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Oberholz Mountain Hut
(2016)
South Tyrol

The Dolomites are home to many of Italy's most groundbreaking contemporary buildings. This mountain-hut project which opened in 2016 is a collaboration between South Tyrol native Peter Pichler and Slovak-born, Bolzano-based Pavol Mikolajcak. It features

a triumvirate of handsome gable-roofed, cantilevered structures which fan out to face the surrounding peaks.

The glass-fronted façades are striking but it's the interior – a sort of modernist take on the traditional chalet – that is perhaps the building's most spellbinding feature. The walls and ceilings are dominated by a giant wooden ribcage which opens out into a space that is a play on the South Tyrolean *Stube* – a wood-panelled parlour found in local farmhouses, restaurants and hotels.

