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A cable car is the only way to reach this mountain resort 1,500m up in the Italian Dolomites, so you can imagine the dramatic Alpine views when you get there. The long low-rise building has been designed by eco-architect Matteo Thun to make the most of the location, with floor-to-ceiling windows, wooden decks and 35 larch and slate rooms shunning TVs for terraces. The rooftop Paradise Garden with its panoramic terrace is also quite spectacular. Furnished with sunbeds, this is your front-row seat for perfect views of forests, meadows and the sun as it sends shadows over the peaks. There are also two restaurants, a library and spa set over three levels with a pool. Double rooms from \$400 (Dh1,470) per night. Find out more at www.vigilius.it (00 39 0473 556 600).



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