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CHALET D

Austrian Alps, Austria

Behind the wooden and metal structure of Chalet D, a villa of organic minimalism reveals itself with mind-blowing views of the Austrian Alps. Designed by monovolume, the home functions as a holiday chalet including a spa area where the family can comfortably spend time together, shielded from the cold winter weather.

“The contemporary redesign breathes new life into the existing building and sets it in dialogue with its surroundings. Oak wood, dry stone walls and exposed beams give the chalet a typical alpine flair. The wood of the exterior areas was treated back to its original appearance”, Senior Architect at monovolume, Sergio Aguado Hernández, says. With the aim to bring back the original beauty of the building, the cross beams were restored and highlighted by adding dark coloring. Through light oak wood and several fireplaces, Chalet D takes a standpoint of warmth while the blue tones break with contrasts, referring back to the water of the spa. In terms of layout, Chalet D is arranged with private areas above and an increasing focus on social activities the further one descends. “Four spacious bedrooms with their own lounge area and bathroom offer opportunities to retreat and relax on the top floor. A modern kitchen as well as a large dining and spacious living area on the middle floor create a convivial space for communal living”, Sergio tells. In connection, a large terrace encourages the guests to bring their meal outdoors or enjoy the soothing sunlight. “The lowest floor of the house there is the spa area. The use of soft materials, soft colors and colorful LED lighting contribute perfectly to relaxation”, Sergio adds.

While Chalet D has a grandiose scale with hyper modern features, the texture-centric and natural decor ensure a certain level of intimacy which is highly fundamental when designing a chalet in the picturesque landscape of the Alps.

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