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Take a dip at Badeschloss Hotel, a storied bathing sanctuary in Austria

Badeschloss Hotel in the Austrian spa town of Bad Gastein is newly renovated by BWM Designers & Architects and bubbling with vitality

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The historic Badeschloss Hotel has recently reopened its doors in the Wes Anderson-esque municipality of Bad Gastein, within Austria's Salzburg province. Leading the restoration project was Vienna-based architecture firm BWM Designers & Architects, which aimed to rejuvenate the splendour of the property on Straubingerplatz, located next to the scenic Gastein waterfall, and also added a 13-storey extension.



BWM Designers & Architects' 13-storey new addition to the hotel's historic building
(Image credit: Photography by Eduardo Gellner. Courtesy of BWM Designers and Architects)

The Badeschloss, which translates as 'bathing castle', was originally built in the late 18th century as a public spa, and it has a rich history, having hosted German Emperor Wilhelm I and later served as a military spa. After a period as a hotel from the 1920s, the building had more recently fallen into disrepair.



Hotel Badeschloss reception area

(Image credit: Photography by Ana Sampaio Barros. Courtesy of BWM Designers and Architects)



Hotel Badeschloss' curated art concept

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[always] important to us to work with — and not against — the remnants and layers of the past. It's precisely those layers that give old buildings their charm and special appeal and make them unique.'



Hotel Badeschloss' Fireplace Lounge

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Hotel Badeschloss' Salon

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Hotel Badeschloss' Dining Room

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of the old building.

As for the new building, 'the façade was designed as a double-skinned, coloured-concrete construction', says Markus Kaplan of BWM Designers & Architects.

'The fact that the skins have different thicknesses gives the façade a lively appearance and a relief-like character that blends into the Alpine surroundings,' adds BWM project manager Martina Lehner.



Hotel Badeschloss detail

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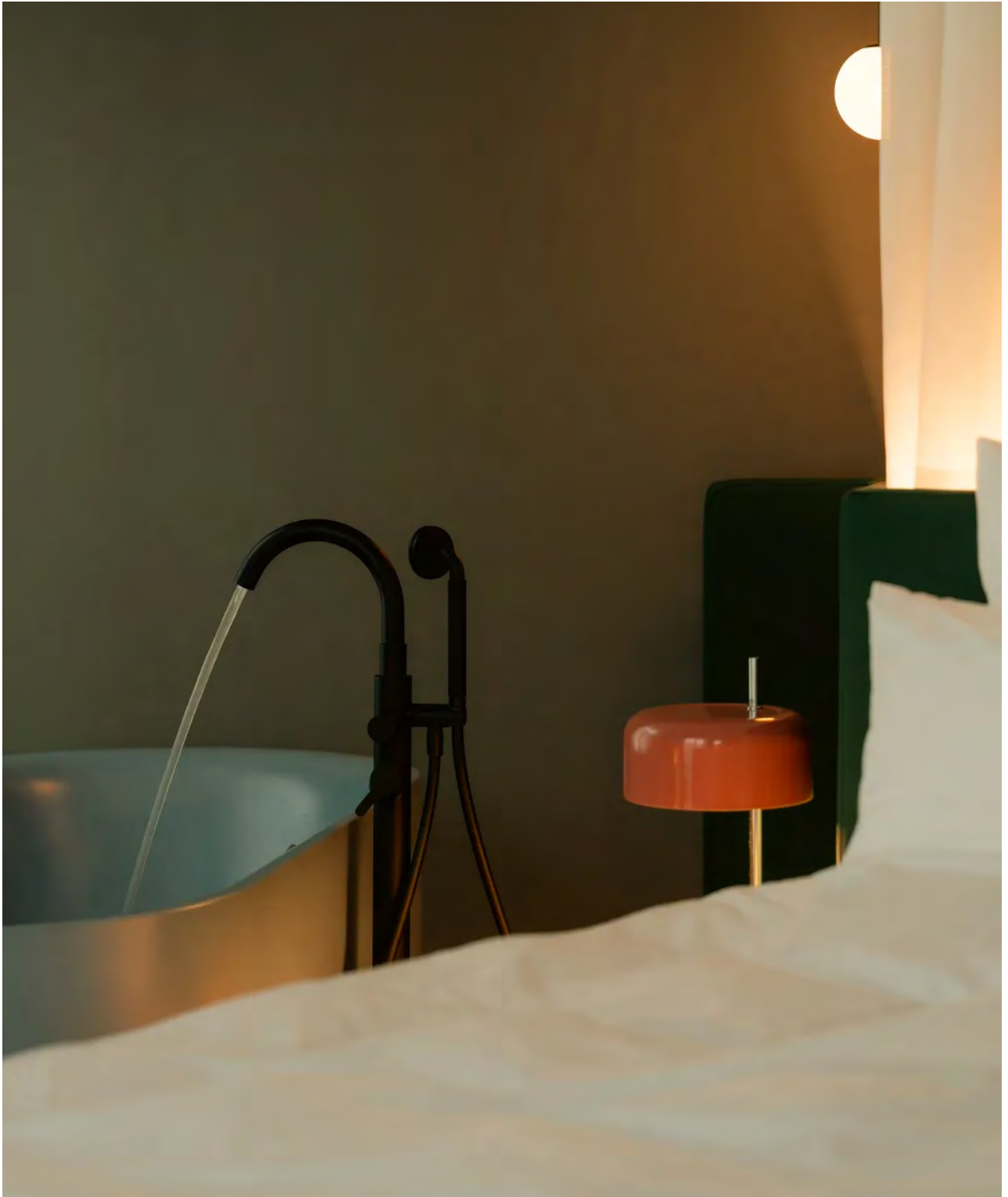


concept of a suite you can spend the night in – the idea being that guests can transform their accommodation into a private spa with additional wellness options. In-house restaurant Auntie Heidi serves breakfast and dinner, and there are two bars.



Hotel Badeschloss' room

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Hotel Badeschloss' room detail

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Hotel Badeschloss' suite views

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Ascending to the Alpine Swim Club spa that tops off the hotel, guests are treated to three floors of bubbling vitality, including a rooftop pool with crystal glass steps. Cobalt blue,



The sauna area on the 12th floor offers panoramic views, a seraglio bath, a Finnish sauna, and a herbal pine sauna, emphasising the hotel's bathing culture.



Hotel Badeschloss Spa

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group of contemporary artists from Bad Gastein and beyond contributed their creative works to create a unique offering within the space.



Hotel Badeschloss' views

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