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## Escapes

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### LIVING HERE

## Your Snow Week

**WHO** Tom Cibotti, 41, an investment banker from Boston, shown with, from left, his wife, Carla, 40, and sons, Andrew, 10, and Matt, 13

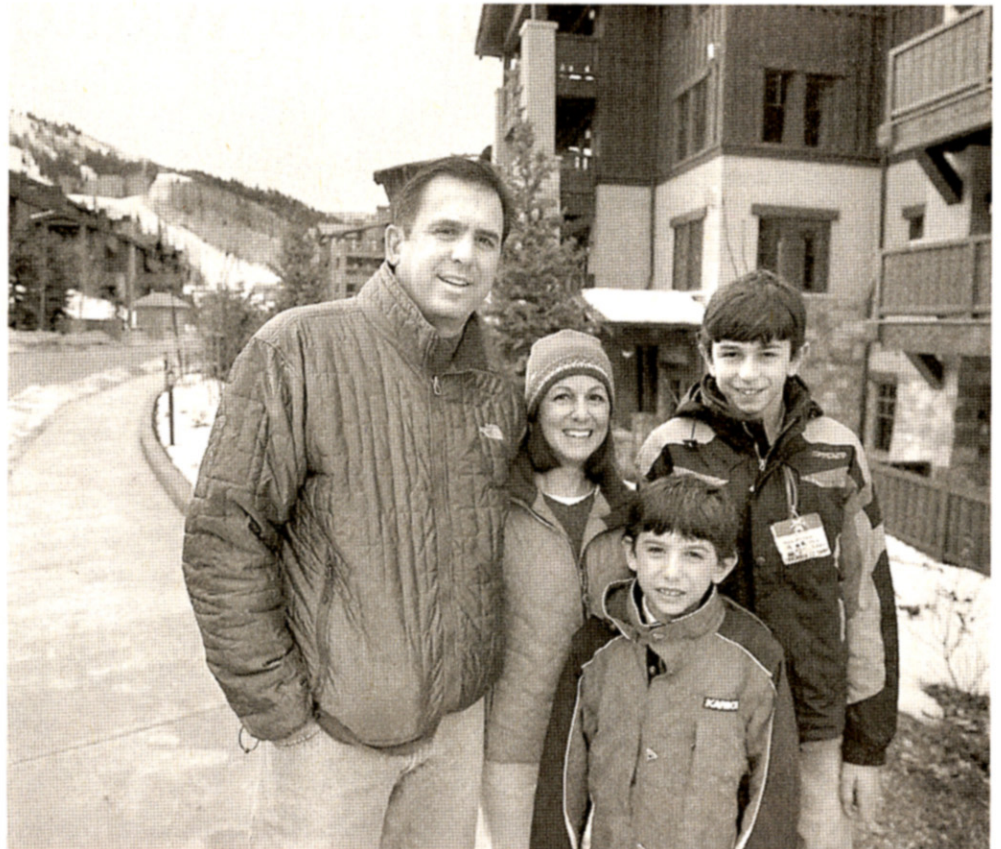
**WHAT** 4-bedroom condominium, sixth share

**WHERE** Park City, Utah

I used to own a ski condo in New Hampshire, but even though it was within driving distance of Boston, my family and I never got there as much as we thought we would. I was attracted to the idea of fractional ownership because there are just far fewer hassles. And when I started doing the math looking at full ownership versus fractional ownership, and how many times a year we would realistically go out there, it made sense. I bought a one-sixth share of a penthouse unit at the Residences at the Chateaux, in Silver Lake Village at the Deer Valley Resort. It's a 64-second walk to the lift. I've timed it.

A lottery dictates the picking order for weeks among the owners each year. I'm guaranteed two weeks of time in the summer and two weeks in the winter, and I can also book a week each season at the last minute. This is beyond any five-star resort experience. When I arrive with my family, we're picked up at the airport in a big S.U.V. and we don't have to rent a car. There is a shuttle service to other ski resorts, so if we are there for a week, we can change up our skiing a bit. Not only are there lockers at the development to store our skis while we are here, but we were given four massive duffel bags to store all the ski clothes, so each time we come out here there is virtually no packing required. The concierge can book all our dinner reservations. I bought here for the skiing, but with the great national parks in the area, we'll be out here this summer, too.

*As told to Amy Gunderson*



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