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The Real Estate column Housing organisations in Switzerland.

The real estate profession in Switzerland is open to all. Various organisations bring together the estate agencies and housing co-operations distinguished by their collaboration with individuals who have demonstrated a certain standard of experience and competency.

The standard is set locally by the AGIV. The majority of the agencies (13) in Verbier are constituents of this organisation, which is currently presided by M. Eugster. The members meet regularly to discuss various issues; in particular the key topic of location prices.

Headed by M. Fontannaz, the API unites 82 members on a Cantonal level. The majority of the constituents of the API hail from the Francophone region of Switzerland. Eleven of them are from Verbier.

The mountain agencies constitute a division named API-Tourisme, of which Daniel Guinnard is a board member.

The API sets the cantonal directives and formulates documents such as rental agreements as well as suggesting the terms for brokerage contracts.

On a national level, the USPI, in the francophone region of Switzerland and the SVIT, in the German speaking region, act as umbrella associations countrywide.

Internationally, there is the FIABCI of which the only member in Verbier is M. André Guinnard. The most highly recognised degree one can obtain in Switzerland is the Federal Masters in Real Estate Management and Brokerage. Verbier is represented by 4 people, MM. Freddy, Thierry Michaud, Maurice Deslarzes and Daniel Guinnard.

Looking for a professional and competent service? Contact the members of an association such as the l'AGIV ([www.verbier.ch/agiv](http://www.verbier.ch/agiv) <<http://www.verbier.ch/agiv>>) here in Verbier.

Enjoy your stay in Verbier!

