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## HOW AUSTRIA BECAME PUTIN'S ALPINE FORTRESS

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*For Vienna, neutrality is simply good business.*

It didnt occur to the Austrian chamber of commerce that hosting a cozy networking event on the outskirts of Moscow might raise eyebrows in some quarters.

As record cold gripped the Russian capital in January, the local chapter saw an opportunity to pierce the ennui of the snowbound winter with a sporty Austrian Business Circle in Moscow featuring cross-country skiing in Odintsovo, a park for culture, sport and relaxation.

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