THE DESIGN LANGUAGE COMBINES THE AESTHETICS OF HOSPITALITY WITH THE REQUIREMENTS IN HEALTHCARE. THE GUEST (LAT: HOSPES) IS THE FOCUS.

Waldkliniken Eisenberg is the largest Orthopaedic Center in Germany with an internationally renowned professorship for Orthopedics at the University of Jena, in the middle of the Saale-Holzland district in the Thuringian Forest. Architecture and interior of the new hospital building convinced the Ministry of Thuringia as the most ecological, sustainable and economical concept. The aim of the design of the new building is to positively influence the relationship between physical space and human well-being.

The circular building, with its facade made of local wood and 128 patient rooms and 246 beds, will accommodate orthopedic patients after their operations in a building that consciously puts its temporary residents at the center. Our architecture for hospitals corresponds the concept of Hospitecture: the design language combines the aesthetics of hospitality projects with the one of the healthcare sector. The focus is the guest (Lat: hospes). Architecture and interior are intended to promote the healing.

'The patient is the guest!', Matteo Thun
Surrounded by forest and with 55 newly planted trees in the direct outdoor area the wooden circular structure of the building puts the material wood at the center of green for the interior and exterior, natural materials, an interplay of inside and outside, a well-considered use of artificial and daylight and color compositions from flora and fauna. The interior concept offers patients the opportunity to hydropon and enjoy their privacy in the Z-shaped two-bed rooms. Spacious verandas connect the rooms, all of which face the surrounding nature. Corridors, boarding areas, a unit care concept. The interior design ensures transparency - not only to nature outside, but also to the staff inside.

Four different culinary locations, take on four different tasks. The lobby becomes guests and visitors snack and drink with a view of the green inner courtyard, the daylight-flooded restaurant 'La Piazza' treats for the patients forms the focal point of the building. The kitchen is fresh and healthy local products. Employees come to the Bistro for a culinary experience in a recreational atmosphere and a fine dining serves the private patient area, also reserved for other guests. The restaurant also offers kosher food.
Hospitalexpert HDR GmbH supported Matteo Thun and his team in planning and implementing efficiency, functionality and user-friendliness of the new building in order to outline according to the real needs of the orthopedic patient, to optimally design the personnel routes and rooms, the architects planned in close dialogue with the medical professionals and the nursing staff at the Waldkliniken.

The new building was planned according to the 3 Zeros concept:
- Zero kilometers: Immediate proximity to building materials and use of local skills.
- Zero CO₂: Energy management and lower emissions.
- Zero waste: Life cycle management in the construction process and reuse of construction materials.

Matteo Thun & Partners also elaborated the CI and the CI-Design for Waldkliniken conveying the approach of architecture and interior.

Architecture, interior design, lighting design, styling, CI design:
Matteo Thun & Partners
16,500 square meters, 66,500 m³ cubic meters of converted space.