

Secret Tyrol

PERGOLA RESIDENCE, NEAR MERANO, ITALY

Architect Matteo Thun has brought a touch of modernist Milan to the traditional architecture of the hillsides of Italy's South Tyrol with his new Pergola Residence. A sequel to the Wallpaper* award-winning Vigilius Mountain Resort (see W*75), the tiered, wood-clad apartments step down the vineyard-strewn slopes of the Adige valley near Merano. The look is efficient, almost economical, and typical of Thun's reductionist style, although he has certainly not cut corners in terms of finish or materials.

Stone walls and stairways from an inner courtyard lead to each of the 12 fully serviced residences, complete with fitted kitchens. Earthy tones and simple furniture and lighting, all by Thun, create an unhurried and calming atmosphere. Beyond the steel-cabled balustrades, floor-to-ceiling glass doors lead onto shady terraces – with pergolas carpeted with Virginia creepers – from where guests can enjoy uninterrupted views of the surrounding valleys and mountains while sipping a glass of the local Merlot. Privacy is guaranteed, as each terrace is partitioned by wicker walls, and pampering is a priority – the spa offers everything from a soak in a hay and apple bath to an infinity-edged indoor pool with counter current to dispel the tedium of swimming laps. The hotel offers personal guidance on the best local restaurants and culinary products and even gives guests the option of creating their own menu.

South Tyrol can expect more from Matteo Thun when his new spa/hotel complex, Terme Merano, opens in Merano next year.★

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SPA THUN
The indoor pool
in the spa at the
Matteo Thun-
designed Pergola
Residence in
South Tyrol, Italy

