

Media release

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Andermatt wins Minergie rating for medium-size municipalities

For the second time in a row, Andermatt has garnered a podium spot with the Minergie rating. After placing third in 2020, Andermatt took the crown in 2022 in the category “Medium-size municipalities”. This award is largely due to the work of Andermatt Swiss Alps. The company builds exclusively using Minergie construction methods.

The fact that the mountain village of Andermatt with its nearly 1,600 residents is appearing for the second time at the top of the rating list compiled by Minergie every two years is particularly due to the work of the destination developer Andermatt Swiss Alps AG. It consistently builds in accordance with the Minergie standard. As a result, there are now [42 Minergie buildings](#) in Andermatt, three of which in the Minergie-P standard. That means an increase of 12 such buildings in the past two years. As part of the initiative Andermatt Responsible, Andermatt Swiss Alps places great emphasis on environmental sustainability. The village quarter Andermatt Reuss features very high-density construction in order to keep building footprints small. In addition, all buildings, hotels and the company’s golf club house are heated in an environmentally neutral manner using district heating from the Göschenen heating plant. The properties are powered with 100% renewable energy supplied by the Urseren Power Station (EWU). EWU has four hydroelectric power stations of its own and four wind turbines on Güttsch.

Minergie rating

The Minergie rating is a competition for municipalities that is held every two years. For scoring, Minergie awards points for the criteria “number of certificates new construction”, “upgrading” and the difficult-to-achieve special certificates Minergie-A, Minergie-P and Minergie-ECO. Also taken into consideration is the total certified space per resident. Moreover, the commitment of the municipalities is awarded points. This gives rise to a national comparison of all localities in terms of energy-efficient construction.

Minergie

Minergie is a Swiss construction standard for new and upgraded buildings. The brand is mutually supported by industry, the cantons and the federal government and is protected against misuse. Minergie buildings are characterised by very low energy needs and a share of renewable energy that is as high as possible. In addition, the certificate provides for quality assurance in the design, construction and operating phase.

Andermatt Responsible

The initiative [Andermatt Responsible](#) is dedicated to ensuring sustainable, climate-friendly tourism in the Andermatt region. Its aim is to facilitate tourism operations in a way that



preserves resources. First place in the Minergie rating is confirmation that the Andermatt Swiss Alps Group is on the right path with this sustainability strategy. An overview of all sustainability projects and the Group's carbon footprint can be found in the [Andermatt Responsible progress report](#) released this spring.

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Andermatt Swiss Alps AG – Welcome home.

Andermatt Swiss Alps AG, with registered office in Andermatt, plans, builds, and develops the year-round destination of Andermatt. In 2009 Andermatt Reuss came into being, with apartment buildings, hotels, and chalets. The Andermatt Swiss Alps Group owns The Chedi Andermatt and Radisson Blu Reussen hotels, an 18-hole, par-72 championship gold course and the Andermatt Concert Hall. A close partnership is in place with Andermatt-Sedrun Sport AG (SkiArena Andermatt-Sedrun, the gastrobrand Mountain Food, the sports shop Gleis 0 and the Swiss Snowsports School Andermatt) and its majority shareholder Vail Resorts, Inc. for developing the destination. Vail Resorts, the world's largest operator of ski resorts, and Andermatt Swiss Alps are together pursuing the vision of becoming "The Prime Alpine Destination". They are committed to an intact environment and a sustainable future that will offer coming generations an extraordinary home. During high season, Andermatt Swiss Alps and Andermatt-Sedrun Sport AG have more than 1,000 employees working at the locations in Altdorf, Andermatt and Sedrun. Andermatt Swiss Alps is owned by Samih Sawiris (51%) and Orascom Development Holding AG (49%).

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