

# Chalet Megeve

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After a day on the slopes, the owners of the incredibly well appointed Chalet Megeve can take comfort in the knowledge that their homecoming will always be warm. Yes, this is après-ski Crestron-style and it is very luxurious indeed!

Nestling at the foot of Mont Blanc, this impressive chalet fuses rustic charm with contemporary design and has an enviable technical specification to boot, for which systems integrator Mark Buckfield at Creative Home Cinema received industry recognition when the project won the Best International Category at the Crestron UK Integration Awards.

A worthy award winner, Chalet Megeve boasts an impressive array of Crestron controlled audio and visual technology throughout, even in the sauna room! In the lounge area a motorized, retracting painting of Mount Blanc cleverly conceals a 60" Vidikron plasma screen whilst Artcoustic speakers provide the ultimate surround sound experience.

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A Kaleidescape entertainment system allows the homeowners to collect, manage and enjoy their entire digital movie and music collection with breathtaking ease and speed for maximum enjoyment and it is all easily accessible and operational with one touch of the Crestron STX-1700CXP wireless touchpanel.

A high-performance two-way wireless touchpanel, the STX-1700CXP offers an ideal interface for controlling the chalet's home cinema and other systems. With its 5.7" active matrix



touchpanel and compact portable design, it delivers outstanding touchpanel performance with complete freedom of movement. Additional touchscreen provision is provided by two Crestron MT-1000C compact wireless touchpanels and a TPS-4L wall mount touchpanel.

In the aptly named snug-room, an innovative Future Automation 'drop-down' ceiling-mounted plasma arrangement ensures that the screen remains out of sight until activated by the Crestron control system. Each of the Chalet's three guest bedrooms boast a Philips Aurea screen for enhanced HD viewing and an iPod docking station. Even when relaxing in the sauna or hot tub, occupants can enjoy listening to their favorite artist through the Sonance heat-proof and outdoor speakers.

Just over two miles of cabling underpins the system, transmitting signals throughout the chalet from a centrally-located equipment rack. Hidden within a convenient storage cupboard, the professional equipment racks accommodate the heavy duty hardware which includes the C2N-DAP8 surround sound processor. A CNAMPX-16X60 provides 16 channels of world-class audio amplification for the distribution of speaker-level audio throughout the chalet and there is also a CNX-PAD8A high-performance audio switcher and preamplifier.

Mark Buckfield and his team overcame a number of substantial challenges to complete this install, including taking on the elements and substantial snowfall, but the result certainly affords them the warm glow of victory!

