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Trattoria Al Moro, in Rome's Spanish Steps neighborhood, was a favorite of the filmmaker Federico Fellini. Today, diners include the city's politicians and literati. For more local spots, see page 58.



1. ITALY Chalet Gérard, Dolomites

A 2010 renovation transformed a traditional lodge into a 12-room inn that's both cuttingedge and cozy.

All in the family

Built by the former Olympic skier Gerardo Mussner in 1963, the hotel is now run by Gerardo's daughters. His wife, Helga, serves South Tirolean dishes such as almond-crusted venison.

Natural design

In 2010, the hotel was reimagined with larch wood, glass, and local stones that match the mountains. The curved roof stands out against the peaks.

Super skiing

A 758-mile network of 12 ski areas, Dolomiti Superski is just five minutes away. The closest section, Val Gardena, hosts two Alpine Ski World Cup events in December. From \$2,284 per week. 39/471-795-274, chalet-gerard.com

THE ALPS REGION HAS LONG BEEN known for its inviting ski accommodations, but the old-fashioned cabins of the past have been updated for today's tastes. Many lodges across Europe and around the world are replacing their embroidered pillows and ancient snowshoe displays with fine fabrics and modern art. Architects are taking cues from the natural landscape, helping guests discover a new appreciation for the mountains. Here are 10 properties that bring modern design to the slopes.

POWDER ROOMS

BY SERENA RENNER



After a day of skiing in Zermatt, relax at Cervo Resort's lounge, right. The furniture at Berge Moormann, below, was designed at the owner's studio down the road.





2. GERMANY Berge Moormann Hotel, Aschau

Sixteen apartments-plus a library and wine cellar-owned by German furniture designer Nils Holger Moormann sit at the foot of the Bavarian Alps.

Old meets new Inside a 17thcentury estate, Moormann's modern interiors (left) are fashioned from brick, clay, and untreated wood.

Pick your mountain The cable car near the property leads to the Kampenwand ski area. But serious skiers should head 30 miles south to the higherelevation Wilder Kaiser-Brixental ski resort in Austria.

Full moon feast On the night of the full moon, snowshoe about two hours to the Riesenhütte mountain chalet for a Bavarian meal served around a campfire. From \$144. 49/(0) 805-290-4517, moormann-berge.de

3. SWITZERLAND Cervo Resort, Zermatt

Located at the base of Zermatt's Sunnegga run (just downhill from the Veuve Clicquot Champagne Bar), Cervo offers easy access to some of the best skiing in Europe.

Stuffed animals Owner Daniel Ferdinand Lauber translated his passion for hunting into a hotel that embraces the popular design trend of taxidermy, antlers, and plaid patterns (top).

Soak in the snow Two new suites open in late November with steam rooms and outdoor Jacuzzis that offer views of the Matterhorn (above).

Après scene House-made charcuterie, truffle fries, mulled wine, and live music make Cervo's patio a popular post-ski hangout. From \$503. 41/(0) 27-968-1212, cervo.ch