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Giardino Mountain: Quiet Luxury in the Heart of Swiss Alps

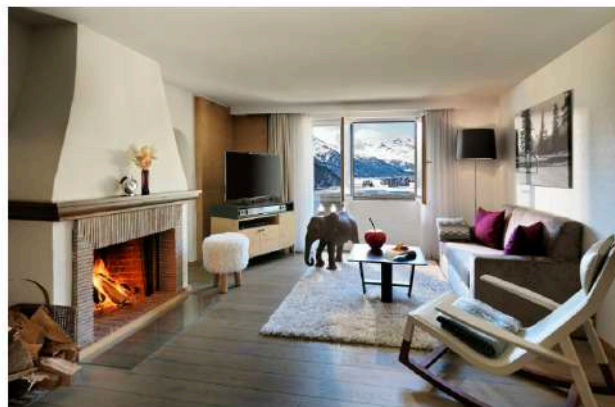
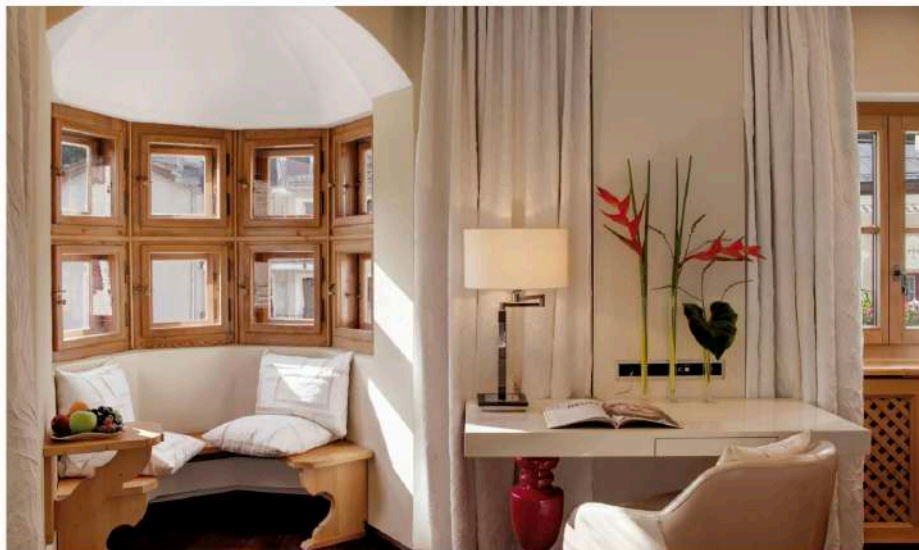
If hotels were people, Giardino Mountain in the village of Champfèr would be that quiet introvert who doesn't demand attention – but leaves a lasting impression. From the outside, it looks like a charming Engadine house straight from a postcard. But behind the traditional façade lies a thoughtfully designed space where light, materials, and atmosphere work in quiet harmony.

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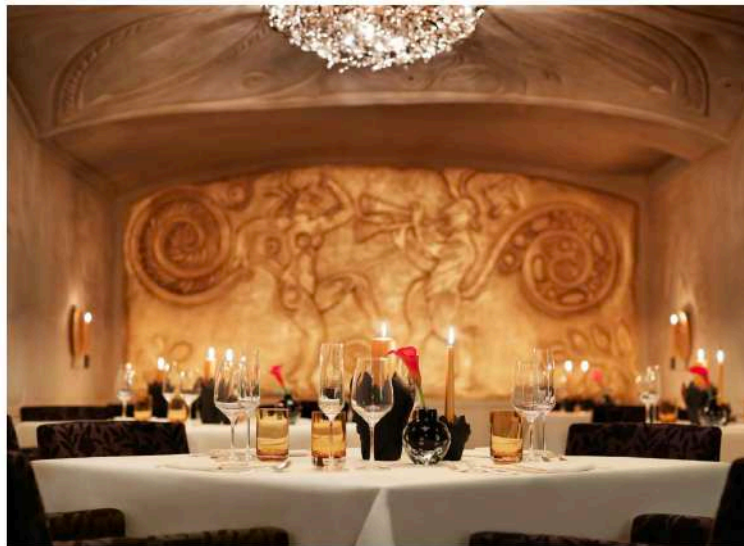
After an extensive renovation, owners Daniela and Philippe Frutiger reimagined the classic Alpine hotel with restraint and creativity. White plastered walls, small windows, natural wood accents, and soft lighting are paired with unexpected bursts of lime and fuchsia velvet. In the lobby, a dramatic floral chandelier cascades like a frozen bouquet down a snowy slope – playful but elegant.

Rooms range from snug singles to spacious suites, all rooted in Alpine aesthetics without the clichés. There's no heavy decor or faux-rustic touches – just clean lines, earthy tones, panoramic views of Lake Champfèr or the surrounding forests, and thoughtful details. The hotel also offers excellent accessibility for guests with limited mobility and all the essentials for families travelling with young children.



The heart of Giardino Mountain is its atmosphere. This is not a hotel for crowds or noise. It's for guests who appreciate space, quiet, and a sense of privacy. You're close to the ski lifts but far enough to enjoy peace at the end of the day.

When it comes to food, the experience is just as curated. Stüva delivers comforting Swiss classics like rösti, schnitzel, and spätzli in a warm, wood-paneled space. Hide & Seek offers lighter, seasonal dishes with a creative twist – locally inspired and modern in spirit. And then there's Ecco St. Moritz – the hotel's gastronomic centrepiece. Hidden beneath the main building, this intimate, cave-like dining room hosts just 11 tables and is led by a German-Swiss chef duo with two Michelin stars. Their tasting menus are precisely plated, globally influenced, and deeply satisfying.





The spa, *dipiù*, is a place of calm and restoration. Inspired by Alpine botanicals and Ayurvedic techniques, treatments range from herbal massages to collagen facials, using the hotel's own line of skincare. Add to that a panoramic indoor pool, sauna, steam room, and yoga sessions like the *New Start* program, and it's clear that wellness here is taken seriously – without the pretension.



The hotel also earns points for its *sustainability efforts*: renewable energy, fresh mountain water, local ingredients, and eco-conscious amenities throughout. Even airport transfers come with small thoughtful touches – like a cozy vehicle stocked with Swiss snacks.

Champfèr, where the hotel is located, is a peaceful village with postcard-worthy charm – think cobblestone paths, a classic clock tower, and a bus that takes you directly to central St. Moritz. Just outside the hotel, you'll find walking trails through pine forests and along the lake. In winter, it's all snow-covered silence and frozen beauty; in summer, a dream for swimmers and hikers. The hotel is also surrounded by ski and sledging trails, and rental shops are located just across the street.





Giardino Mountain isn't for those seeking flashy luxury. It's for travellers who value understatement, design, quiet, and thoughtful hospitality. Here, you don't have to choose between nature, comfort, food, or style – it's all here, balanced with care. Just come. And maybe stay a little longer.