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WEEKEND PLANS? / STEINACH TOWNHOUSE, MERANO

Mountain to climb

Set across two buildings in the Steinach 3 neighbourhood of Merano's historic centre, this hotel is just the right blend of old and new (*writes Ed Stocker*). The 17th-century building was tastefully restored by designer couple Roger Botti and Giulia de Andreis, with an understated colour scheme that includes pistachio-green window shutters. Mid-century pieces, such as Le Corbusier's Marseille lamp, are juxtaposed with flashes of Tyrolean culture, including contemporary art from local artists and hand-painted stencil work on traditional wooden furniture (for which South Tyrol is famed).

With 11 spacious suites, each with its own bedroom and living room, this is the ideal escape from which to launch yourself into winter hikes – or to hit the slopes at the nearby Merano 2000 resort.

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