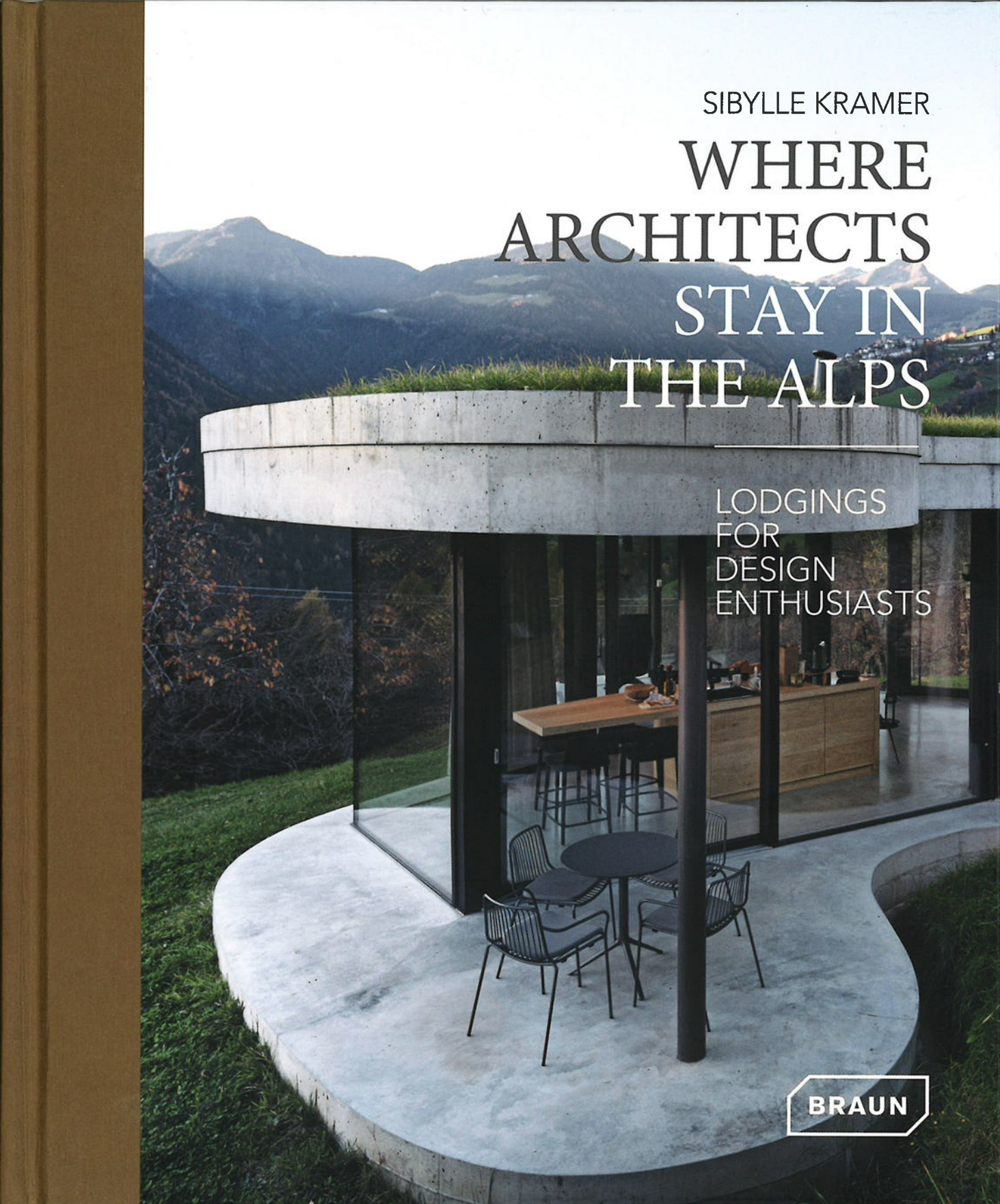


The image shows a modern, circular building with a flat roof covered in grass. The building has large glass walls that reveal an interior with a wooden counter and stools. Outside, on a concrete terrace, there is a small round table with four wire chairs. The building is set in a lush green valley with steep, forested mountains in the background under a clear sky.

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WHERE ARCHITECTS STAY IN THE ALPS

LODGINGS
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INFORMATION. ARCHITECTS>
CHESEAU XREY ASSOCIÉS SA // 2016.
MOUNTAIN HUTS> MAYEN OLIVIER
50 SQM, MAYEN ETIENNE 58 SQM,
MAYEN JEAN 67 SQM, MAYEN
MADELEINE 98 SQM, MAYEN JOSEPH
118 SQM, MAYEN HENRI 19 SQM //
2-12 GUESTS // 1-3 BEDROOMS //
1-2 BATHROOMS. ADDRESS>
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Anakolodge

LA FORCLAZ, SWITZERLAND

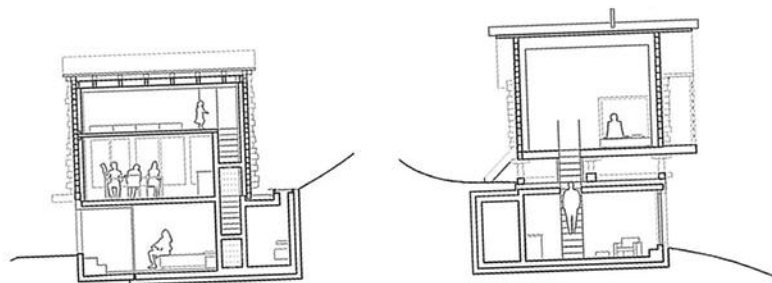
Ruins of six agricultural buildings in the Val d'Hérens were saved from demolition and rebuilt respecting the traditional architecture of the Valais. Originally, these buildings were used to store supplies, and the stables for the Eringer cows were located just below the floor. The construction consisted of larch planks, which, depending on the building type, stood on wooden posts and granite stones that were used to protect from mice, or were placed on top of the dry-stone wall stables. In the so called raccards the families stored grain, hay, and other supplies. The barns were used to store the hay that was used to feed the cattle in winter. The granaries, located in the center of the village, were used to store provisions for the whole family.

The architect Olivier Cheseaux has succeeded in renovating the agricultural buildings, because on the one hand, a new use become possible, and on the other hand preserving the rough and at the same time delicate look of these houses that fit perfectly into the wild nature. Those Maiensässe, small huts, are fully equipped and heated to 20-21 degrees depending on the season. The consistently designed interiors, mostly made of simple materials, create a special atmosphere even in the smallest of spaces. The kitchen is fully equipped. The Anakolodge collaborates with the village store and the restaurants of the valley, doing justice to its concept based on respect, trust and love of nature and beauty.

*Night view in winter. Detail of the entrance.
Terrace with mountain view. General view.*



*A bedroom with large window. View of the balcony.
Sections of the cabins.*



GETTING AROUND. OUTDOOR ACTIVITIES IN THE COUNTRYSIDE RANGE FROM HIKING TO FLYING, SKIING, PICKING PLANTS, TASTING, MEDITATING AND MARVELING. HOWEVER, THERE IS ALSO THE POSSIBILITY OF PERSONALIZED ACTIVITIES.



*Exterior view of the garden.
Interior view of the living area.*



INFORMATION. ARCHITECTS> ANAKO ARCHITECTURE // INTERIOR DESIGN> SEBASTIAN HATZFELDT // 1688, RENOVATION 2013 AND 2021. CHALET> 120 SQM // 4-6 GUESTS // 2 BEDROOMS // 2 BATHROOMS. ADDRESS> GRANGENEUVE, SAINT-MARTIN, VALAIS, SWITZERLAND. WWW.CHALET-2-SPHÈRES.CH



Interior view of the living area. Chalet with mountains. Main view from below. Exterior view.

Chalet-2-Sphères

VALAIS, SWITZERLAND

The name Chalet-2-Sphères derives from a second floor, dating from 1688, that was renovated in 2013, and from a firm modern basement. An old barn built in 1688 in block construction was dismantled one beam at a time. 20 kilometers from its previous location, a new basement was built first in exposed concrete, along with a new wood and steel substructure to support the old barn that was put on top of it. The historic beams were reassembled around the new substructure in their original way, including the old wooden posts with the overlying stones.

Through careful attention to detail and considerable effort, it was possible to save the historic barn and keep it as a witness of former times. The interior design carries and emphasizes those two different spheres of the old and the new.

In addition, the second floor offers an exquisite collection of up to 120-year-old stuffed animals (not hunting trophies), like those exhibited in natural history museums. There is a hidden home cinema with a 75" screen, a large audio system as well as an extensive library for good entertainment and cozy evenings.



Chalet from the garden. Bedroom with panoramic view. Living room. Panoramic window of the dining room. Floor plan.

GETTING AROUND. THE CHALET HAS AN EXTRAORDINARY UNUSUAL OPEN VIEW IN ALL DIRECTIONS AND UP TO THE GLACIERS AROUND THE DENT D'HÉRENS (4,171 M) IN THE SOUTH. AS FURTHER HIGHLIGHT, THERE ARE THREE ALPINE SETTLEMENTS SITUATED RIGHT ABOVE THE VALLEY, JUST LIKE IN A PICTURE BOOK. FROM OCTOBER TO THE BEGINNING OF NOVEMBER, THE LARCHES TURN GOLD. THIS IS AN INCREDIBLE INTENSE COLOR SPECTACLE. IN WINTER, THERE ARE BEAUTIFUL TRAILS AND A NUMBER OF DIFFERENT SKI RESORTS.

