Central Italy's largest ski resort stands by its expansion strategy

New LEITNER ropeways 10-passenger gondola lift in Roccaraso to operate from the start of the winter season

Alto Sangro, in the province of L'Aquila in Abruzzo, is the largest ski area in central Italy, with a total of 100 km of slopes and includes the towns of Roccaraso, Rivisondoli and Pescocostanzo. In Roccaraso, at an altitude of 1236 m, LEITNER ropeways is currently building the new 10-seater "Pallottieri" gondola lift in the Aremogna area.

Having built two gondola lifts in Roccaraso in 2016, LEITNER ropeways is now building another gondola lift in the well-known winter sports resort. The installation will replace the historic "Pallottieri" 3-seater chairlift. Even though the season in the ski resort had to be ended prematurely in spring, the planned investment was confirmed and the modernisation strategy is thus being pursued. Work is currently proceeding at full speed on the new lift, which is due to be completed in early autumn and put into operation in December.

The GD10 "Pallottieri" will contribute to a significant increase in capacity and, above all, will guarantee a safe journey for the many smaller passengers. The Diamond 10 cabins offer a comfortable ride along the unchanged route and, with 100 kg of additional weight each, they provide even better wind stability. Adverse weather conditions in the area of the top station at 1,900 m above sea level were also taken into account in the construction. In order to guarantee passengers a pleasant exit, even in wind and snow, the station building is additionally enveloped with a special construction. The vehicles are parked directly in the station buildings.

The operating company Sifatt (Impianti funiviari Aremogna Toppe del Tesoro Srl) has been working on the modernisation of the well-known ski resort for several years, explains Sifatt CEO Mauro Del Castello: "This is already the fifth gondola lift we are building here. This is a strategically important ropeway for our region, especially as it will give us a competitive edge in the summer too. After all, the gondola lift can also take cyclists and hikers to the top in summer as well".

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