**In the Eastern Trentino ski areas, high quality is the starting point**

**DOLOMITI SUPERSKI, A PARADISE FOR SNOW LOVERS**

**In a rich, evocative natural environment there are over 1200 kilometers of ski runs that will satisfy all snow lovers. New works include: a new low-impact gondola lift on Alpe Lusia, a new black slope in Val di Fassa, the renovation of the gondola lift and the extension of the runs at Belvedere di Canazei and Passo Carezza, in Val di Fiemme the first telemix lift in the carousel, a brand new sled run, a contemporary-design hut, the restyling of Cermislandia; and on Alpe Tognola, at San Martino di Castrozza, a new baby & fun area and an improved snowmaking system.**

Dolomiti Superski is the largest ski carousel in the world, a “snow kingdom” for winter sports lovers. Located in the Eastern Alps, it extends over the South Tyrol and Trentino regions and the province of Belluno, comprising twelve ski regions that stand out for the variety of the runs and are particularly suitable for family holidays. Thanks to an easy-to-use single chip-ski pass, Dolomiti Superski provides 1200 Km of slopes, 350 of which within Trentino, almost all equipped with snowmaking systems that guarantee good skiing conditions from December to April even in the event of scarce natural snowfalls. The ski areas of Trentino included in the carousel are Val di Fassa, Moena-Tre Valli, Val di Fiemme and San Martino di Castrozza-Passo Rolle.

**In Val di Fassa**

**Off to a “Volata” *(flying start)* with the unprecedented black slope**

While the effects of the renovation of the Funifor cableway “Alba-Col dei Rossi” – with consequent increase in ski lift capacities - carried out at the end of 2015 are still being fully felt, the 2016-2017 snow season in Val di Fassa is announcing a “Flying start”. In fact “Volata” is the name of the new, high-speed, technical run in San Pellegrino that, starting from the 2,510 m altitude at the uphill station of the Col Margherita cableway, drops swiftly down to the 1,879 m of the Dolomite pass, for an overall extension of 2,350 m and 631 m of difference in height. This run is not completely new: in fact, the first part runs parallel to the slope leading to Lake Cavia and then bends towards the pass and re-connects with the Col Margherita slope. Slightly before the change in direction, the new section of the black slope “Volata” branches into it. It has maximum gradients of almost 57% (with an average of about 30%) and its path varies almost as much as the panorama itself: from the 360 degree view of the Dolomite range seen from Col Margherita to the final rush immersed in a fairy-tale forest.

**Low-impact gondola lift in the Alpe Lusia-San Pellegrino ski area**

The Alpe Lusia-San Pellegrino ski area has another surprise in store for ski lovers, which will also be a great benefit for the users of the Bellamonte-Alpe Lusia ski area in Val di Fiemme: the Castelir-Fassane-Morea gondola lift coupled in two sections – Castelir-Fassane and Fassane-Morea, with an intermediate station at 1,800 m a.s.l. – with possibility of starting from the 1550 m of Castelir\_Bellamonte and stay on board up to the uphill station. The lift – 10 persons per cabin, capacity 2,200 persons an hour – replaces the former two four-seat chair lifts and has a low impact on the environment, due to the design of the arrival and departure structures and to the removal of 13 of the 28 former supports and 4 of the 5 pillars installed within the ski runs. The skiing conditions in this portion of the ski area has thus been greatly improved and the sled run “Fraina”, which uses the lifts, has gained 300 meters and is now 2.1 km long.

**Renovation of the Pradel-Rodella gondola lift, upgraded snowmaking systems and innovations in Carezza**

Innovations can also be seen going up the valley from San Pellegrino and Moena up to the Belvedere-Col Rodella ski area between Canazei and Campitello. The most important is the renovation of the Pradel-Rodella gondola lift in which all the “gondolas” have been replaced with a new, panoramic model. The snowmaking equipment has been upgraded throughout the entire ski area and much work has been carried out on the slopes, including the extension of the high speed “Diego” run, with departure from Col dei Rossi, and the repair and improvement of the “Kristiana”, “Pordoi” and “Belvedere” runs, in the vicinity of the Dolomiti Snowpark area. The Carezza Snowpark is also being enlarged; it is located in the ski area of the Carezza pass a few kilometers away from Vigo di Fassa and the new works will ensure more fun to the fans of ski jumps and acrobatics. Finally, a new restaurant has been built in Carezza at the uphill station of the Laurin 1 gondola lift and the “Naniland” baby park has been enlarged.

**In Val di Fiemme**

**At Obereggen the new telemix replaces the Laner, with a new sled run**

Obereggen announces a new ski lift for the 2016-17 winter season. The current fixed 4-seat chair lift ‘Laner’ will be replaced by a modern telemix consisting of both chairs and cabins: while expert skiers will be able to reach the slopes quickly with their skis on, pedestrians, sled lovers and children can ride in safe, comfortable cabins. The new Obereggen lift will be equipped with 6-seat chairs and 8-seat cabins. The telemix will also serve a brand new sled run, 750 m long, going from the Epircher-Laner mountain hut to the bottom station of the Absam-Maierl ski lift. The Laner ski run will also be enlarged and improved in order to guarantee pleasant, relaxing skiing and sledding.

**A new three-veranda mountain hut on the Oberholz slope**

At the start of the Oberholz slope at Obereggen a new mountain hut has been built, made of wood and glass with three verandas. The original structure has a single core that branches out into a trio of wide panoramic glass windows projected over the surrounding mountains. The hut has a contemporary design and has been built with ecologically sustainable materials, so as to integrate perfectly with the landscape around it. It was designed by architects Peter Pichler and Pavol Mikolajcak.

**Alpe Cermis, restyling of Cermislandia and of the Dosso Larici mountain hut**

Alpe Cermis will become even more hospitable in the Doss dei Laresi area, at the intermediate stop of the cableway at 1,280 m a.s.l.. The Cermislandia snow games park will have new attractions, such as a sled run and a tubing run. The nearby ski school is brand new and quite spacious. Restyling work on the Doss dei Laresi began during the last ski season with the building of the lounge bar ‘La Baita Tonda’, a larchwood mountain hut furnished in the “minimal Alp chic” style with large glass walls, raw wood, colorful furnishings, modern art prints on the walls and a panoramic oven in the center of the room. The same style was chosen to rebuild and enlarge the ‘Baita Dosso Larici’ restaurant. The new horizontal architectural structure, with larchwood strips and large glass windows will create a continuous complex consisting of the restaurant, the lounge bar and the cableway arrival station, bestowing landscaping harmony to the entire mountain area.

**At San Martino di Castrozza-Passo Rolle**

**New Baby & Fun area on Alpe Tognola**

Just a few steps away from the hut, where the Tognola gondola lift arrives there will be a new baby and fun area for young skiers and beginners. The area was recently enlarged and the conveyor ski lift installed in 2014, was moved to a more central area where it can be used by a greater number of beginning skiers and by the children who want to try the new bob and sled area for fun in the snow.

**An even better snowmaking system**

Work on Alpe Tognola has continued all through the summer to ensure the availability of snow at the beginning of the season: following the investment in 2015, consisting in the enlargement of the storage basin for artificial snow and the upgrading of the snowmaking system in the lower part of the Rododendro slope, this year new works are under way to improve the skiing surface and to install new piping and snow generators in the upper part of Tognola Uno.

**Ski passes**

**A vast selection of ski passes offered by Dolomiti Superski**

As in past years, during the 2016/17 winter season four Dolomiti Superski days can be purchased in addition to the valley ski pass for 120 euros for adults and 97 euros for juniors born after November 26, 2000. And with the ‘Direct to Lift’ pass it has never been so easy and convenient to reach the slopes: just arrive, go up and start skiing! It is also possible to buy a pass for 14 days at the price of 11, a pass for 5 days to be chosen out of 6, or a pass for 8 days to be chosen anytime during the season. There are also the combined multi-day ski passes – valid for several days in the valley plus Superski days – and the ‘Valle Silver’ ski pass, valid for several consecutive days (5 or 6) in Val di Fassa-Carezza, Val di Fiemme-Obereggen, San Martino di Castrozza-Passo Rolle and Alpe Lusia–San Pellegrino. Finally, there’s the transferable multi-day ski pass that allows parents to alternate in the supervision of their children aged up to 3, the debit cards and the all-season ski pass.

**Discounts and special prices for families and advance sale buyers**

Adults accompanying children and buying a one-day or multi-day ski pass will receive a free ski pass for children under the age of 8 years, i.e. born after November 26, 2008. Moreover, a 30% discount will be applied to one-day and multi-day ski passes for juniors up to 16 years of age – i.e. born after November 26, 2000 – and by purchasing an all-season pass for children under 8 years or for juniors one of the parents will save 220 euros on his/her own all-season ski pass. For large families purchasing four all-season passes, besides the discount, the third or fourth junior or child all-season pass will be free of charge. If you buy a Dolomiti Superski adult all-season pass by December 24, 2016 you will obtain a special advance sale price of 780 euros. The Dolomiti Superski all-season pass also gives you the right to five days on the lifts and slopes of the Skirama Dolomiti Adamello-Brenta ski area in Trentino.

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