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**OPENING SOON:**

**4-STAR LUXURY MILDISS HOTEL, SPA AND RESTAURANT -  
ON THE SOUTHERN SLOPES OF SANCY IN THE AUVERGNE**

Grand opening: July 4th 2019  
Bookings are now open at: [www.mildiss.fr](http://www.mildiss.fr)

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**ELEGANCE AND AUTHENTICITY  
IN THE BEAUTIFUL MONTS D'AUVERGNE**

MILDISS, the first four-star hotel to grace the southern slopes of the Massif de Sancy, lies south of Clermont Ferrand in the Volcanoes of the Auvergne National Park, close to the mediaeval village of Besse et Saint Anastaise and the ski resort of Super Besse. This brand-new luxury hotel blends elegance with a warm, friendly welcome, and gives guests ample opportunity to explore the stunning natural surroundings. Sleek and modern in design, MILDISS is a year-round destination offering a full range of exhilarating, uplifting activities, from wellbeing services to outdoor pursuits.



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The name MILDISS is a phonetic spelling of the exact altitude at which the hotel stands – 1,010 (mille dix) metres above sea level – and rather sets the tone. The hotel offers the best of both worlds, linking the ‘world below’ – the fields and plains – with the ‘world above,’ where nature is unfettered. This is the ideal spot for top-flight sportsmen and women to train – an activity for which the hotel is set up and ready.

**AN INNOVATIVE HOTEL CONCEPT BASED ON  
SPORTING VALUES**

For the hotel’s founders Sébastien Bertrank and Xavier Verdy, this is the culmination of a 7-year dream to “share their passion for this region and its unique, unspoilt beauty”. These 2 former rugby players from the ever-popular Top 14 team ASM Clermont Auvergne have an almost spiritual connection with the area. They thought long and hard about the MILDISS concept, wondering how best to incorporate the values of their beloved rugby into the project at every level. As their dreams began to take shape, the pair assembled a multi-generational team of investors, all equally enthusiastic about the Massif. The 48-strong line-up, led by former Company Director Pierre Verdier, became the MILDISS investment/support dream-team, ready to back a brand-new concept in the field of hospitality.

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## AT ONE WITH NATURE

MILDISS was designed by Jean-Jacques Erragne, the architect behind a number of local projects who was also part of the design team for the volcano-themed amusement park Vulcania. The hotel is a prime example of bioclimatic architecture; the design is sleek and modern with panoramic views over the valley below and the craggy mountains above.

Unusually, all 32 rooms – accommodation for 72 guests – are on one level. All face south and all offer the same wide-open vistas. Construction materials are chiefly glass, exposed concrete and a regional variety of solid, durable Douglas fir, all sourced from local suppliers.

**Prices per room range from €125 to €250.**

The hotel is built in the shape of an ellipse, effectively separating the various spaces and making this an ideal venue for all kinds of events, from recreation to corporate functions and weddings. Three well-equipped meeting rooms offer a fully flexible layout and can accommodate up to 150 guests. The hotel plans to offer its own exclusive programme of events based around sports and outdoor activities.



And to complete the picture, guests can leave the world behind in the 200 m<sup>2</sup> spa area decorated in soothing shades of lava grey, and emerge feeling relaxed and rejuvenated. 2 private treatment rooms offer a selection of beauty treatments using products from the exclusive SOTHYS range. Natural materials, wood and ceramic have been chosen for the hot tub, sauna and hammam area opposite, which also features a solarium. A second, open-air hot tub is found on the outside terrace. What could be better than relaxing in a warm bubble bath as the snow falls gently all around! Meanwhile, a 50 m<sup>2</sup> gym features the latest in stationary bikes, rowing machines, treadmills and power racks.

**The spa is open from 8am to 9pm and is free for hotel guests. (Open to non-residents by prior arrangement).**

**Spa treatment: prices range from €40 to €125.**



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## SEASONAL, LOCAL CUISINE FROM MICHELIN-STARRED CHEF GILLES REINHARDT

The MILDISS hotel restaurant and its 179 m<sup>2</sup> terrace is open 7 days a week, serving classic local dishes with a modern twist.

The menu is created by Michelin-starred chef Gilles Reinhardt. “My aim is to revive the traditional old favourites, giving them the expert touch, and also to create more unusual recipes of my own using locally-sourced products. Excellent food in generous portions!”

Auvergne is home to a wide variety of speciality foods, many of which will be finding their way onto the MILDISS menu. The region is best-known for its AOP cheeses, including “king of cheese” Saint-Nectaire and the famous Cantal.

**MILDISS Table d’Hôte menus (lunch and dinner) are priced at €30 and €48.**

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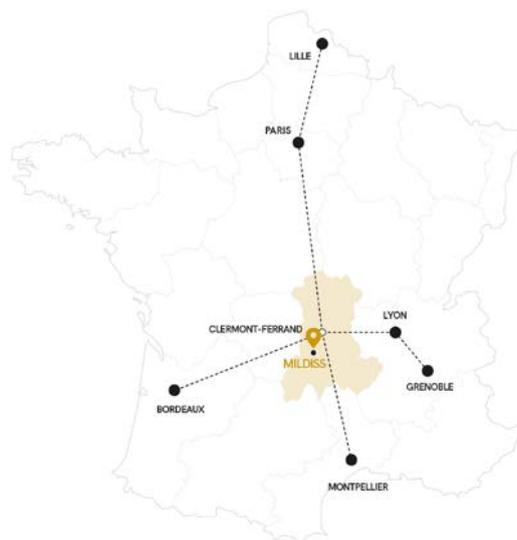
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### Ideally located at the centre of France:

- ✓ 45 minutes' drive from Clermont Ferrand train station and international airport. (Private transfer to and from the hotel arranged on request)
- ✓ 7 km (10 minutes' drive) from the Ski resort of Super Besse.



### Approximate journey times:

- 4 hours from Paris
- 3 hours from Bordeaux and Montpellier
- 2 ½ hours from Orléans and Lyon
- 2 hours from Limoges