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## Luxury is freedom

Under the wing of Icarus

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A UNESCO World Heritage Site, Alpe di Siusi is the largest plateau in Europe located in the Dolomites in the heart of Val Gardena, in Italian Tyrol.

This enchanting setting with its large flowery meadows in summer and immaculate in winter offers nature lovers more than 350 km of hiking trails and several e-bike circuits in the middle of the woods.

Surrounded by the magnificent peaks of Sciliar, Sella, Sassolungo and Sassopiatto, this mountain paradise is preserved from car traffic and its gentle slopes are transformed into an incredible ski area. As soon as the first snow falls, it communicates with the other valleys in a circuit that has become famous, named Sella Ronda.

From 1934, the first cable car opened from the village of Ortisei and made it possible to reach the plateau more easily, anticipating the opening in 1938 of the ski resort.

At that time, the Hotel Icaro was a very sober alpine refuge at 1910 meters above sea level. Its owner was a fabulous skier. He seemed to fly above the snowy slopes and was compared to Icarus, hence the name given to his establishment and kept since by his successors.

Angelika Sattler and her family are the third generation of owners. Angelika grew up in its mountains and her love for their landscapes made her want to open another chapter of the family tradition and play the card of a more contemporary architecture to welcome her guests.

Coming from a nearby valley in search of work, her grandmother Berta had quickly discovered the potential of the place and had already transformed it with her husband into a hotel establishment in the early 1970s.

The current structure has been completely redesigned and transformed by the Modus Architects office in Bressanone. Past and present, architecture and nature, man and culture cohabit in this place inaugurated in July 2021. The desire for change and the enthusiasm of the owners have made it possible to move towards a bold and modern project far from the clichés of the mountain architecture.







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Wood remains the main element despite everything, with larch for the exterior, oak and elm for the interior.

The roof is a magnificent open wing reminiscent of the mythical one of Icarus and his desire to fly over these splendid mountains. The chromatic choices of the interior of the hotel, yellow, peach and duck blue, contrast with the monochrome exterior. Liveliness and joy of living are present in all the small rooms, the lounge, the 29 bedrooms and the suites.

In the commonplaces of works of art created and unearthed by Angelika's husband, Hubert Kostner, rub shoulders with trinkets and hunting trophies from her father Walter Sattler. A most picturesque atmosphere emanates from this veritable cabinet of curiosities.

All the rooms are comfortable, spacious, cheerful and bright. They have a magnificent view and are equipped with pleasant terraces. The atmosphere of the hotel is particularly intimate and warm.

The wellness area is superb with an indoor and an outdoor swimming pool, its sauna, its hammam, its massage room and an unforgettable room lined with hay in which you can relax in the intoxication of this sweet smell of dried grasses.

For fifteen years, the hotel has been the first establishment with zero climate impact with very ecological choices. He has also received the eu ecolabel award for this great initiative. This incomparable hospitality is of course found at the heart of the restaurant's dishes, where the chef offers flavors that are as exquisite as they are creative.

***Under the wing of Icarus, it is a joy to wake up to magnificent landscapes whatever the season.***

***An emblematic and essential address for idyllic moments of grace and peace...***





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