

# The Art of Alpine Luxury The 7132 Hotel in brief

The 7132 Hotel is located at the entrance to the picturesque village of Vals in Switzerland's Grisons Alps – a place of idyllic scenery and an ancient mountain setting with space for future visions. Famous for its thermal springs, Vals is a calm retreat within which the 7132 Hotel offers a thoroughly distinctive atmosphere.

Guests at the 7132 Hotel escape the mediocrity of the mainstream and are treated to the last true luxuries of our hectic modern era: leisure, tranquility and relaxation. This is a place to unwind, indulge yourself and savour the moment in an inspiring and stylish setting. The 7132 is committed to everything that appeals to the senses: exceptional architecture and design, exquisite cuisine and a world-class thermal spa. The final phase of the most recent renovations was completed in July 2017. In addition to the new rooms described below, the reception and lobby area have been completely redesigned, as have the bar and the entire hotel grounds, including the pavilion and sun-decks. A spacious library with an open fireplace has also been added.

To underscore the hotel's all-year-round appeal, four exclusive meeting rooms have been created, providing space for up to 40 people.

## 7132 Thermal Baths

The legendary thermal springs are what make Vals unique. The highly mineralised water that emerges at 30° Celsius from St. Peter's spring has attracted visitors to the spa for more than 100 years. In 1996 architect Peter Zumthor rose to international fame with his design for a new spa complex. Consisting of raw concrete and 60,000 slabs of local quartzite stone, the monolithic building is an architectural tribute to the archaic beauty of the Vals valley. It has been acclaimed by leading architecture critics worldwide. Peter Zumthor was awarded the Pritzker Prize in 2009.

## Rooms

The hotel consists of two buildings: the 5-star 7132 Hotel Deluxe and the adjacent 4-star House of Architects by 7132 featuring a unique collection of rooms designed by renowned architects: Tadao Ando, Peter Zumthor, Kengo Kuma and Thom Mayne.

The 7132 Hotel\*\*\*\*\* Deluxe reopened in July 2017, boasting three Spa Suites (90 m<sup>2</sup>) and 12 Spa Deluxe Rooms (60 m<sup>2</sup>), each of which features a steam bath in the bath-room. There are also three new Double Rooms (30 m<sup>2</sup>) and one Single Room (25 m<sup>2</sup>), commanding stunning views. Three supremely elegant Penthouse Suites (90 m<sup>2</sup>) based on designs by Japanese star architect Kengo Kuma are housed on the upper floor. The rates for the 7132 Hotel\*\*\*\*\* Deluxe Penthouse Suites include transfer to Vals by helicopter.

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## **Gastronomy**

Each of the restaurants at the 7132 Hotel shares a passion for premium ingredients, cuisine of the highest quality and personalised service.

### **7132 Silver**

This gourmet restaurant, awarded with two Michelin stars and 18 Gault&Millau points, is overseen by Head Chef Mitja Birlo. Birlo is celebrated as 'Climber of the Year' 2020. Young yet experienced, accessible yet disciplined, equally at home in Vals and the world at large: Birlo effortlessly resolves apparent contradictions. A cosmopolitan at heart, he pursues a distinctively young, bold and dynamic trajectory. Inspired by nature itself, he conjures up unique culinary creations that are a world away from mainstream cuisine.

### **7132 Red**

This restaurant seats up to 60 diners. Head Chef Ulf Bladt, awarded with 15 Gault&Millau points combines contemporary cuisine with timeless classic dishes, using only the very best ingredients from all over the world. The sumptuous breakfast buffet includes bread that is freshly baked every day, homemade jams, an exquisite selection of freshly brewed teas and a wide variety of local and regional meat and dairy products.

### **7132 Blue Bar**

The bar is the place to be for afternoon tea or an aperitif, while food is served all day. In the evening the Blue Bar is perfect for after-dinner cocktails. Top New York jazz musicians play the Steinway grand piano here every night.

### **7132 DaPapà**

The DaPapà team celebrates Italian dolce vita with freshly prepared pasta and crispy pizzas in an easy-going atmosphere. The authentic furniture and black-and-white photographs on the walls are reminiscent of Cinecittà masterpieces and take us back to the era of Federico Fellini.

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## History

The first written references to the curative effects of Vals' thermal springs date back to the 17th century. Doctors in the 19th century recommended therapeutic baths in Vals to treat dermatological conditions. Recreational tourism became the focus in 1964, when German industrialist Kurt Vorlop transformed the original sanatorium into a modern health resort.

In 1983, the municipality of Vals purchased the hotel along with the thermal baths and commissioned Grisons architect Peter Zumthor to design a new spa. When the baths re-opened in 1996 the news spread around the world, and critics praised Zumthor's work as a 'lesson in courage and aesthetics'. It was only natural for the baths to be declared a national monument in 1998, just two years after they re-opened.

The municipality sold the hotel and baths in 2012. This step became necessary due to changing tourism demands and the resulting need for fresh investment. New owner Remo Stoffel, a native of Vals, has since invested in the future of the resort.

It was the unique quality of Vals that provided the inspiration for a new name.

7132 is the postcode of the municipality and has become the trademark of a new tourism concept: The stated aim is to move away from mass tourism and instead preserve the authentic, exclusive nature of what Vals has to offer. All of the company's activities now operate under this name – or rather this number.

The entire complex has been renovated and expanded in order to meet the expectations of a discerning contemporary clientele. Plans featuring further avant-garde projects are also slated with the aim of enhancing the image of Vals as a mecca of architecture.