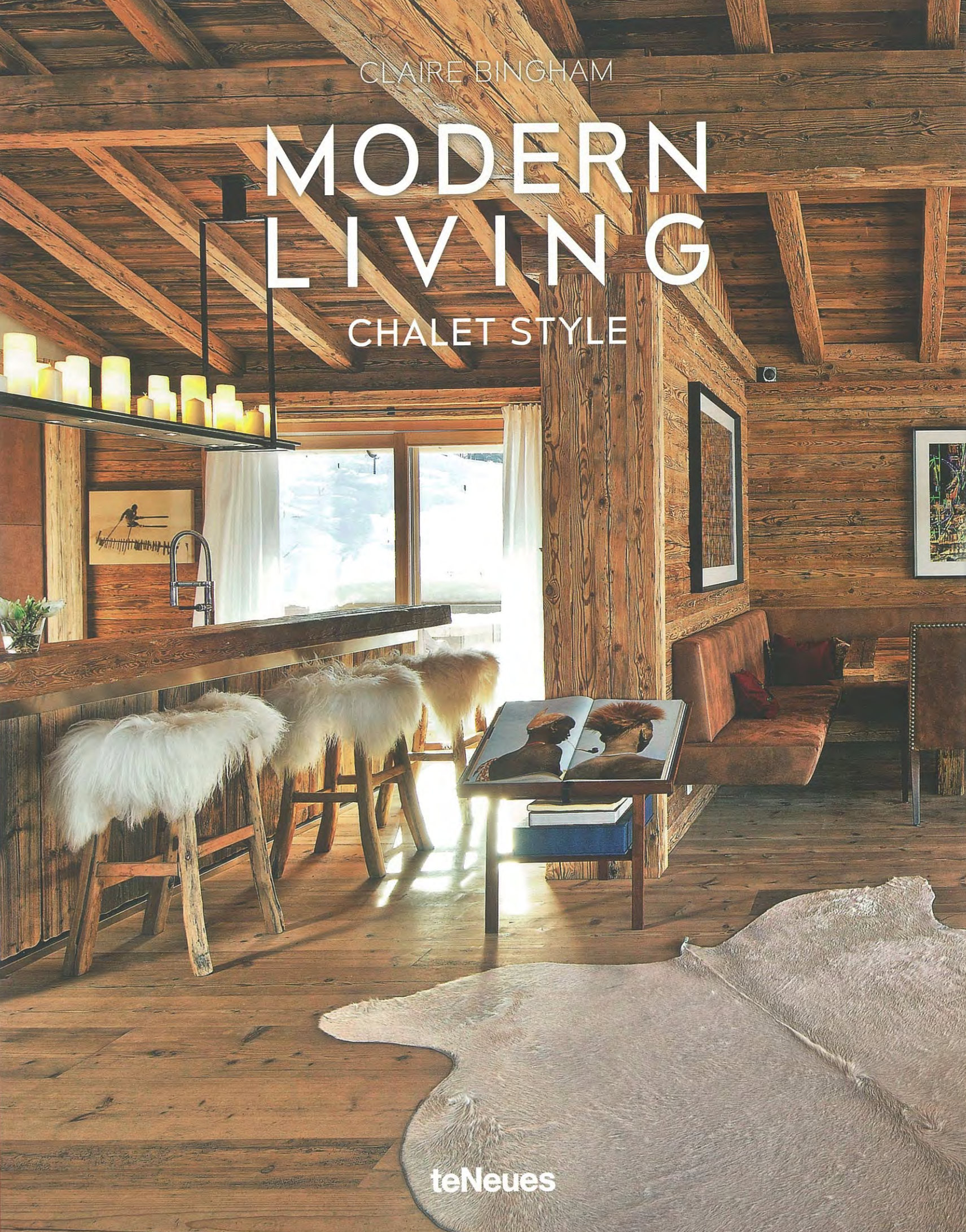


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CHALET STYLE



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Matteo Thun & Partners is the ideal architecture and design studio if you favor sustainable designs and honest materials, Matteo's projects are known for their creative, yet highly refined interiors that are as much about the details as they are about the way a person lives.

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CHALET STYLE TO ME MEANS

a harmonic interplay between natural materials and the mountain environment. I like architecture, interiors, and the surrounding nature to all connect and have a sense of place.

WHEN APPROACHING A NEW PROJECT

I always try to respect tradition and nature. I take time to research the building site, visiting as often as I can. I study the winds, visit at sunrise, and analyze the atmosphere at sunset. I eat in local restaurants and talk to people that live close by.





MY GO-TO PIECES FOR CHALET STYLE are warm colors, an open chimney, locally sourced wood, and natural stone.

MY BIGGEST MUST-HAVE IN A HOME is a wooden table with timber benches and stools.

I WOULD ALWAYS SPEND MONEY ON extensive windows and an excellent open chimney.

MY BEST PIECE OF STYLE ADVICE IS “less is more.” It has been the guideline of the Walser crafts culture for centuries.

MY FAVORITE DESTINATION IS the Vigilus mountain resort (vigilius.it). We built it using local materials and the older it gets, the better.



HOW TO LAYER MATERIALS

Picture the scene: a dark gray leather topped coffee table on slim metal legs, a large square footstool draped with a soft deer hide, and suede, felted wool, and linen cushions piled neatly on the sofa. Thick rugs, too, are paired with sheepskins and cowhides over a reclaimed timber floor. Add some decorative antlers, a carved cuckoo clock, and a pair of vintage bronze candleholders. Presto—this is your of-the-moment log cabin look.



SOFTLY DOES IT: The beauty of using soft, touchy-feely materials is that the overall effect is comfortable and warm.

