The two other chalets are **CHALET PASHMINA**, which has more traditional interiors, a circular fireplace and an indoor pool with windows onto the slopes, and Prétot's own property, **CHALET CASHMERE**, a hi-tech contemporary stunner set around a loft-style living space, which was opened last year. It has five rooms (one for children), a spa suite with steam and massage rooms, and



Farm  
Shatoosh

an outdoor Jacuzzi overlooking Rochebrune mountain. The snowy interiors were conceived by Prétot's wife Géraldine, taking Marcel Wanders' Cocoon Zeppelin chandelier as her starting point. All four have a concierge service; chef, butler, and spa treatments are among the optional extras. Chalets from €21,000 per week (00 33 4 50 90 75 05; [www.evasion-megeve.com](http://www.evasion-megeve.com))