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THE kingdom of Cambodia is benefitting from three decades of relative stability under Prime Minister Hun Sen after recovering from the brutal regime of the Khmer Rouge. Tourism is now growing by about 15% year-on-year. Since May 2010's foreign-ownership property laws, the country's appeal to overseas buyers has grown. 'Cambodia is an exciting new residential market, which is opening up,' says Rob Green of Sphere Estates. 'The first major luxury resort was Song Saa, offering a mix of island and overwater villas, and the residences, sold on long leaseholds, are now completely sold out.' Sphere Estates is launching Alila Villas, on the picturesque island of Koh Russey, which is a 15-minute speedboat ride from Sihanoukville town. The contemporary one-, two- and four-bedroom villas are sold on 99-year leases with prices starting from \$550,000 (£382,000) (020-3617 1360; www.sphereestates.com).



Shadow of Mont Blanc

THE Alpine resort of Chamonix, which has the best reputation for year-round activities, is gaining a new development of apartments in a prime residential area. Featuring everything from a one-bedroom, one-bathroom pied-à-terre right up to a six-bedroom duplex penthouse with its own lift and spa centre, La Cordée in the exclusive area of Les Praz de Chamonix is surrounded by spectacular mountain scenery. Prices for the freehold apartments start at €365,000 through Leggett Prestige (00 33 7 76 39 95 07)



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The 16th-century farmhouse-turned-hotel **Masseria Trapanà**, near Lecce in Puglia, is hosting a five-day cookery course this October. Classes will focus on the area's *cucina povera* using typical Pugliese ingredients and everyone will learn how to make *orecchiette*, the ear-shaped pasta that the region is famous for. The price of the package includes all meals and a tour of Lecce (often called the Florence of the South). From €150 per person per night (00 39 832183 2101; www.trapanacom).

Anyone looking to fine-tune their mountain descents might like to book themselves into one of the VIP ski-race packages offered by **Le Chardon Mountain Lodges**. 'We work hard to find new and engaging ways of pushing our client service to new heights,' says the company's director Jamie Rennie. 'Our guests are keen skiers. What could be better than learning to race in Val d'Isère, where world champions race every year, coached by former Olympians such as Alain Baxter?' After a punishing day on the slopes, wind down with a soak in your chalet's outdoor hot tub. For details, telephone 0131-209 7969 or visit www.lechardonvaldisere.com