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Niche French hotel group Maisons Pariente pulled off a first in Méribel for the winter season – a ski-in, ski-out hotel with design at its core. Interior architect Pierre Yovanovitch has fashioned the look and feel of 55-room Le Coucou, playfully tweaking the traditional Alpine aesthetic with a bespoke, contemporary vibe. The design process, including multiple specially crafted pieces of furniture and lighting, took two years to complete. Interiors are quirky, colourful and elegant, supplemented by an eclectic collection of art. Two private chalets are on offer, too.



ROUND-UP

Big news in France this summer will be the awaited opening of Airelles Château de Versailles, Le Grand Contrôle (above), with 14 rooms featuring interiors in Christophe Tollemer's take on 18th-century style, and access to the glorious French gardens. In the Loire Valley, new wellness and wine retreat Les Sources de Cheverny will occupy a chateau and assorted farmhouses and cabins in 45 hectares of countryside. On a similarly grand theme in Italy, the exquisite Reschio estate on the Tuscan/Umbrian border will unveil Castello di Reschio, a 36-room hotel at the property's heart. In the rural town of Santanyi in south-east Mallorca, Can Ferrereta will occupy a 17th-century mansion with 32 stylish rooms arranged round a central pool and garden To India where Deeppura Garh a 200-year-old Rajasthani fort has been beautifully restored by its Italian/Belgian owners. Ren one of the 10 rooms or take ove the entire place. Raas Hotel now runs Chhatrasagar, also i Rajasthan, rebuilding the tent that march along its lakesid dam, adding a dining pavilion pool and spa to its setting. Mear while in southern Sri Lank Malabar Hill has opened wit 15 villas and a huge infinity po on a jungly hilltop inland fro Weligama. In the US, the famo Resort at Paws Up in Monta will launch The Green 0 co temporary woodland retreat; a in northern California's Sono County, Montage Healdsbu will offer stylish cabins amo vineyards and groves of oaks.

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