

Press Kit

**7132**

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## Our World

The hamlet of Vals in the Canton of Grisons, with a population of just 1,000 residents, is home to one of Switzerland's most unique hotel ensembles in architectural terms, not least because of its 7132 Thermal Baths. Inspired by the town's postcode, the hotel's name symbolizes an extraordinary tourist concept that places a premium on preserving the originality and exclusivity of the offer in Vals in all of its activities. The three hotels and the thermal baths by architect Peter Zumthor are not just buildings but living, breathing parts of the history and life of Vals – they are part of the village, inviting you to step into a world of architectural wonder and relaxation.

The first written mention of the healing powers of the thermal waters of Vals dates back all the way to the 17th century. In 1964, the former sanatorium was converted into a spa hotel, a move that ushered in the shift from medical tourism to leisure travel. In 1983, the municipality of Vals took over the hotel compound and the baths and commissioned architect Peter Zumthor to design new thermal baths. In 1998, just two years after their grand opening in 1996, the thermal baths were granted protected heritage status.

A native of Vals eventually took over the hotel and thermal baths in 2012, a step necessitated by the urgent need to invest and by changing needs in tourism. The entire infrastructure was replaced and expanded to satisfy the expectations of today's aspirational guests. To adjust the new 7132 Hotels after the complete structural alteration to the architectural concept of the thermal baths designed by Peter Zumthor, several other prestigious architects were invited to Vals to let their creative imaginations roam free. In the House of Architects, which lies next to the main building of the 7132 Hotel 5S, no less than four of them—Peter Zumthor, Kengo Kuma, Tadao Ando, and Thom Mayne—were asked to flesh out their visions. As a result, each room is an aesthetic treat for architecture and design enthusiasts. Further avant-garde projects are being planned by prestigious architects to position Vals as a hideaway for deceleration and retreat for outstanding architecture.

The final refurbishment stage, for the time being, was concluded in July 2017. In addition to the new rooms at the five-star-superior hotel detailed below, every aspect of the hotel was carefully considered and redesigned, from the reception and lobby to the bar and the entire garden complex, including gazebo and sun terraces. New additions also include a generously proportioned library with an open fireplace as well as four high-end meeting rooms that accommodate up to 40 people, the idea being to support the year-round operation of the hotel. This meticulous attention to detail ensures that your stay at the 7132 Thermal Baths and Hotels is nothing short of exceptional.

## The Hamlet

Perched at 1,252 meters above sea level, Vals is a haven of tranquility. Its famous hot springs, a natural wonder, offer a unique opportunity for relaxation and rejuvenation. The municipality, known for its tourism and the world-renowned 7132 Thermal Baths, also benefits from Vals' mineral springs and the mining of Vals Quartzite. This blend of natural beauty and modern Amenities makes Vals a truly unique destination.

The 7132 Hotels, nestled at the entrance of the picturesque hamlet of Vals in the Grisons mountains, offer a unique blend of exclusivity and luxury. Surrounded by an archaic alpine landscape, the hotels provide a haven of calm and a space for forward-thinking visions. Guests of the 7132 Hotels are treated to a unique ambiance, a break from the mundane routines of modern life. Here, leisure, tranquility, and deceleration are the ultimate luxuries, and guests are encouraged to relax, be pampered, and enjoy the moment in a stimulating and stylish setting. The 7132 Hotels are a testament to a fully sensory experience, with exceptional architecture, high-spec design, exquisite cuisine, and thermal baths of global renown.

## 7132 Hotel 5<sup>S</sup>

The opening of the 7132 Hotel 5S gave Vals an iconic luxury hotel that sets new standards for this type of destination: In a luxurious yet lean style, three spa suites and twelve spa deluxe rooms with en-suite steam room were created, as well as three double rooms and one single room. Bright colors and rare natural materials dominate the timeless design. Each room comes with an unobstructed view of the alpine world surrounding the hotel. The top floor comprises three stunning penthouse suites of 90 square meters each, designed by the celebrated Japanese architect Kengo Kuma. The fully glazed frontages make the breathtaking view seem like a painted backdrop so that the scenery outside almost becomes part of the interior. The 7132 Hotel offers two in-house restaurants, the 7132 Blue Bar, two board rooms, and two meeting rooms for incentives and events. The associated 7132 Thermal Baths are accessible directly from the hotel's spa area.

## 7132 House of Architects

The 7132 House of Architects delivers what the name promises. Four internationally renowned architects were encouraged to develop their visions: Peter Zumthor, Tadao Ando, Kengo Kuma, and Thom Mayne. Each room presents a different, visually appealing experience for design lovers. After a day of exploring Vals, Peter Zumthor's architectural masterpiece in Vals quartzite awaits – the 7132 Thermal Baths. The internationally acclaimed baths impress with simple elegance and timelessness that lets you forget it has been hosting bathers here for 25 years already. The 7132 Thermal Baths surround the 7132 Hotel 5S with various restaurants, the 7132 Blue Bar, and a fitness room. All these facilities can conveniently be reached via a glassed-in passageway from the 7132 House of Architects.

Peter Zumthor created ten rooms in stucco lustro, a plastering technique from the Italian Renaissance that offers a refreshingly sensual experience through the chosen hues of red, black, and yellow and through the combination with hand-painted curtains made of Habotai silk.

Kengo Kuma relied on Japanese carpentry to turn the 23 rooms he designed into cozy oakwood cocoons. In the center of each room, an open floor-level shower rests on a base of local granite.

His compatriot Tadao Ando chose to pay homage to the subtle aesthetics of Japan's tea houses when designing his 18 rooms. The rooms radiate a soothing tranquility and direct the eyes of those who stay here toward the alpine scenery of the mountainside across from them.

The US American Thom Mayne divided his focus between wood and black stone as he designed the remaining 22 architectural rooms. In 2016, he placed a free-standing

shower stall in the center of each room, whose organic shape offers a three-dimensional experience of space.

## 7132 Glenner

The chalet, with its traditional design, sits in the center of the village and will amaze you with its cozy but modern rooms and charming interior design. All 12 rooms, which range from 20 to 32 square meters in size, offer alpine chic against the backdrop of Vals' stunning mountains. This endearing little guest house nicely harmonizes the village with the modern hotel complex on its edge, and it is a popular gathering place in the heart of Vals.

## 7132 Therme

Its legendary hot springs were the first thing Vals became known for. For more than a century, bathers have been drawn to the mineralized water of the St. Peter Spring, which has a temperature of 30°C at its source. The new baths that Peter Zumthor designed made the architect globally renowned in 1996. The monolithic building of raw concrete and 60,000 slabs of Vals quartzite pays homage to the archaic beauty of the Vals Valley. Leading architecture critics worldwide applauded Zumthor in recognition of this masterpiece. In 2009, Peter Zumthor was awarded the Pritzker Architecture Prize. More than ever before, the thermal baths of Vals attract architecture and design enthusiasts.

The baths divide into six pools, ranging from 14°C in the Ice Pool to 42°C in the Fire Pool. But nothing will wow you like the Outdoor Pool, whose waters are up to 36°C warm, depending on the time of year. Twelve sweating stones in the steam room and many options for resting complete the feel-good amenities. The baths divide into six pools, ranging from 14°C in the Ice Pool to 42°C in the Fire Pool.

One of the most enchanting experiences, available three times a week, is the opportunity to relax under the starlit sky. From 11 p.m. until 1 a.m., guests of the 7132 Hotels can immerse themselves in the quiet, almost magical setting of the Vals hot springs. This unique night bathing experience, held every Wednesday, Friday, and Sunday, will leave a lasting impression.

The ESPA spa, a haven of relaxation, offers a wide range of treatments in seven treatment rooms and one water massage room. The diverse spectrum of services caters to every guest's needs, from rejuvenating body treatments to refreshing facials. Some of the signature treatments even draw inspiration from Vals' landscape, using local quartzite rocks in rituals like the hot stone ritual. Guests can also indulge in a hair salon and fitness room services, ensuring a comprehensive wellness experience.

## 7132 Silver

Our fine-dining restaurant, designed by Peter Zumthor, is run by Chef Marcel Koolen and has been awarded two Michelin stars and 16 Gault & Millau points. He and his team create true taste sensations far beyond mainstream cuisine. Young but experienced, open-minded yet disciplined, at home in both Vals and the whole wide world: Things that seem incompatible at first glance playfully interact in Koolen's universe. Born in the Netherlands, he takes his very own dynamic approach to cook his way to fame: He and his team often venture out into the hills of Vals to gather mushrooms, herbs, and berries, drawing inspiration from nature herself. Bringing in lobster, caviar, or local duck, for example, he creates dishes that blend luxury products with fresh local components.

As a special treat for our esteemed guests at 7132 Hotel 5S, the restaurant offers a separate breakfast each morning. This exclusive experience features unique à la carte dishes crafted with the same passion and dedication that has earned our restaurant its prestigious reputation.

## 7132 Red

Executive Chef, Matthias Schmidberger and Restaurant Manager, Matteo Sgarbi, serve classic dishes prepared with the finest ingredients from all corners of the world. Whether it is fresh Branzino or Crêpe Suzette flambeed tableside – it is all about the traditional preparation at 7132 Red. Guests at 7132 House of Architects enjoy a rich

alpine breakfast with freshly baked bread, homemade jams and wide selections of meat and dairy products as well as tea.

## 7132 Blue Bar

Chef de Bar Tony Lampis and his team offer a wide variety of cocktails and snacks in the heart of the 7132 lobby. Whether you fancy a light lunch, afternoon tea, or an aperitif and drink accompanied by live music, the Blue Bar offers a unique ambiance with an alpine panorama at any time of the day.

## 7132 daPapà

This restaurant near the 7132 Hotel 5S, and our squadra around restaurant manager Giacomo Mura, celebrates Italy's Dolce Vita with Lasagna and the best pizza in town. The prosciutto is cut to perfection with a Berkel ham-slicing machine, and the finest vintages from famous vineyards of Piedmont and Tuscany grace the wine list. The thoughtful furnishings and the black-and-white photographs on the walls bring to mind the masterpieces from the Cinecittà studios and the times of Federico Fellini.

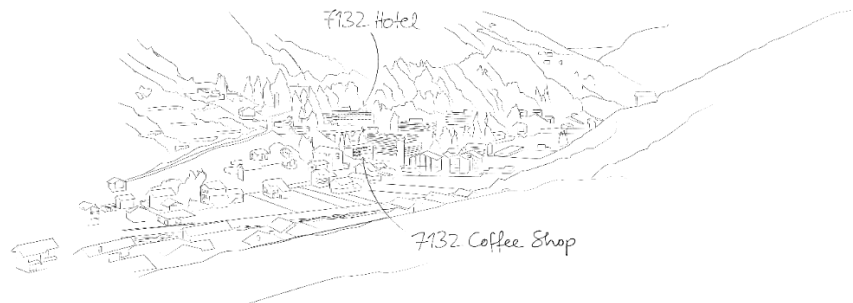
## Glenner Restaurant

At the Glenner, we treat our guests to heart-warming traditional specialties. Over Grisons barley soup or the fondue menu, prepared with Glenner's unique blend, this place in the center of town brings visitors and locals together in cozy conviviality. Rustic fare of the finest quality: the meat, of course, comes from the in-house butcher shop and the nut gateau from the 7132 Bakery.



## 7132 Coffee Shop

This is where the most precious architecture books and freshly ground coffee beans meet an exhibition on the history of Vals and the 7132 Hotels. The design store hosts curated Vals Quartzite products, architecture magazines, and homemade specialties from the 7132 Bakery. It is the place to be and to take home a piece of Vals.



## 7132 Meet

The four meeting rooms, fully equipped with state-of-the-art conferencing infrastructure, receive plenty of daylight through their large window frontages and offer a unique view of the local scenery. Four event facilities ranging from 22 to 223 square meters provide ample room for the most diverse events, conferences, incentives, and management meetings.

## Sustainability

### **Swisstainable**

As a «Committed» certified company we actively shape sustainable tourism in Switzerland and help implement various internal and external changes to improve the ecological footprint.

### **Sapocycle Partnership**

Leftover soap is collected at 7132 Hotels and sanitized by people with disabilities before being distributed to families in need in Switzerland and abroad.

### **Mobility**

Complimentary EV charging stations for hotel guests.

E-bikes on site for hotel guests.

Support in planning your arrival by public transport.

### **Energy**

The energy of the hot spring is used to heat the pools as well as the hotels through a heat exchange pump.

Ongoing implementation of energy saving lights and movement detection sensors.

### **Social**

Close partnerships to local producers of fruit, vegetables, eggs and dairy products

Collaborations with Visit Vals on cultural events to benefit locals, such as the Vals Music Summer in the 7132 Thermal Baths.

## Arrival

### **Helicopter**

The 7132 Hotels own a helicopter. The late-version Airbus EC 130 will fly guests from a location of their choice within Switzerland to Vals. When booking a Penthouse Suite at 7132 Hotel 5S, the transfer, depending on the weather conditions, from and to their closest landing field is complimentary.

### **By plane**

The nearest international airport is Zurich, which is 175 kilometers away. The private airports in St. Moritz - Engadin (138 km) and St. Gallen - Altenrhein (138 km) are accessible by limousine or the 7132 Helicopter.

### **By car**

Arriving from Chur via Flims to Ilanz, it is another 20 kilometers to Vals. Valet parking and EV charging stations are available for hotel guests.

The 7132 Hotels maintain a fleet of comfortable Mercedes S Class limousines and a Mercedes Viano for shuttling guests.

### **By bus and rail**

The nearest railway station is located in «Ilanz» and reachable via Chur. From there, direct postal bus service is available to the station «Vals, Therme».

## General Information

Altitude	1252 m
Year built	from 1964
Refurbishment	until 2017
Season	open all year round

## Facilities

### 7132 Hotel 5<sup>s</sup>

Double room with breakfast from CHF 680  
3 Penthouse Suites by Kengo Kuma  
3 Spa Suites  
12 Spa Deluxe rooms  
3 Double rooms  
1 Single room

### 7132 House of Architects

Double room with breakfast from CHF 340  
23 Kuma rooms 20 sqm  
18 Ando rooms 20 sqm  
10 Zumthor rooms 20 sqm  
22 Mayne rooms 20 sqm

### 7132 Spa

7 treatment rooms with ESPA products and treatments  
Hair salon stocking La Biosthétique products  
Gym

### 7132 Therme

Indoor pool 32°C  
Outdoor pool in winter 36°C  
Outdoor pool in summer 30-33°C  
Fire pool 42°C  
Ice pool 14°C  
Blossom pool 33°C  
Soundpool/spring grotto 35°C  
12 sweating stones with steam bath

## Management

### Management

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