



PROJECT

IKUNA NATURRESORT

LOCATION
Natternbach,
Austria

In Natternbach, Upper Austria, the IKUNA Naturresort combines archaic tipi forms with contemporary timber construction. KLH® – CLT forms the structural heart of selected suites. Exposed wooden surfaces create a sense of calm and warmth, while precise prefabrication enables the efficient realization of complex geometries. The result is architecture that harmoniously unites form, material, and atmosphere.

TIPI SUITES WITH KLH® – CLT

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The IKUNA Naturresort demonstrates how traditional formal principles can be translated into a contemporary language. For part of the tipi suites, KLH® – CLT was used as both a structural and design element – reduced in form, precise in execution. Calm, warm wooden surfaces shape the interiors, conveying a sense of security and fostering a balanced indoor climate. Even the conically tapering roof forms could be implemented efficiently and faithfully to form using prefabricated cross-laminated timber; weather-independent assembly reduced the construction time per stage to six to eight months. The architectural impact arises from the interplay of geometry, material selection, and technical precision. On the exterior, a durable FPO membrane supports the building's clean lines and provides lasting protection for the envelope against weathering. Inside, KLH® elements are deliberately left visible. The solid wood is not cladding, but the spatial structure itself – tangible, authentic, enduring. It defines surfaces, unites function with material honesty, and offers a tactile quality that shapes the visitor's experience. This makes the design ethos directly perceptible: clarity in expression, calmness in atmosphere, and reliability in construction. This material honesty is complemented

by discreetly integrated building services. Underfloor heating throughout and an efficiently designed climate control system ensure consistent comfort year-round. At the same time, the timber system actively supports the interior climate: moisture regulation and thermal storage capacity help stabilize conditions without bringing elaborate additional technology to the forefront. The result is architecture that is not merely decorative, but shaped from the inherent quality of the material itself. Solid timber construction underscores this approach – functional, understated, enduring. The tipi hotel is embedded in a nature and adventure area of around 200,000 m², combining opportunities for retreat and activity. Outdoors, water landscapes, art trails, and play zones create vibrant highlights; indoors, the suites offer calm and clarity. CLT forms the bridge between outside and inside: it provides structural solidity, enables design freedom, and preserves material authenticity. This connection between setting, construction method, and use creates a harmonious whole – a place where form and function naturally come together, and where the sensuality of wood shapes the atmosphere.



SPACE FROM WOOD, FORM OF NATURE

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The IKUNA Naturresort stands for tourism architecture that does not stage natural materials, but integrates them. Precisely prefabricated KLH® elements were assembled with exacting accuracy, combining speed with high execution quality. The construction method is designed for longevity and robustness, while actively contributing to a stable indoor climate. Exposed wood remains a defining element of the space – technically reliable, atmospherically clear, and enduringly convincing.

The construction is low-maintenance and built to last, complemented by a robust building envelope and meticulously executed details. The exposed wood defines the space not as decoration, but as a central architectural element. KLH® appears clear, natural, and atmospheric – not as a mere surface, but as a defining material that unites structure, function, and expression. The combination of archetypal form, natural materiality, and precise execution makes the project immediately tangible and gives it a compelling, distinctive identity.

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