



111 Years Waldhaus Sils

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- A time travel across 111 years of history and life at Hotel Waldhaus Sils, an icon of Swiss hospitality in one of Europe's most spectacular landscapes
- The book reflects Waldhaus Sils's unique blend of luxury and modesty, historic grandeur and playful fun, smooth professionalism and unexpected idiosyncrasies
- St Moritz and the upper Engadine are one of Switzerland's finest and most famous destinations

Those in the know are aware that Wes Anderson's Grand Budapest Hotel has a real-life counterpart in the Swiss Alps: the Waldhaus Sils, which has pleased and puzzled visitors for 111 years and become an icon of Swiss hospitality. Located above the small and pretty village of Sils Maria, near St Moritz, it overlooks a striking landscape of forests, lakes and mountains and offers a combination of belle époque flair and modern comfort. Its distinctive charm comes from the fact that the Waldhaus has been family-owned and operated ever since its grand opening on 15 June 1908. *111 Years of Waldhaus Sils* ranges across the hotel's life and history. Brief essays look at the hotel's history and the broader context in which it exists. The book also shines a light on colourful members of the owning family and their dreams and work, interspersed with conversations with people who have known them. Beautifully illustrated with newly commissioned and historic photographs and documents, it is a tantalising glimpse into the life of an exceptional hotel in one of Europe's most spectacular landscapes.

Urs Kienberger is the great-grandson of Josef and Amalie Giger, the founders of the Waldhaus Sils. With his sister Maria and her husband Felix Dietrich, he ran the hotel for twenty-five years, until his retirement in 2014.