Austrian ski resorts continue to invest in top infrastructure

LEITNER builds ropeway systems in Filzmoos and on the Kaunertal Glacier

Austria is welcoming the coming winter season with two new LEITNER ropeways. In Filzmoos, at the heart of the Ski amadé region, they are building the "sixpack Mooslehen" 6-seater chairlift, a modern replacement for a 2-seater chairlift which is now 37 years old. On the Kaunertal Glacier, the Weißseejochbahn sets another milestone and increases the attractiveness of the glacier ski area.

The Ski amadé network is one of Europe's largest winter sports areas. It offers a total of 760 kilometers of runs. The Filzmoos ski resort at its center offers ideal conditions for families and beginners. The construction of the "sixpack Mooslehen" 6-seater chairlift signals the retirement of the existing 2-seater chairlift, which is 37 years old and can no longer keep up with the times. The new installation starts at an altitude of 1,057 meters and will carry 2,000 people per hour over a distance of more than a kilometer. 43 EVO premium chairs fitted with child-proof safety bars and bubbles will ensure that skiers at Filzmoos can get to the top of the slopes more quickly and comfortably from this winter onwards. "Bergbahnen Filzmoos has hit on exactly the right solution with this innovative LEITNER design. Its modern construction suits the new filzmoos.ski brand perfectly," says the management of Bergbahnen Filzmoos. They are also investing in modernizing the ski resort's other infrastructure around the ropeway. As well as an office and ticket area, a store, toilets, technical rooms, a first aid room, a room for bus drivers to relax in and a snow groomer garage are all being built in the bottom station area.

The Weißseejochbahn makes Kaunertal's skiing even more fun

The new Weißseejochbahn will commence operations on the Kaunertal Glacier in Winter 2021/22. The 10-passenger gondola lift will start near the middle station of the existing Ochsenalmbahn chairlift at 2,494 meters, leading almost two kilometers up to the Weißseejoch at 3,044 meters. Building this new ropeway will make the ski resort even more attractive and modern. Additional runs and a large area for freeriders will be on offer from December 2021 onwards.

The ropeway is equipped with Diamond EVO premium cabins, which are being custom-designed for the client. Comfy individual seats are upholstered in loden, and a special fabric is used to line the cabin's top soil to create a pleasant sense of space. The ski holders affixed to the floor of the cabin have been made slightly wider to accommodate freeride skis.

Much emphasis is also being placed on making the station's architecture attractive. The two buildings in the valley and on the mountain have been designed to be as compact as possible, so that they blend perfectly into the surrounding mountains. "The construction of the Weißseejochbahn presented a major challenge – space-saving station buildings, slope routing, situating the top station. But working with the LEITNER team, we solved these challenges technically, timeously, innovatively and with a view to the future," says managing director Beate Rubatscher-Larcher.

Intelligent garaging is another new feature: at the bottom station, a system with two sidings is integrated into both sides of the building, meaning an additional garage does not have to be built. The motor and pulley wheel are anthracite instead of yellow and red, which contributes to the ropeway's elegant appearance.

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