

AUFBERG 1113 Piesendorf, near Zell Am Zee, Austria

What a spectacular modern structure. Made from glass and black-painted larch, this raised rectangular box has a balcony that catches the sun throughout the day. Designed by architect Andreas Meck, the house is split into two apartments -Sparrow's Nest and Swallow's Nest that can be rented separately or together. Both have a stylish, uniform look: flagstone or wood floors, felt-covered sofas, open fires and quirky chill-out nooks cut out of the wall. Much of the furniture has been built by the architect, including a dining room table that's made from an old wooden door, but there are also Hans Wegner chairs and a matching Bestlite light hanging from the ceiling, a bathtub by Philippe Starck and a coat stand made from sticks by designer Michael Schwebius that looks more like a piece of art. www.aufberg.at. From £149 per night individually; £354 per night for the whole house (sleeps seven)

