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# The Green Wave

by Antonella Eull

A snapshot of the Golf Club Udine, among the lovely drumlin hills of Fagagna, surrounded by oak and beech woods set against the background of the Julian Alps. Fore!

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he Villaverde Hotel & Resort-Wellness Spa & Golf by architect Alessio Princic has much to offer guests, but its principal attraction is its breathtaking golf course. Laid out in front of the contemporary lines of the four-storey hotel, it forms part of a complex that combines art, design, sport and eco-sustainability, stretching out into an oasis of green. The same impact and the same view - like a green wave - can be enjoyed when facing the hotel, which blends perfectly into its setting. Standing in its verdant surroundings, this work of art is the brainchild of

Friulian entrepreneur Gabriele Lualdi. He conceived the structure as a model for total physical and mental well-being, and it comprises 33 rooms (including three suites), an 800 square-metre Wellness area, a medical centre, lounge bar and Privilegium restaurant. Linked to the complex and immersed in the resort's natural scenery, the Golf Club Udine is accessed across the pedestrian bridge over the main road. The course, designed by architects Marco Croze and John Harris, covers over 85 hectares of entirely natural landscape, with 18 holes that follow the contours of the hills. Golfers are offered wonderful views and a carefully-tended grass playing surface.

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## GOLF

THE ENGLISH-STYLE CLUB HOUSE HOSTS THE VILLAVERDE BAR&RESTAURANT, ALSO OPEN TO OUTSIDE GUESTS. IT IS MANAGED BY MASTER CHEF WANNY CARLETTI, WHO PREPARES MENUS WITH ZERO-KILOMETRE INGREDIENTS



The course's technical complexity (par 72) over a length of 7,000 metres makes this a regional centre for golf tourism. The course was recently adapted to become a venue for international competitions. In fact, the Italian Senior Open is to be held here between 21 and 23 October. The contest is the only Italian leg of European Senior Tour for pros over the age of fifty. Three fitness trails of different lengths will be available to help competitors prepare for the event, while they can train in the gym using the Swing Workout programme - this helps coordinate all parts of the body, developing movement and correct posture. The English-style Club House hosts the Villaverde Bar&Restaurant, also open to outside guests. It is managed by Master Chef Wannu Carletti, who prepares menus with zero-kilometre ingredients. Golf club members can also enhance their wellbeing with the variety of sports activities on offer. There are three foot trails within the golf course - the 1.3 km Green trail, the 2.4 km Blue trail and the 4.9 km Red trail. The first two are paved and can be enjoyed in normal clothes, but the Red trail winds up and down through the woods, so walkers and runners would be advised to wear suitable kit. Cycling fans will have a choice of several trails and dirt tracks.

The hotel offers a rental service for MTBs, road bikes and eBikes, as well as a cycling guide or a backup car. There are also secure parking spaces and workshops for cyclists.

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