



PARKHOTEL LAURIN ^{- 1910}

THE LAURIN BAR

The Laurin Bar is the centre piece of Parkhotel Laurin. It is the meeting place for both hotel guests and townspeople who enjoy savouring a coffee or glass of wine in stylish surroundings, perhaps to chat over a business deal.

The bar's unique feature is its design: after the restoration work carried out in the early 1990s the murals painted in 1911 by one of South Tyrol's leading art nouveau artist, Bruno Goldschmitt, can once again be admired in their former glory and they lend character to the ambience. The present-day bar was once the hotel's foyer.

Bruno Goldschmitt's paintings illustrate the legend of the dwarf King Laurin who cultivated a rose garden amid what are now the vertical walls of the Rosengarten Dolomite massif to the south-east of Bolzano. According to the story, in a fit of rage King Laurin turned his magnificent rose garden into a desolate landscape of rock so that nobody could marvel at its beauty, "neither by day nor by night." But he forgot the twilight, which is why it still burns crimson as it reflects the sunset.

The air-conditioned Smokers' Lounge with access to the bar is accommodated in the former Herrensalon. The bar also has a small terrace facing the park which is open in summer.

Top international formations perform regularly in the Laurin Bar, making it a highly popular venue for jazz enthusiasts on Friday evenings. On Thursday evenings the bar's 'Aperitivo Lungo', what we would call an after-work drink, has become an institution in Bolzano.

In 2009 the new, stylish Summer Lounge opened in the heart of the park, a bar with cosy lounge furniture.