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Press Kit

7132 Hotel 5^s
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7132 Vals, Switzerland



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Category

Five-star superior hotel
Design hotel
Guest house
Thermal Baths

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The 7132 World

The hamlet of Vals in the Canton of Grisons, while having a population of just 1,000 residents, is home to one of Switzerland's most inspirational hotel ensembles in architectural terms, not least because of its 7132 Thermal Baths. Inspired by the town's postcode, the hotel's name symbolises a very special tourist concept that places a premium on preserving the originality and exclusivity of the offer in Vals in all of its activities. As hotel and thermal baths are closely intertwined with the history and life of Vals, it makes sense therefore that all of the units are branded with this combination of numbers. In order to adjust the new 7132 Hotels after its 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 imagination roam free. In the House of Architects, which lies next to the main building of the 7132 Hotel 5^s, 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 aficionados, and the architectural theme runs like a thread through the hotel ensemble of 7132 Hotel 5^s, 7132 House of Architects, 7132 Glenner, 7132 Gastronomy and 7132 Thermal Baths.

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The Community of Vals

With its famous hot springs, Vals is an idyllic place that helps its visitors to decelerate and find peace. Located at an elevation of 1,252 metres above sea level, it offers great hiking trails in the summertime and reliable snow cover on its ski slopes in winter. First written mention of the healing powers of the thermal waters of Vals dates back all the way to the 17th century. But it was not until the 19th century that physicians started to prescribe spa treatments in Vals to cure dermatological ailments. 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, himself being from Grisons, 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 in order to satisfy the expectations of today's aspirational guests. Additional avant-garde building projects involving celebrated architects are already in planning that will consolidate the status of Vals as an architecture haven. Aside from its tourism revenues, the municipality derives its incomes from the mineral springs of Vals, which play a leading role on the Swiss market for mineral water.

The Art of Alpine Luxury

The 7132 Hotels lie close to the entrance of the scenic hamlet of Vals in the mountains of Grisons: an idyllic setting, an archaic alpine landscape, and room for forward-thinking visions. Vals and its famous hot spring are a quiet retreat, and guests staying at the 7132 Hotel experience a very special ambience.

Leaving behind their drab mainstream routines, guests of the 7132 Hotels treat themselves to the one true luxury left in the bustle of modernity: leisure, tranquillity and deceleration. It is a great place to relax, let yourself be pampered and to enjoy the moment – in a stimulating and stylish setting. 7132 is committed to a fully sensory experience: exceptional architecture, high-spec design, exquisite cuisine, and thermal baths of global renown.

The final refurbishment stage, for the time being, was concluded in July 2017. In addition to the nine rooms at the five-star-superior hotel detailed below, the reception and lobby were completely redecorated, as were the bar and the entire

garden complex including gazebo and sun terraces. New additions also include a generously proportioned library with open hearth as well as four high-end meeting rooms that accommodate up to 28 people, the idea being to support the year-round operation of the hotel.

Vals also inspired the re-naming process with one of its unique characteristics: 7132, the town's postcode, became the trademark of a new tourism concept. Its stated goal is to move away from mass tourism and, in sync with it, to preserve the original and exclusive nature of everything Vals has to offer. All of the company's activities are now pursued under this name - or number, to be exact.

7132 Hotel 5^s

The opening of the 7132 Hotel 5^s 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 colours 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 is taken up by three stunning penthouse suites of 90 square metres each, designed by the celebrated Japanese architect **Kengo Kuma**. The fully glazed frontages make the breath-taking 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 Art of Design

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. Inspiring. Surprising. Different.

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 are surrounded

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by the 7132 Hotel 5^s with its 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 lustrato, a plastering technique from the Italian Renaissance that offers a refreshingly sensuous 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 cosy oakwood cocoons. An open floor-level shower resting on a base of local granite sits in the centre of each room.

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 tranquillity 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 the materials wood and black stone as he designed the remaining 22 architect rooms. In 2016, he placed a free-standing shower stall in the centre of each room whose organic shape offers a three-dimensional experience of space.

7132 Glenner

The chalet with its traditional design sits in the centre of the village and will amaze you with its cosy but modern rooms and their charming interior design. All of the 12 rooms, which range from 20 to 32 square metres in size, offer alpine chic against the backdrop of the stunning mountains of Vals. This endearing little guest house nicely harmonises 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 for which Vals became known. For more than a century, bathers have been drawn to the mineralised water of the St. Peter spring which has a temperature of 30°C at its source. The new baths that Peter

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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 aficionados. 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. It lets you float under the open sky, even after dark on three nights of the week. Twelve sweating stone in the steam room and many options for resting complete the feel-good amenities. The ESPA spa with its seven treatment rooms and a water massage room offers a diverse spectrum of body treatments and facials, with some of the signature treatments referencing the landscape of Vals. Indeed, some of the treatments, such as the hot stone ritual, use local quartzite rocks. In addition, guests may take advantage of a hair salon and a fitness room. A special highlight are the midnight opening hours of the thermal baths on Wednesday, Fridays and Sundays exclusively for hotel guests.

7132 Gastronomie

7132 Silver

Our fine-dining restaurant, seating 30 and run by Head Chef Marcel Koolen, has not only been awarded two Michelin stars but also 18 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 to be 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.

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7132 Red

Executive Chef Matthias Schmidberger serves classic dishes for up to 60 guests, using only the finest ingredients from the four corners of the earth at 7132 Red, awarded with 15 Gault&Millau points. The rich Vals alpine breakfast includes bread baked fresh daily and home-made jams, a choice selection of freshly steeped teas and a wide variety of local and regional meat and dairy products. Setting a table that features authentic seasonal foods from this mountain hamlet is of the essence in the morning.

7132 Blue Bar

Chef de Bar Tony Lampis and his team offer a rich 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 ambience with alpine panorama any time of day.

7132 daPapà

This restaurant near the 7132 Hotel 5^s, seating 60, serves the finest past and pizza in the area in an easy-going atmosphere. The prosciutto is cut to perfection with a Berkel ham-slicing machine, and 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.

7132 Glenner

At the Glenner, we treat our guests to heart-warming traditional specialities. Over Grisons barley soup or the fondue menu, prepared with Glenner's own special blend, this place in the centre of town brings visitors and locals together in cosy 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

The defining features of this place are precious coffee-table books on the world of architecture and freshly ground coffee beans. Guests can sample design coffees while browsing the carefully selected products made of Vals quartzite, architecture magazines and home-made specialities from the 7132 bakery. A great place for spending extra time and selecting Vals souvenirs.

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Event Facilities

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 in size from 22 to 223 square metres provide ample room for the most diverse events, conferences, incentives and meetings.

Our History

First written mention about the healing powers of the thermal waters of Vals date back to the 17th century. In the 19th century, physicians started to prescribe spa treatments in Vals to cure dermatological ailments. In 1964, the German investor Kurt Vorlop began to convert the former sanatorium into a spa hotel, trailblazing the shift from healthcare to leisure tourism.

In 1983, the municipality of Vals took over the hotel compound and the thermal baths, and subsequently commissioned architect Peter Zumthor, himself at home in Grisons, to design new baths. When the thermal baths reopened in 1996, they made headlines around the globe. Architecture critics praised Zumthor's oeuvre as a "lesson in boldness and aesthetics." It was only plausible that the thermal baths were granted protected heritage status in 1998, just two years after they had reopened.

In 2012, the town sold the hotel and the thermal baths. What prompted the step were necessary changes in the offer and urgently required investments. Remo Stoffel, the new owner and a native of Vals, has made forward-looking investments in the hotel ever since.

The hotel's new name is a nod to the town's postcode: 7132. The entire infrastructure was replaced and expanded to ensure it lives up to the expectations of today's aspirational guests. Moreover, further developments are planned for the future.

Getting Here

Helicopter

The 7132 Hotels are the only hotels in Switzerland that operate their own helicopter. The late-version Airbus EC 130 will fly guests from a location of their choice inside Switzerland (i.e. the nearest helipad) to Vals.

By Air

The nearest airports are Zurich International Airport (175 kilometres away), Engadine Airport St. Moritz (125 km) and St. Gallen-Altenrhein Airport (138 km).

Arriving by Car

Coming from Chur via Flims and Ilanz, it is another 20 kilometres to Vals. The 7132 Hotels maintain a fleet of comfortable Mercedes S Class limousines for shuttling guests.

Arriving by Bus and Rail

The nearest railway station is located in Ilanz. From there, direct postal bus service is available to Vals.

Room rates at the 7132 House of Architects start as low as CHF 390 (EUR 350) for two persons, with breakfast included and complimentary use of the 7132 Thermal Baths. The hotel complex is open year-round.

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Facts & Figures

General Information

Elevation above sea level	1252 m
Year built	1964
Refurbishment	until 2017

Board of Directors & Management

Board of Directors	Fulvio Micheletti, President Remo Schmid Ernst Senteler
Management	Katrin Rüfenacht

Rooms & Facilities

7132 Hotel 5^s

- 3 penthouse suites by Kengo Kuma
- 3 spa suites
- 12 spa deluxe rooms
- 3 double rooms
- 1 single room

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23 Kuma rooms	20 sqm
18 Ando rooms	20 sqm
10 Zumthor rooms	20 sqm
22 Mayne rooms	20 sqm

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7132 Spa

7 treatment rooms with ESPA products and treatments

1 water massage room

Hair salon stocking La-Biothétique products

Fitness room

7132 Thermal Baths

Indoor pool: 32 °C

Outdoor pool: Outdoor pool 36 °C (winter) 30 - 33 °C (summer)

Fire pool: 42 °C

Ice pool: 14 °C

Blossom pool: 33 °C

Sound pool / spring grotto: 35 °C

12 sweating stones with steam bath

Baseline date: April 2023

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