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Tiroler Goldschmied, 2006, South Tyrol, Italy

## Höller & Klotzner Architekten

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### Information

Alpine architectural innovation is not just restricted to the Swiss or Austrian sides of the border; Tyroleans like Thomas Höller and George Klotzner are cutting a dash in the southern Alps, too. Their Tyrolean Goldsmith's building in Schenna is an excellent example of contemporary materials and forms in tune with local vernacular. The ground floor plinth houses a jewellery shop whose natural light comes through a band of skylights. The white body section housing three apartments is made of wood and seems to float above the stone base, divided by a glazed band. In complete style contrast, partner Thomas Höller's new residence under construction in Lana is a hi-tech wohnmaschine hovering above the hilly terrain on steel stilts.



Haus Hoeller residential building (under construction), South Tyrol, Italy

### Inspiration

Höller & Klotzner belongs to the analytical school – creative inspiration for the practice only follows a detailed study of the site, surrounding infrastructure and location. 'But,' say the architects, 'the goal at the end of the day is always the best architectural design, a natural flow of light and a well-proportioned space.'

### Innovation

The unique nature of each design requires special detail solutions for each case, say Höller and Klotzner. They develop these together with other firms who are also keen on innovation. Thus the technical configuration of their buildings is always in tune with the latest technological developments and as environmentally friendly as possible.

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