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## **VAL THORENS Ski Resort in FRANCE - Live United this Season**

**From November 26, 2016 To May 01, 2017**

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The Sports Centre offers a wide range of activities in a 7,500 sq. m covered space, open 7 days a week from 10am to 10pm. The Spa is reserved for people over 16 years old and proposes saunas, a steam room and jacuzzis in addition to two swimming pools, including one balneotherapy pool for total relaxation. The Club proposes to children a wimming pool with water line, fun pool with sprays and waterfalls, paddling pool,.... From the age of six months, water-based activities are organised by swimming instructors : water babies, aquati kids, p'tit dauphins, private swimming lessons,.... From the age of 16 : let off some energy to music in one of the many aquagym, aquabiking or swimming classes.

Whatever your age or sports level a number of activities are available at the Resort : skicross, mountain biking on snow, paragliding, snowmobile, walks, snowshoeing, sledding, dancing and relaxation at the Sports Centre, aquaerobics at the Aquaclub... Val Thorens offers initiation or improvement classes in many areas : Fun Slope, a piste suitable for the whole family ; Easy Park for the first successful figures and then to head to the ultra-creative snowpark modules.

Ski fitness is to ski touring what jogging is to running; a cardio activity carried out wearing lightweight clothing, close-fitting trousers and a thin jacket.

Val Thorens was created in December 1971 when an exceptional natural environment was discovered by a group of visionary pioneers. It is located in Savoie, Massif de la Vanoise, Vallée des Belleville, Sommet des 3 Vallées. Technical and commercial innovations, bold approaches and human challenges, the history of the resort is punctuated with high points which all played their part in turning it into the exceptional destination it is today.

In 1981/1982, SETAM took on the project of building the largest cable car in the world, the Cime Caron Cable Car which ascended to an altitude of 3,200 metres. This development marked the beginning of a new era for Val Thorens and positioned the resort amongst the leading major winter sports resorts.

In 1990 (in collaboration with Denis Creissels), SETAM engineers invented the Funitel Lift Concept (a bi-cable unit boasting excellent wind resistance) and installed the first of its kind at the foot of the Pécelet glacier. SETAM then handed over the patent to ski lift manufacturers who exported the concept throughout the world.

In 1995, a double embarkation chair lift was created which simultaneously provided a higher transportation rate, and improved passenger comfort. At the same time, the link between the Maurienne/the 3 Vallées was built, via Orelle, with the construction of the longest gondola lift in the world in one section. In 2004, at the Oxalys restaurant, Jean Sulpice received his first Michelin star and became the youngest chef in France to have the honour....

A Press Conference was given on October 17, 2016 at 'Le Rugby Club' in PARIS to promote the new activities for this season

2016/2017 :

- \* Le Club Vam Thorens : Free Membership to live experiences, invitations... every week
  - \* Valthotens.com : the site updated
  - \* Ski Flux : to inform anytime and Livde the practitioners of the attendance at the ski tracks
  - \* Opening of 4\* Hôtel 'Le Fahrenheit Seven'
  - \* Opening of the first ecological built Guest House 'La Datcha'
  - \* Pashmina Winter Camp
  - \* Complete relooking of Snowpark
  - \* Return of the Monoski
- (...)

During the Press Conference, the different activities were presented by :

- \* Aurélie NEY for the 'Alpen Art Concept Store Zen and Cultural'
  - \* Dominique TOURNIER for the opening of Fahrenheit Seven Hôtel \*\*\*\*
  - \* Chloé TRESPEUCH for the Snowboard Cross activities. She is member of the French Team of Snowboard Cross (Bronze Medal in 2014 Sochi Olympic Games & 2016 France Champion)
- (...)

Source : Press Conference on October 17, 2016 at Le Rugby Club

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