

The Diva among the hotels in Zermatt

In the midst of the mountains in the Valais, with a view of the famous Matterhorn, Sonja and Christian Noti have realised their dream of a hotel, together with Heinz Julen. On 27th June 2008, one of the most fascinating hotels in the Alps opened its doors to guests from all over the world.

Both inside and out, many fine details in architecture and design, combined with first-class service, promise a very special holiday and particularly restful days and nights.

The hotel

The new, unique Hotel Garni Matterhorn Focus in Zermatt is like a work of art. The combination of modern architecture, genial comfort, attentive service and fascinating countryside create a special ambience. The splendid location with an unbeatable view of the Matterhorn emphasizes the high standards that the hosts set for the hotel.

Most of the 30 spacious rooms and suites offer a view of the famous „Horu“, some even from the free-standing bath tubs. While from the other rooms there is a view of the buzz of activity in the charming Valais village of Zermatt.

The spacious and exclusive wellness area invites guests to relax in luxury where all their needs will be catered for. It is very important to the hosts, that the guests are able to enjoy to the fullest their well-deserved and always too short holiday. To this end, a splendid indoor pool, an outdoor whirlpool, a saline bath, a caldarium and a Finnish sauna are waiting for the guests. A rest room with heated couches provide relaxation. Massages and beauty treatments, well-fit courses and various leisure activities ensure complete well-being.

Zermatt is, amongst many other things, a perfect setting for seminars and conferences, away from every day life, promoting mental freedom. The light and spaceous meeting rooms of the Hotel Garni Matterhorn Focus are fitted with all the technical features necessary for a successful event. Flexibility is one of the big advantages and ensures success oriented and focussed activities.

The hosts

Sonja and Christian Noti are a dynamic and creative couple, and their two children, Samira and Aaron provide plenty of action. But in the end it is the children who drive Sonja and Christian Noti to move forward and discover new horizons. The creed of the host couple reads: The guests take centre stage. If they are satisfied, then the hosts are satisfied, too. A high standard, which they live up to by placing high value on their staff. Only contented personnel create a relaxed atmosphere and well-being for the guests.

The designer

The Noti's dream of their own hotel was also dreamed by none other than Heinz Julen, a friend of the family. The artist, known world wide for his eye-catching and surprising designs, has created another spectacular work. Lamps, sofas and beds, as well as free-standing bath tubs with view of the Matterhorn especially created for the hotel, give it a special charm. With its distinct lines and materials, the architectural design follows that of the mountain railways. The Diva among the hotels is particularly elegant, without being obtrusive, and blends perfectly into the mountain environment.

The architects

In 2007, after a long break, Heinz Julen founded Peak Architekten (Zermatt-Zurich, project Klein-Matterhorn) and the architect office HEINZ JULEN IDEE (Zermatt). A well-coordinated team of architects under the supervision of Sandra Meissner-Dietschi (dipl. architect ETH), created the hotel in the traffic-free mountain world. It is the first major building project by Heinz Julen since the well-know INTO THE HOTEL in 2000. Architect Gundi Bernhard (AGP AG in Brig), supported by architect Caroline Feldmann were engaged for handling quotes and construction management on site.

The architecture

The Hotel Garni Matterhorn Focus is linked to the lower station of the mountain railways by an underground passageway. A lift takes guests 30 meters up to the light-flooded open area of the hotel. Here are the lobby, the lounge, the breakfast room and the wellness area with indoor and outdoor pool. The skillfully designed lighting on this floor never gives the feeling of being partly below ground level. A superb patio with comfortable lounge chairs is on the ground floor, where guests enjoy an unrestricted view of the Matterhorn. Above are the three structures with the bedrooms and suites. All south-facing rooms are focussed on the Matterhorn, hence the name FOCUS. Two of the structures are new buildings while the third is a conversion of a building from the 90s. The interior has been re-designed and adapted to the overall concept. The outer appearance will be adapted over the next few years.

The façades of the new buildings are constructed of wood and large-area glazing, which reflects the surrounding mountains. The buildings are framed by a wooden structure which creates a sculptural appearance. The roofs are covered in traditional style by stone.

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Further detailed information and prices

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