

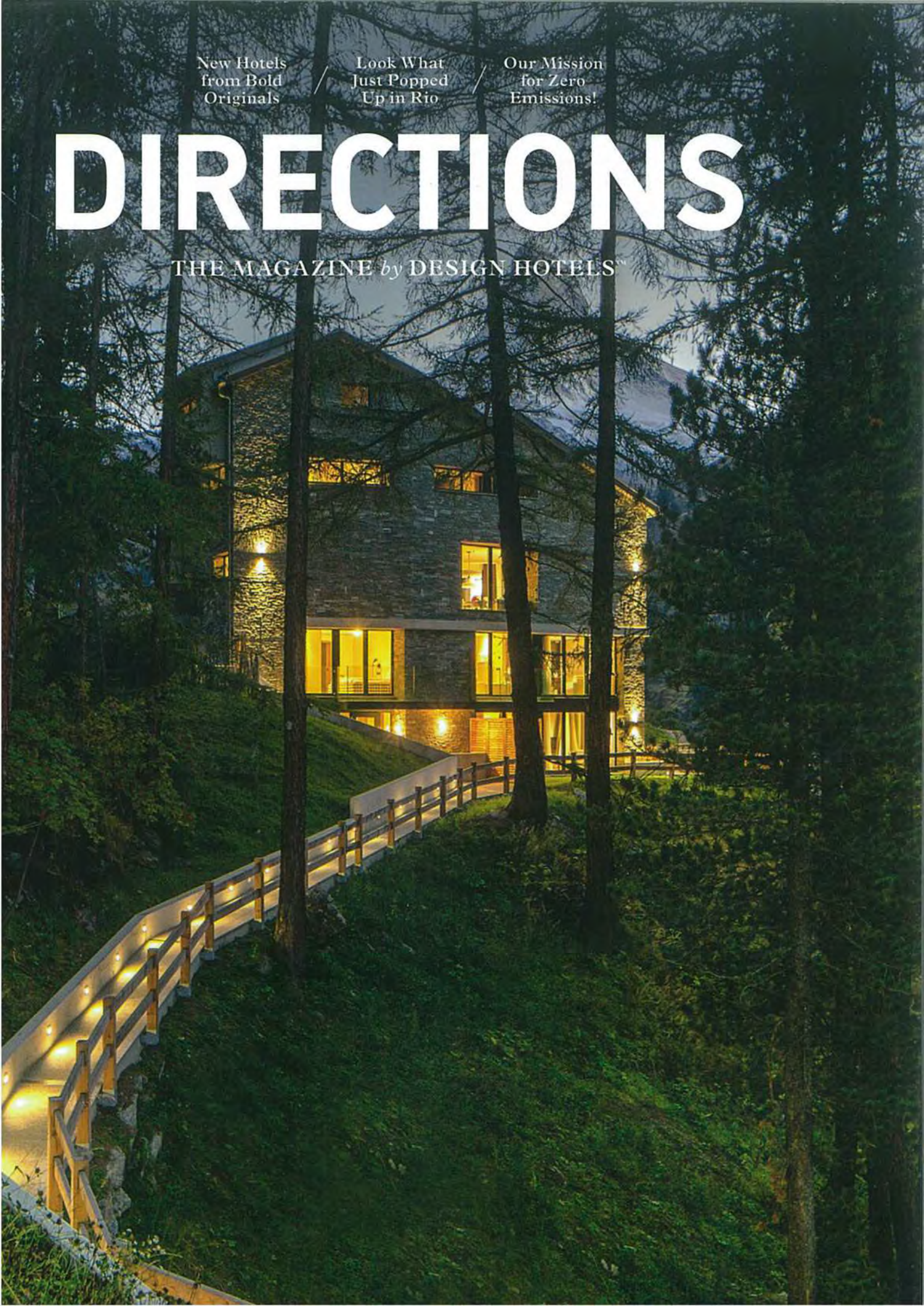
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SOUTH TYROL: POWERFUL PHILOSOPHIES

Vigilius mountain resort, in the mountainous, Germanic part of northern Italy known as South Tyrol, is not only a longtime Design Hotels™ member, but its understated building—set some 1,500 meters above a valley—was created by design star Matteo Thun. A true Finder, Thun crafted a property whose architecture is in perfect harmony with nature. For example, not only does the structure use wood chips for biomass heating, but nearby wood suppliers can drop waste chips through the building's green roof for a fast, easy, and environmentally-friendly refueling. What's more, Thun made sure that passive heat and ventilation were part of the hotel's design from the beginning.

Around the corner from the hotel, a gorgeous hydroelectric power plant (built by monovolume architects) taps a clean, never-ending power source—a waterfall. And further down the road is a biodynamic vineyard called Manincor, run by soft-spoken Michael Goëss-Enzenberg. Enzenberg, who happens to be a count (a title he cares little about other than seeing it as his inherent responsibility to care for the land), is an anthroposophist, producing wines that adhere to the tenets of Austrian Rudolph Steiner. In other words, a farmer should grow in harmony with nature rather than trying to conquer it with chemicals. As an example, Enzenberg cites homeopathic medicine, applying this all-natural approach of healing the body to his grapes.

TYROL: PURE CARE

And in the resort town of Kitzbühel, our member property the Hotel Kitzhof Mountain Design Resort has won a loyal following partly because its spa uses the product line Just Pure. It is often hard for a small hotel to compete with large resorts in the spa arena, but Hotel Kitzhof innately sensed that people care deeply about what was in the creams they put on their bodies. The all-natural Just Pure was a perfect fit. How natural is Just Pure? Its products are chemical-free and completely biodegradable. In fact, you could actually eat them.

1 — VIGILIUS MOUNTAIN RESORT by the internationally acclaimed architect MATTEO THUN

2+3 — Architectural and functional spaces conceptualized by MATTEO THUN

4 — The quaint ski resort of Kitzbühel

5 — Just Pure products available to guests at HOTEL KITZHOF MOUNTAIN DESIGN RESORT



GASTWERK HOTEL HAMBURG

BEIM ALTEN GASWERK 3
22761 HAMBURG
GERMANY

ROOMS 141 | EUR 120-450
MEMBER SINCE 12/1998

A converted 19th-century gasworks, the Gastwerk Hotel Hamburg turns the heavy industrial architecture of this power station into a lofty haven in the harbor city of Hamburg. Floods of natural light, backlit panels, and balcony lounges add airy touches to a solid frame of raw materials and original brick walls. Black-and-white photographs of the former architecture, soothing textures, the creative yet down-to-earth restaurant Mangold, and the rejuvenating Gastwerk Spa give this once purely functional space a spacious and good-looking new lease on life.



ROOMS 178 | EUR 160-955
MEMBER SINCE 04/2000

DREHBAHN 49
20354 HAMBURG
GERMANY

SIDE HAMBURG



Jan Störmer's glass and steel architecture is the soaring stage for dramatic lighting by theater virtuoso Robert Wilson. The stark drama is softened through interiors by Milan designer Matteo Thun, whose rounded surfaces and carefully chosen colors create aesthetic warmth and vitality. Hovering above a futuristic atrium is the eighth-floor lounge where Thun suggests weightlessness with improbably curved furniture and floating disk lighting.

THE GEORGE HAMBURG

BARCASTRASSE 3
22087 HAMBURG
GERMANY

ROOMS 125 | EUR 145-355
MEMBER SINCE 09/2007

Offering 125 smartly dressed guestrooms and suites, Hamburg's The George is an ingenious interpretation of an English-style social club. A pioneer in St. Georg, one of Hamburg's most multifaceted neighborhoods, the hotel is a shining example of private and elegant business chic in a thoroughly modern Hanseatic city.



DIE TRÄUMEREI MICHELSTADT

OBERE PFARRGASSE 3
64720 MICHELSTADT/ODENWALD
GERMANY

ROOMS 5 | EUR 105-160
MEMBER SINCE 01/2009

Standing as a landmark building in the pastoral town of Michelstadt im Odenwald since 1623, Die Traumerei has converted the historic structure into a design hotel consisting of five spacious and impossibly chic rooms with original dark wood beams and whimsical design touches. All will agree: this revived timber house fully retains the immense charm of its shingled predecessor.



ROOMS 75 | EUR 159-559
MEMBER SINCE 07/2010

LEDERERSTRASSE 8
80331 MUNICH
GERMANY

CORTINA HOTEL MUNICH



Rising above Munich's historic old town, the Cortina Hotel combines meditative feng shui design and "honest" materials, endowing this all-natural urban retreat with soothing elegance that is strongly connected to the Bavarian capital's local scene, thanks to its well-connected owners. Materials such as oak paneling, Jura limestone, and unbleached handmade cotton sheets infuse the hotel's 75 modern rooms with a relaxing ambience that is both sensually earthy and classically refined.

LOUIS HOTEL MUNICH

VIKTUALIENMARKT 6
80331 MUNICH
GERMANY

ROOMS 72 | EUR 179-579
MEMBER SINCE 07/2009

The first member of Design Hotels™ to grace the streets of Munich, the Louis Hotel is a perfect reflection of the Bavarian capital: chic, poised, and full of heart. Like the bustling Viktualienmarkt where it is located, the Louis is a delightful destination for all those in search of life's finer things.



ARGENTARIO RESORT GOLF & SPA

PORTO ERCOLE, TUSCANY

VIA ACQUEDOTTO LEOPOLDINO
58018 PORTO ERCOLE (GROSSETO)
TUSCANY
ITALY

ROOMS 73 | EUR 220 - 1400
VILLAS 1 | EUR 1900 - 3700
MEMBER SINCE 03/2010

In a verdant valley in the Monte Argentario Peninsula in Tuscany, Augusto Orsini has created a masterpiece in contemporary design unlike any the region has seen. The Argentario Resort Golf & Spa offers an alternative vision – one that looks forward not only aesthetically and architecturally, but also ecologically. Argentario Resort Golf & Spa has 73 guestrooms throughout its dragonfly-shaped structure with flaxen limestone facade.



ROOMS 43 | EUR 90 - 440
MEMBER SINCE 01/2005

VIA G. BRUNO 28
47921 RIMINI
ITALY

DUOMO

RIMINI

The duoMo is dedicated to the needs of a dynamic and young clientele with its unconventional and exciting design by Ron Arad. The options include a special experience in one of the original rooms and the exclusive atmosphere of its noMi club & bar.



SEXTANTIO ALBERGO DIFFUSO

SANTO STEFANO DI SESSANIO

VIA PRINCIPE UMBERTO
67020 SANTO STEFANO DI SESSANIO
ITALY

ROOMS 27 | EUR 75 - 1000
MEMBER SINCE 01/2010

One and a half hours northeast of Rome, nestled in the midst of the Abruzzo, is Santo Stefano di Sessanio. It is one of the region's most striking hilltop towns and the home of the 27-room Sextantio Albergo Diffuso, a gorgeous series of meticulously revived buildings composed into a luxurious and singular hotel. All rooms were restored using strictly local materials – primarily terra-cotta tiles, wood, and limestone – and by paying close attention to historical accuracy.



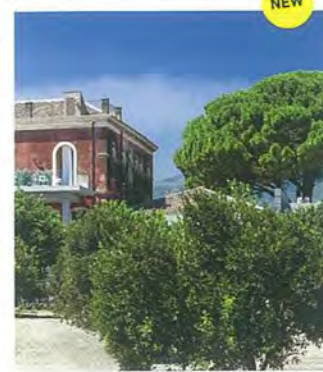
ZASH COUNTRY BOUTIQUE HOTEL

RIPOSTO, SICILY

STRADA PROVINCIALE SP2 NO° 60
95018 ARCHI - RIPOSTO, SICILY
ITALY

ROOMS 9 | EUR 120 - 550
MEMBER SINCE 11/2013

Zash is a country hideaway, a former winery, and a Mediterranean garden all rolled into one. Each of the nine rooms and suites opens out into nature – through wide windows that overlook the evocative Sicilian landscape, or large glass doors that seem to use the citrus trees outside as natural wallpaper. This old manor house puts nature at the forefront, with volcanic stone cladding, oak floorboards, and chestnut window frames through which the Ionian Sea dazzles and shines.



ROOMS 41 | EUR 190 - 550
MEMBER SINCE 01/2003

PAWIGL 43, VIGILJOCH
39011 LANA
ITALY

VIGILIUS MOUNTAIN RESORT

LANA, SOUTH TYROL



Matteo Thun's mountain resort is an eco-friendly mountain hideaway reachable only by cable car. The Milan-based architect has created a structure using "organic architecture" that seamlessly blends into its surroundings. The result is a 41-room resort that places an intimate dialogue between man and nature above all else in its design. With a well-equipped spa using natural products and offering views over the Dolomites, this mountain resort offers a peaceful escape from day-to-day life.

CA' PISANI

VENICE

DORSODURO 979/A
RIO TERÀ ANTONIO FOSCARINI
30123 VENICE
ITALY

ROOMS 29 | EUR 174 - 540
MEMBER SINCE 02/1999

A melding of classical design and influences from the futurist movement of the 1930s and 1940s is behind Roberto Luigi Canovaro and Gianluigi Pescolderung's concept for Ca' Pisani in Venice. Located in the Dorsoduro area, it is well connected to the art scene, with the Guggenheim and Punta della Dogana collections, the Accademia Galleries, and much more close by. Unique door designs for each room and special "starlight" masonry are only two of the many distinct details that give each guest a feeling of individuality.

