

Lenzerheide Switzerland



Architect: Angelo Pozzoli

As architect Angelo Pozzoli realized, he could have easily designed a traditional rustic interior for the Haneke family apartment in the beautiful Swiss Alpine village of Lenzerheide, a ski resort community in the canton of Grisons. The Hanekes, a Dutch couple in their seventies, spend the year traveling from their home in Amsterdam to Lenzerheide and Marbella, a city on Spain's Costa del Sol. They wanted to share their three-bedroom dwelling in a modern apartment building with their daughter's family as a winter retreat. Happily, Angelo Pozzoli met the client's needs and simultaneously reinvented the concept of the rustic home.

Since the daughter and her husband have two children, the Hanekes needed two master bedrooms with dedicated bathrooms and a bedroom and bathroom for the grandchildren. Besides this night zone, they required a living zone encompassing a kitchen, dining area and living room. The couple specifically asked that the living room accommodate all family members before the fireplace and television.

The architect Angelo Pozzoli takes a pragmatic view of design, echoing Le Corbusier in insisting a house is a "machine for living" where the user's functional needs and lifestyle precede aesthetic issues. Of course, this does not preclude Pozzoli's preference for clear, linear lines and minimal spatial

arrangements, nor does he hesitate to create custom details that reflect his client's sensibility.

Eschewing the usual pine interiors, Angelo Pozzoli selected as basic materials a heat-treated and brushed oak for the floor, walls and secondary roof structure, etched iron and natural stone, producing an updated take on rustic style. For each room, the architect established a scale and form tailored to its function and mood. The living zone assembled family activities in a lively environment comprising a sleek glass kitchen, a dining area with a custom-designed iron table and stunning outdoor view, and an inviting living room featuring a stone storage wall, ceiling-suspended fireplace and coffee table fashioned from a cedar tree trunk. The master bedrooms were compact, convenient and very comfortable. Their adjoining bathrooms were made entirely of stone, featuring bathtubs that convert to showers to save space. To house two boys in a small space, the children's bedroom incorporated hidden beds to provide playing space.

Given the client's willingness to entrust the project to him as a turnkey project, Angelo Pozzoli handled the planning, design and furnishing with full autonomy. When the client saw the completed house, he was speechless. In fact, he simply hugged the architect.







