

Chalet Suisse

The heart of
Institut Montana



“Ideas are meant to be realised”

(Max Husmann)

As part of our Vision 2026, we plan to ensure that Institut Montana is equipped to offer the best in 21st Century education. This requires a careful look at space and its use.

Today’s students need to learn to be creative and collaborative. They will need to understand innovation and to approach the economic world with entrepreneurial flair. Their problem-solving skills will need to be well-honed, they must be confident and adaptable in their engagement with the fast pace of technological change. They need a space for learning that is beyond the classroom.

Situated at the heart of the Montana campus, the Swiss Chalet has always held a special place in the hearts of our students. It provides an ideal site for a community centre where students, staff and Alumni come together to work on ideas.



A History of the Chalet: Iconically Swiss

1906

World Expo held in Milan. It coincided with the opening of the Simplon Tunnel, connecting Italy and Switzerland, in Brig on May 10. The Chalet was constructed to be the Pavilion that would represent Switzerland and all things Swiss at this 'Great Expo of Work'.

1907

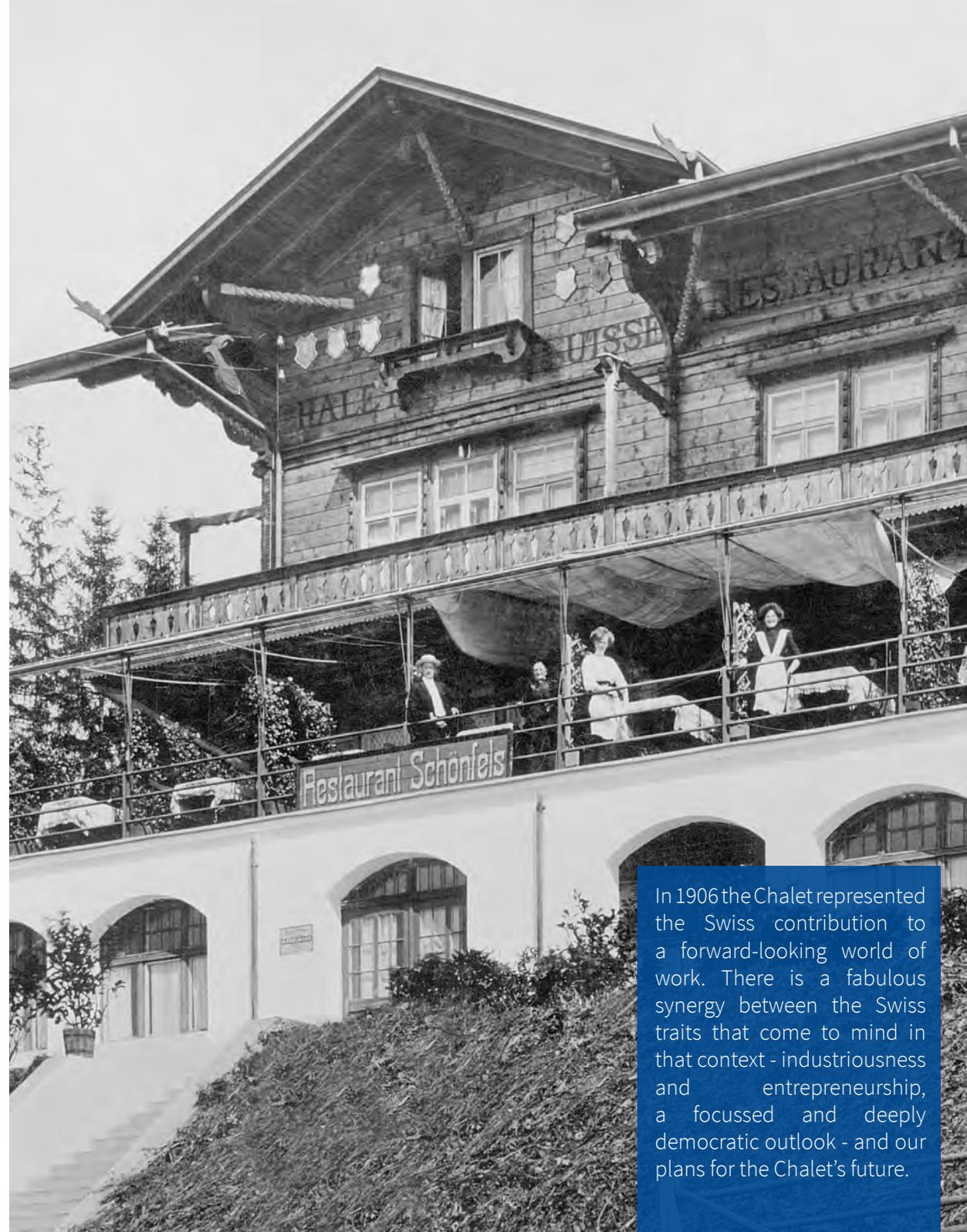
The Chalet was moved to the Zugerberg and rebuilt as a mountain restaurant.

1926

Opening of Institut Montana and the integration of the Swiss Chalet into the school, serving as boarding accommodation for senior students.

2018

The new community centre for Institut Montana, with a focus on 20th Century learning.

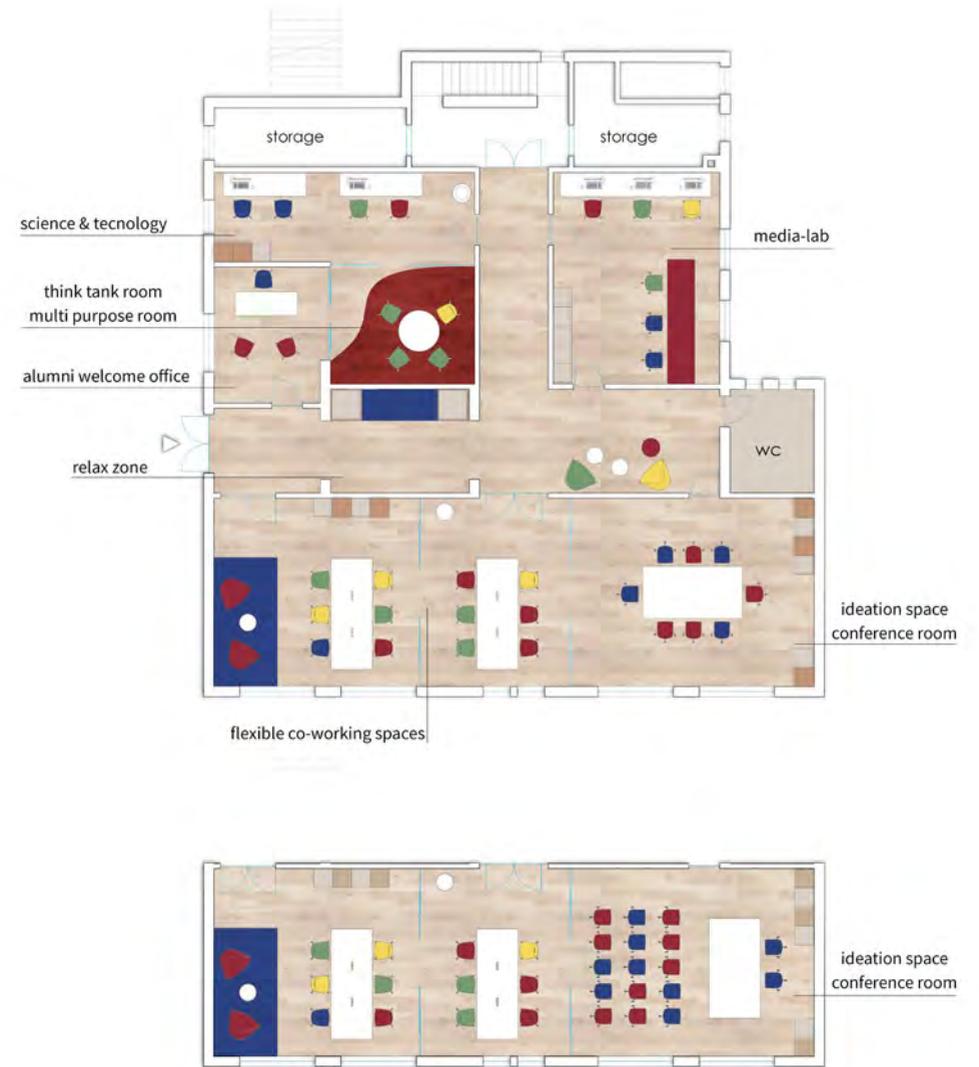


In 1906 the Chalet represented the Swiss contribution to a forward-looking world of work. There is a fabulous synergy between the Swiss traits that come to mind in that context - industriousness and entrepreneurship, a focussed and deeply democratic outlook - and our plans for the Chalet's future.

Montana Incubator

A space where our community comes together to give life to and to nurture new ideas.

The Swiss Chalet will provide a home for special projects that go beyond the classroom. With the innovative atmosphere of a start-up, it aims to encourage students to develop the experimental approach to ideas that will help them flourish in the world beyond school.



In a sense, we also see the Montana Incubator as your space. We want it to provide a focus for the activity of our Alumni, somewhere you can share your experience and expertise with current students. This sort of sharing can be truly inspirational, the benefits going both ways.

Well-designed space will provide a Centre for Entrepreneurship, facilities for science and technology, creative think tank rooms, a Media-Lab, conference areas and our alumni welcome centre.

Cloud Nine Café

“Aim low: boring.
Aim high: soaring”

– United Technologies Corporation

The Swiss Chalet will also become a centre for community members to gather and for students to meet in their time off from studies. A place to relax and to be sociable. The ‘living-room’ of the home away from home that is Institut Montana.



It will be a welcoming space with comfortable lounge areas, recreation activities with a TV and a billiard table. Students will be able to step out onto the terrace and cast their gaze towards Mounts Rigi and Pilatus across the Lake, a view to stretch the imagination as well as the eyes. A small kitchen will be available and a café.

Our Café will be Cloud Nine, the place in the list given by the First International Cloud Atlas (1896) to Cumulonimbus, the cloud that rises to the highest a cloud can reach. Sociability is part of what counts as being human, and the freedom to exchange ideas gives them life. Sometimes it's good to have your head in the clouds.

The Nitty-Gritty

Construction & Finance

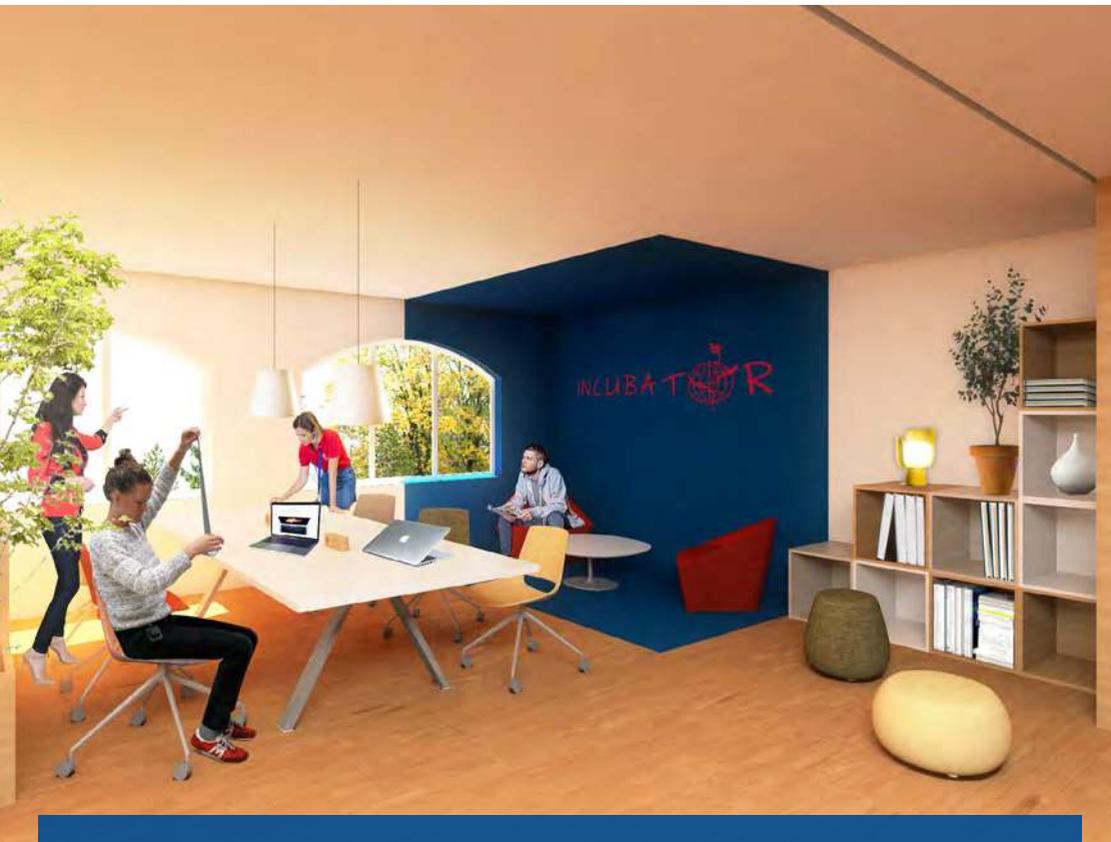
The fact is that the Swiss Chalet needs work. This is partly because of general deterioration – the foundations must be re-built because of rust in the carrying beams. It is also in order to comply with modern building regulations concerning electric and earthquake safety. We want to use this as an opportunity to make the Swiss Chalet into a unique feature of our campus. The Chalet be a solid construction with a long life ahead.

The estimated costs for	Foundations and rebuild:	CHF 200'000
	Interior and Equipment:	CHF 100'000

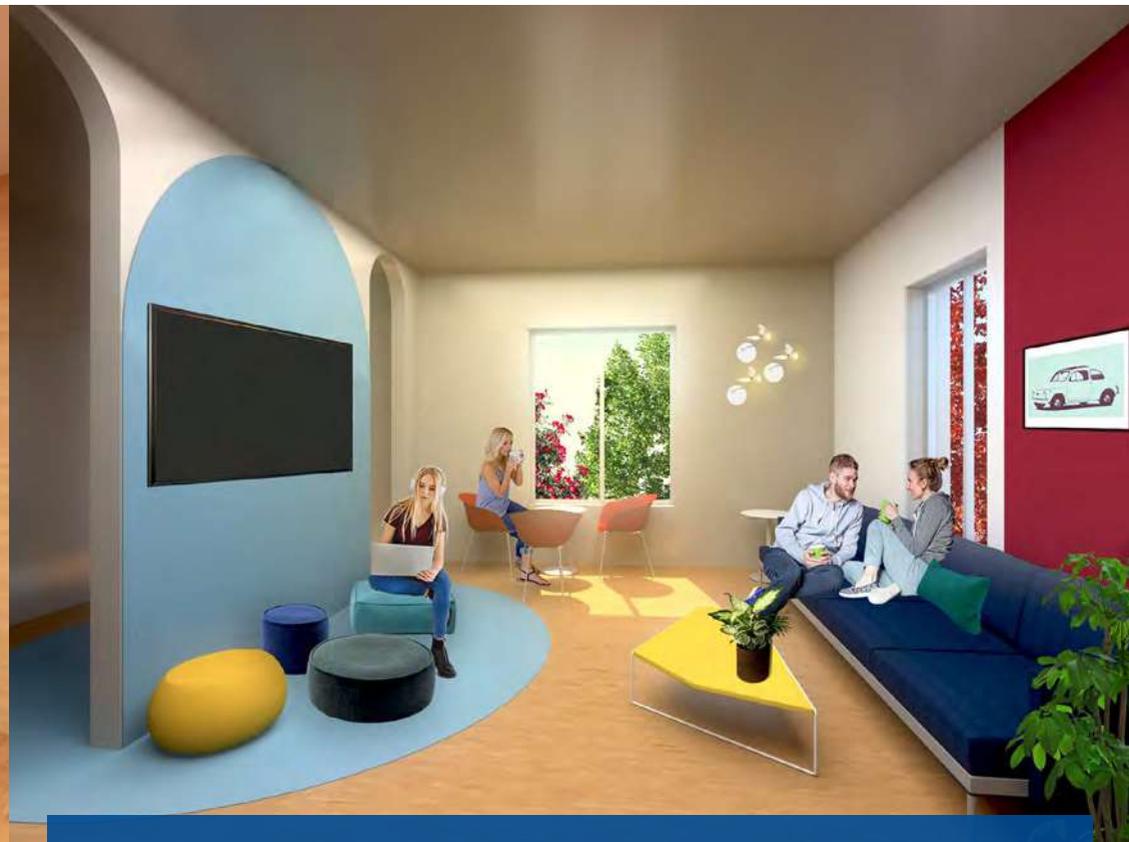
This includes the structural work – removal of dividing walls in the basement – that will require a Permit from and co-ordination with the Department of Conservation of the Canton Zug and due consideration to the history and aesthetics of the building.

The Project will begin once 50% of the total amount required has been received with the Montana Incubator facilities in the basement. The first floor Café Cloud Nine will follow.





View of Montana Incubator (co-working space)



View of Cloud Nine Café (tv-room)

Our thanks to You

This project is about educating young people to make the best of themselves in our changing world and helping them chase their dreams.

To support the teaching of innovative thinking, entrepreneurship, creativity, collaboration, we invite you to be part of the next stage in the life of the Swiss Chalet, where the rich experiences in your life can be passed on to your successors at Montana.

All contributors, whatever the size of their donation, will be named on Dedication Plaques. You can be confident that all the contributions to this Project will be used solely and completely for the purpose laid out here. We shall send regular updates of progress with the fund-raising and with the renovation work.



Each of us can
make a difference.

Together,
we can make
Montana Forever.



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