

Guidelines

vigilius mountain resort

Guidelines for ecological and social sustainability

The vigilius mountain resort aspires to achieve Best Practice Results for economic and social sustainability, working together towards this goal with EarthCheck, the world's leading Benchmarking and accredited certification provider.

The vigilius mountain resort is like a mountain island lying above Merano. Farsighted vision signifies having a clear, unobstructed view of one's self, while the unimportant things can remain in the valley. The people here are as authentic and open as the mountain itself. At 1500 metres, 50 employees from various nations meet one another guided by the wish to be the personal host for our guests. Included in our facility are 41 rooms and suites, an event room, a pool, sauna and spa area along with two restaurants.

"Eco, not Ego," obligates nature, and this is our motto as well as that of architect Matteo Thun. The unique location of the vigilius mountain resort, accessible only by gondola, was not allowed to be destroyed by architecture that did not show thoughtful consideration towards the surroundings. At vigilius mountain resort, the boundary between nature and architecture is hardly perceptible. The landscape is our guide and does not serve as mere background or frame. The building of wood and glass nestles itself like a large tree trunk on the ground of the mountain ridge. Outside as well as inside, materials from renewable resources are seen. That the Vigiljoch is free of automobiles reminds us that it is untouched nature which is the most precious good that we have to value.

The vigilius mountain resort has committed itself to being the "Modern Wood House" since the beginning of its ecological conviction. We live with an upright and deep respect for the surroundings, the environment and nature; moreover we actualize this in all areas – from the near-to-nature construction to the careful handling of native resources. We are very aware of the possible negative effects that our hotel could cause upon the environment and community without

a suitable management. For this reason, we have initiated an environment management system that fulfills the requirements of the EarthCheck corporate standards.

The vigilius mountain resort campaigns for increasing advancement which is evaluated according to annual Benchmarking assessments. Moreover, our Team continually endeavors to minimize its ecological footprint. For this reason, we have implemented measures for sustainability to improve the performance of the hotel along with the reduction of our energy and water consumption along with our waste production.

The vigilius mountain resort respects all valid laws and regulations in addition to setting for itself the goal of achieving international Best Practice results. We have named Deborah Gabrielli as our EarthCheck coordinator who is responsible for the improvement of the sustainability performance of the hotel.

We place special attention to the hiring and strengthening of local personnel and whenever possible obtain sustainably generated products and services that are local and Fair Trade.

We encourage our personnel to remind all of our decisive interests groups, including our guests, suppliers and service providers, of our engagement for ecological and social sustainability.

Signed
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Director

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NOTE: This guideline is a public document and is revised annually.