New gondola lift makes Swiss ski resort Savognin even more family-friendly

The LEITNER ropeways-built Savognin-Tigignas installation serves as a strategically important primary feeder

In 2012, LEITNER ropeways built the first of two sections for the Savognin-Tigignas 10-passenger gondola lift, Switzerland's first 10-passenger gondola lift, in the traditional Swiss ski resort of Savognin. The connection to the village (first section) has now been completed, creating a new, high-performance primary feeder for the family-friendly ski and hiking area.

For Savognin, the ropeway not only delivers state-of-the-art technical standards, it also plays a decisive strategic role. As a primary feeder, it plays a key role for the entire Surses holiday region, increasing the transport quality and capacity on the principal axis. In future, the new ropeway will make it even more vital as the centerpiece of the ski resort in Grisons, which is particularly popular with families. The new installation replaces a 4-seater chairlift built in 1987, significantly boosting the comfort along its two sections. Given that LEITNER ropeways already built the first system of this type in Savognin in 2012 – a première for Switzerland – it was only logical to continue the cooperation from the construction of Section 1. The many positive comments, especially from families and the local ski schools, played a key role in the decision to build Section 2.

A key milestone in development of the Surses holiday region

As well as transporting passengers, including pedestrians and tobogganists, in comfort whatever the weather, the installation effortlessly transports the sporting equipment used all-year-round in the ski and hiking area. The LEITNER DirectDrive system makes the ropeway particularly silent, so it does not disturb guests of the restaurants located right beside the top station. The ski resort management welcomes the 10-passenger gondola lift as a major step towards sustainably increasing the attractiveness of the Surses holiday region, one which they expect to increase passenger figures in future. The ropeway can currently transport up to 2,000 passengers per hour in its 37 cabins, with potential to expand capacity to 2,600 passengers. That's how high the expectations of Savognin Bergbahnen AG are. "The new gondola lift highlights our progressive strategy and, like the planned hotel projects and those already being built, it is a key milestone in the development of our holiday region.

We would like to note in particular the outstanding cooperation between Leitner and the local companies involved in the construction work, as well as the developers," says Commercial Director Christoph Passecker.

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