



Bottom station (1969-1987)



Top station (1988-2023)



Top station (rendering image, 2023/2024 winter season)

The underground stations of the new Prà Rodont-Doss del Sabion gondola lift

The guidelines that inspired the bottom and top stations of the new gondola lift are linked to a contemporary ideal of anthropisation of places. The aim is to live the mountain respecting the environment and, at the same time, to provide a service up to the expectations of the current tourist market. The surroundings and their history have been the leading light of the project: the dolomite rock and its inner fossils became a source of architectural inspiration.

Bottom station – Prà Rodont (1,500 m a.s.l.)

Prà Rodont is a key-point in the ski area of Pinzolo. In order to reduce the environmental impact, the bottom station will be located underground and work as a pivotal connection for the lift and the slope flows. The underground solution will upgrade the area environmentally: the massive presence of the mechanical part will disappear and make space to a wide green pasture.

Top station – Doss del Sabion (2,097 m a.s.l.)

The top station will be built underground as well. The two stations will present the same structure, thus developing the biomimetic concepts of the project. The shape of the access and exit portals for skiers is inspired by the shell section of the Dolomite ammonites. It is reinterpreted in a contemporary key and perfectly in harmony with the features of Doss del Sabion.

Panoramic viewpoint – Doss del Sabion

Once left the cabin, skiers can decide to reach the slopes or to go up to the restaurant Doss del Sabion by lift or escalator. Before going upstairs, they will find a large ski room (which becomes a bike room during the summer) with video surveillance and a panoramic viewpoint on the Brenta Dolomites. The same floor will be enriched by a didactic area and by a led wall, thus giving rise to an experiential path, an exciting architecture to discover.

Sustainability

The decision to build the lift stations underground is consistent with the sustainability path undertaken by Funivie Pinzolo. The restoration of the formerly occupied ground, the integration of the new facilities with the surrounding environment as well as the dialogue with the landscape through the reinterpretation in a contemporary key of the ammonites' shell sections emphasize the sustainability of the project.



The underground structures also offer the opportunity to have heated rooms using lower energy/fuel consumption. In addition, they host the basic services and facilitate the waste collection and disposal, besides drastically reducing the background noise when the lift is on.

