

GLAMOUR AND GRANDEUR
ON LAKE GARDA

VILLA EDEN LUXURY RESORT

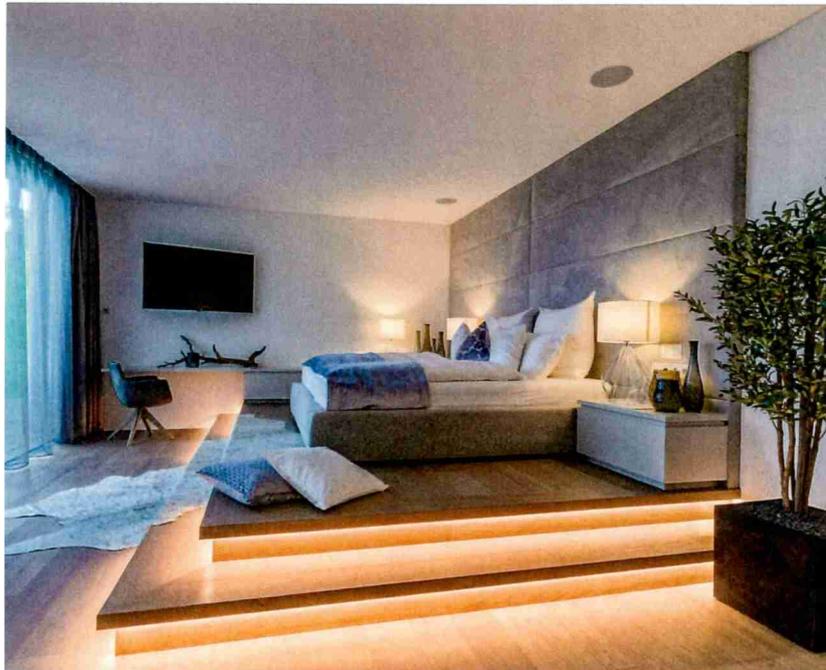
JUST MINUTES FROM THE LAKESIDE PROMENADE IN GARDONE RIVIERA AND DESIGNED BY LEADING INTERNATIONAL ARCHITECTS, THE STYLISH NEW VILLA EDEN LUXURY RESORT INVITES GUESTS TO EXPERIENCE STAYS THAT ARE NO LESS THAN SENSATIONAL AMID A WEALTH OF LUXURY SERVICES.

LAKE GARDA IS NOT ONLY THE LARGEST LAKE IN ITALY, but also the most popular with discerning holidaymakers from around the world thanks to its unmistakable atmosphere and Mediterranean climate. The new Villa Eden is a luxury resort nestling in the Parco dell'Alto Garda on the southwestern coast of the lake. A mere two minute drive from the centre of Gardone Riviera, which retains all the chic charm of a Belle Époque-era resort, the 78,000-square-metre park-style estate, with its beautiful olive trees, is the perfect place to sample the first-class lifestyle. The Villa Eden resort grants guests spectacular views of the picturesque landscape that surrounds Lake Garda from virtually any point on the estate. Designed by prominent international architects Richard Meier, David Chipperfield, Matteo Thun and ATP sphere along with landscape designer Enzo Enea, the luxury establishment is made up of several villas, each of which is unique.

The whole edifice revolves around a five-star Clubhouse created by Matteo Thun of Milan. This accommodates nine luxurious rooms and suites, the classy Villa Eden restaurant with its Lounge Bar and spacious terrace and the expansive spa, health and fitness centre. The Clubhouse takes up the transparency theme as it playfully interprets the colours of its surroundings in the facade. The atmosphere duly created underlines the light

touch of the architecture in the pale floors, classical lines and generous proportions, all the while keeping the focus on the idea of well-being. In all rooms and suites, the high quality fittings include a safe, flat screen TV and minibar; exclusive Bulgari products are also provided. WLAN and LAN access are free of charge. Moreover, guests can be assured of total privacy as they relax in the large and lavish spa (complete with sun deck, sauna and steam bath) and the indoor and outdoor swimming pools.

Matteo Thun's Landmark building was constructed on a southeast-facing slope, right next to the Clubhouse Villa Eden. 'Le finestre sul Garda' presents four contemporary villas that exemplify the construction style typical of the region – one that achieves complete harmony between landscape and buildings. Providing 200 to 455 square metres of living space, these sophisticated residences offer simple interior designs and every conceivable luxury. With two or three bedrooms, ensuite bathrooms and tastefully furnished living and dining areas, couples, families and friends can expect accommodation with a distinctively homey character. The luxury experience extends to underground parking for several vehicles and convenient lift connections. Out of doors, the high standards continue with verdant gardens spanning between 400 and 1,200 square metres, spacious terraces, private pool and spectacularly sweeping views. In the Matteo Thun villas, up to six persons may redefine the holiday experience. Undoubtedly, the crowning glory of this outstanding new resort is the Villa.Sphere.Ovest, the brainchild of Düsseldorf-born and multi award-winning Marc Mark, owner of Innsbruck-based architects ATP sphere. In typical fashion, the villa was constructed in an exposed location on the smooth slopes according to an architectural concept aimed at accentuating this point. To retain the character of the olive grove, the topography was not altered. The building is accessed from an un-



derground car park for eight cars via a stair tower and lift, with the guest section located on the upper floors. The main level of the villa is defined by a central series of terraces and a large swimming pool, next to which is the recreation zone with its state-of-the-art fitness equipment. A steam bath and sauna complete the beautifully appointed health complex, while the overall ensemble is framed by lavish areas for living and dining. The villa affords breathtaking views of Lake Garda and its mesmeric surroundings.

The main bedroom and four other bedrooms (all with separate bathrooms) make up an exclusive living space with a peerless design for up to 10 persons. The ultimate living environment is completed by a comprehensive range of services, courtesy of the Villa Eden resort team.

Away from the classy holiday resort, the magical lake and its idyllic cluster of villages provide ample leisure opportunities. In addition to motor boat and sailing yacht excursions, sporting activities such as mountain biking, climbing and golf top the wish lists of many luxury travellers. Golf players in particular will be inspired by the myriad possibilities of the local environs: Lake Garda is truly a paradise for golfers, with every aspect of this enchanting sport represented.

The four golf clubs in the vicinity of the Villa Eden resort are renowned for their flawless surfaces and modern clubhouses well beyond the country's borders. Extending over gentle, green hilly slopes, the courses offer beginners and experienced players alike excellent conditions in which to enjoy the green game.

The Arzaga Golf Club, for instance, has the very finest American-style layout; its two unique courses designed by golfing legends Gary Player and Jack Nicklaus have a total of 27 holes alongside a spectacular practice area, pitch and putt green and a Golf Academy. Designed by British golf architects, Gardagolf Country Club is a 110-hectare facility also with a 27-hole championship course and has twice hosted the Italian Open. The club

enjoys a beautiful location between the Rocca di Manerba, Castello di Soiano and the hills of Valtenesi.

Founded in Bogliaco in 1912, the third oldest golf course in Italy offers an 18-hole course on an elevation above Lake Garda. The tee on the fifth is particularly well known: commanding superb views of the lake, this stunning par 3 is the signature hole of the Garda golfing region.

The fourth course in the group is Chervò Golf San Vigilio in Pozzolengo; the facility with the 27-hole course and 9-hole short course opened in January 2009. While the club guarantees ideal playing conditions for all abilities, big hitters in particular will have the chance to show off their skills. ■

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ACCOMMODATION AND RATES:

Clubhouse with 9 luxurious rooms and suites spanning 21 to 102 square metres: 320 – 1,550 euros per night, including breakfast, according to season

Matteo Thun Landmark building with four luxury villas, 11,500 – 24,500 euros per week, according to season

Villa.Sphere.Ovest (for 10 persons): rates on request

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