

**AT THE TOP OF HER GAME**

On a weekend break in St. Moritz, Italian fashion heiress Margherita Missoni talks design inspirations, downtime and how she's taking the family legacy to new levels

**HIGH NOTES**

The Festival da Jazz is the cultural highlight in St. Moritz, bringing the world's jazz elite to the Swiss mountains. We join the party unfolding around town

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## ARCHITECTURE

# Making an entrance

by Sonia Zhuravlyova

Architecture firm Hosoya Schaefer has designed the new Engadin airport, the grandest entry portal to the region

“A large part of the economy in the Engadin is tourism, so the new Engadin airport will be very important for the future of the region,” says architect Markus Schaefer, whose Zürich-based firm Hosoya Schaefer has won the competition to build the region’s newest transport hub.

The non-Schengen Engadin airport is a vital and far-reaching investment for the area and promises to be an architectural showpiece.

“The deep valley in which the airport is located was created by glaciers millions of years ago, which gives you this flat bottom,” explains Schaefer. “We created a building that acts like land art in this specific context.”

The 33,000 sq m airport, which replaces a makeshift structure, will welcome VIP guests and serve as a base for hobby pilots, as well as a hub for Rega, HeliBernina and other regional helicopter companies. The new linear glass-and-metal building will sit majestically on the wide valley floor; its two symmetrical wings will enclose four helicopter hangars and operations buildings, with the passenger terminal at its core.

The overall project design is notable for its economy and flexibility; more buildings for service vehicles, fire brigades and aircraft can be added at a later date. At 1,707 metres above sea level it is set to be Europe’s highest airport.

Beyond simply being a transport hub, the airport will also act as a civic space for the valley’s community, with restaurants, retail and exhibitions and outdoor terraces where visitors can take in the panoramic views of the airfields and the valley beyond. Work begins in 2021, at a cost of €21 million, and will be completed in phases. “An airport so high above sea level is as unique as St. Moritz itself,” says Marijana Jakic, brand manager for St. Moritz. “It’s important that our guests are received correspondingly and that they take away a lasting impression with them.” [engadin-airport.ch](http://engadin-airport.ch)

Construction on the new Engadin airport will begin in 2021.



## ABOUT THE AIRPORT



1 Tricky topography, fickle winds and the high altitude make this one of the most challenging airports around.



2 The arrivals and departures terminal will have the dual purpose of serving as an event space.



3 The new building is structured vertically with each floor dedicated to a specific function.



4 Zürich-based architects Markus Schaefer and Hiromi Hosoya (pictured, front) in the company of their team.