

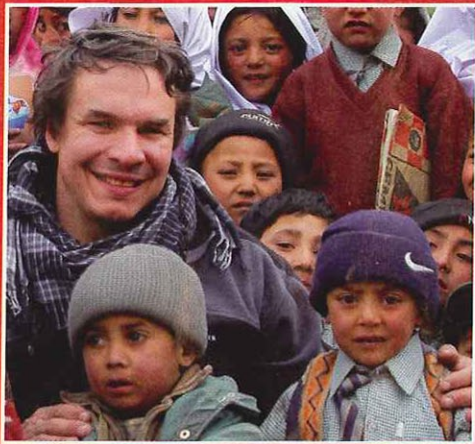
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Hotel of the week



Bellevue des Alpes, Switzerland

The Bellevue is "in a place where no hotel should be", says Kate Rew in *The Guardian* – "at the foot of one of the most terrifying climbs in the world", the North Face of the Eiger. With an old-fashioned interior and impeccable service, this hotel offers a ski break straight "from the privileged Fifties". A "vigorous" day on the slopes is preceded by a breakfast of perfect boiled eggs and home-made plum jam; later, there's a hot soak in a claw-foot bath before cocktails that seem to be from another era, then dinner served "on the family silver". In stormy weather, staff and guests may be "locked together for days": a little like being on a ship.

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