



matteo thun's vigilius mountain resort lies amid the tyrolean forest, like a fallen tree

VIGILIUS MOUNTAIN RESORT, A MEMBER OF THE AFICIONADOS

A collaboration between owner Ulrich Ladurner and Italian designer and architect **Matteo Thun**, the Vigilius Mountain Resort is a sustainable eco-**retreat** resting amid a larch forest in South Tyrol, Italy. The completed project is a member of The Aficionados — a travel resource comprising over 90 hotels, designer homes for private hire, and guesthouses across Europe, and an outpost in New York, with a selection of 100+ creatives who round out the service. The Aficionados also publishes four printed magazines: Blueprint Beaus, Farmhouse Fabulous, Casa Gorgeous, and Neu Heritage. The Aficionados was founded by Iain Ainsworth.

An ode to nature, the resort comprises **wood** and large expanses of glass, effortlessly binding the exterior and interior together to create a contemporary design elevated by natural comfort. As Matteo Thun puts it, the project is *'a modern reinterpretation of local building traditions, using stone, wood, clay, and glass.'*



AN ECO-RETREAT BY MATTEO THUN, BLURRING INSIDE AND OUT

Blurred within San Vigilio's mountaintop vista, the Vigilius Mountain Resort presents a design manifesto that is at one with nature, offering an intense landscape experience as the **retreat** follows the contours of the mountainside, rooting into the topography of South Tyrol. Matteo Thun (see more [here](#)) envisioned the architecture resting amidst the larch forest as if itself a fallen tree, cradled by woods and meadows. This evocative touch to the overall design is bolstered by the architect's use of materials: larch wood from the locale, silver quartzite, and natural clay. Meanwhile, the spa intelligently blurs distinctions between the inside and out — starting from the infinity pool with panoramic views of the Dolomites, which guides guests out into the open-air whirlpool, connected through a glass door guarded by a little wood of fragrant larch trees to the local herbs used in each of the healing spa treatments.



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