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The Swiss summerhouse created by Buchner Bründler Architekten is firmly set in the present while being considerate of the past. The original 200-year-old building in the picturesque Rovana Valley is made from granite. On one side of the house is a construction that features a wooden hayloft. The space was once used to dry chestnuts, but is now the bathroom.

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concrete one within it. The interior features lines that reveal how the concrete was cast: layer by layer. The material takes on bold forms and contrasts strongly with the old in places such as the bathroom, where it sits alongside stone and soot-covered roof timbers. The lack of heating, windows, and insulation necessary gave the architects more freedom to leave the exterior mainly as it was.

