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BIO

Since the beginning in 1996, my architectural firm has been restoring, valorizing historic properties to their former glory and renovating several buildings in private and public sectors.

Diversity and diligence are fundamental features of my firm's core belief. My firm is seasoned with challenges of working and execution of projects ranging from residential, office buildings, social housing and health care facilities. The firm has also carried out renovations for some military buildings, student dormitories and community centre, in collaboration with several Foundations in Milan.

Interior design is one of the field of interest starting from finding the most articulated spaces which are best equipped to take advantage of available space and creation of new ones. Followed by careful material selection which compliments interior spaces and at the same time are harmonious.

EDUCATION

1996 – Current: Registered in the "Ordine degli Architetti" (National Architects' Register)

2009: Certificate of "Fire Protection Specialist"

1995 – 1998: Specialization in the "Restoration of historical monuments" Università degli studi di Genova (State University of Genoa) – Italy Supervisor Prof. Arch. B.P. Torsello (score 50/50)

1997:

Certificate of "Construction site safety"

1987 - 1992:

Master's degree in Architecture Politecnico di Milano (Polytechnical University of Milan) – Italy Supervisor Prof. Arch. M. Dezzi Bardeschi (score 100/100)



EXPERIENCE

Member of the "Commissione del Paesaggio" (Landscape Commission):

- 2019 Current: Municipality of Sesto San Giovanni Milan
- 2016 2018: Municipality of Legnano Milan
- 2010 2015: Municipality of Bollate Milan
- 1995 1998: Municipality of Rho Milan

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

RESIDENTIAL PROJECTS

SOCIAL HOUSING

2019 - 2022

Community Social Centre - Lecco

Building renovation with an enlargement to realize a multifunctional center. The design includes a canteen with a kitchen, emporium, offices, temporary housing, and shared spaces.

2019 - 2021

Typical house - Rozzano, Milan Restructuring of a building for a standard house for people with disabilities. Part of the house is set up as a temporary residence.

2018 - 2021

Housing renovation – Milan Social housing competition - Municipality of Milan Renovation of 18 apartments for renting to people in need.

2017 - 2018

Housing renovation – Milan Social housing competition - Municipality of Milan Renovation of 55 apartments and 3 stores in the city.

2013 - 2017

Common house and help centre – Gallarate, Varese Short-term living spaces organized in an industrial building in the Art Nouveau style.

2012 - 2013

Host community - Cusano Milanino, Milan Renovation of an Art Nouveau style villa to host a community for minors.

2011 - 2012

Housing renovation - Municipality of Milan Renovation of 12 apartments in Milan called the "dodicinpiù" project.

2010 - 2011

Host community - Sesto San Giovanni, Milan Renovation of a house with a small private garden for people in need.



2009 - 2011

Residential building - Caronno Pertusella, Varese

Renovation of a propriety in a prestigious historical building built in the 17th century. On the ground floor, there are several offices for management as well as spaces for events. On the first floor, there are nine housing units for renting.

1996

Temporary accommodations - Rho, Milan

Renovation work in a historical building to provide a collective accommodation for minors with their mothers.

PRIVATE HOUSING

2013 - 2015

Residential building – Rho, Milan Construction of 4 housing units in a typical Lombard house.

2007 - 2012

Residential building – Rho, Milan

Construction of a residential building of 24 apartments. These apartments were built in two different buildings organized on three floors with attics and a parking area on the underground floor.

2009 - 2011

Villa extension – Rho, Milan

Expansion and restoration of a villa in the original Art Nouveau style. All the originals decorations on the façade, the original design of the stairway, the typical wooden floors and the wooden shutters were kept.

2007 - 2011

Residential building – Rho, Milan Construction of 30 apartments in two different buildings with attics and an underground parking area.

2007 - 2009

Residential building – Rho, Milan

Renovation with enlargement of a residential building of 11 apartments with attics and an underground parking area.

2007 - 2008

Construction of a villa – Rho, Milan

Construction of a two-family villa, arranged on three levels with a garden and designed external areas.

SERVICE AND HEALTHCARE PROJECTS

2021

AIDS centre - Lecco

In a large garden-like setting, cafeteria, offices, rooms with baths, and an activity centre in a Liberty style villa with a big garden.



2020

Boarding school academy - Milan

Renovation of a building built in the 1950s to develop a boarding school in a big green area in the city for young football players for INTER-Football Club Internazionale Milano / Inter Milan.

2019 - 2021:

Day Care Centre in the Central Train Station - Milan

Renovation of spaces in an old warehouse in the Central Train Station of Milan, to realize a day care centre for elderly people.

2018

Day Care centre in Gratosoglio, a neighborhood of Milan Renovation of the interior spaces in a building in Milan. The ground floor in the building tower was renovated to provide an area for the care of elderly people. The design includes some standard rooms and facilities.

2012 - 2015

Student residence - Milan

Building renovation for a collective residence for 84 university students and young workers in a 1950s building on a property belonging to the university's foundation.

2015 - 2016

Private hospital - Province of Varese

Restoration of recovery units in rehabilitation hospitals, to provide for 70 clinic beds, as well as the renovation of the administration offices of the healthcare facilities.

2015

Refettorio Ambrosiano (Ambrosian Refectory) - Milan

A canteen was restored and renovated in the old Teatro Greco for people in need and for organizing many cultural events. Interior spaces were decorated with art by Mimmo Palladino, Enzo Cucchi, Gaetano Pesce, and Maurizio Nannucci, as well as with furniture designed by the most important international designers of the day.

2015

Caritas Internationalis Pavilion - Milan

Realization of the pavilion of the Caritas Internationalis Foundation for Expo 2015.

2013 - 2014

Psychiatric care centre - Appiano Gentile, Como Renovation of a building to create proper accommodations for psychiatric patients.

2011

Homeless shelter - Milan

Renovation of the old warehouse in Milan's Central Train Station. Accommodations with common areas and facilities. The project was realized for 64 people in need.

2009

A.O. Hospital San Carlo - Milan

Renovation of strategic offices in the San Carlo Borromeo Hospital in Milan.



2004 - 2006 Additions in 2018

AIDS centre - Milan

Renovation of a building to realize the new AIDS services centre.

2005

Medical analysis laboratory – Rho, Milan

Renovation of a building to be used as a medical blood lab.

COMMERCIAL PROJECTS AND OFFICES

2020 - Current:

Market and canteen - Rho, Milan / Milan

Renovation of commercial spaces to realize a market managed by a social organization. In addition, in one of these buildings there is a canteen with facilities rooms under construction.

2011 - 2013

Space for events – Rho, Milan

Renovation and enlargement of the historic building "Villa Magnaghi" to build offices and multifunctional rooms. In addition, the existing historical greenhouse with separate curved windows was also recovered.

2010

Covered market - Milan

Renovation of a covered municipal market in Milan. Redevelopment of the facades and redistribution of the internal spaces for supermarket activities.

2002 - 2008

Conference room and offices - San Cristoforo Navigli, Milan Renovation of a historical building next to the church of San Cristoforo; multifunctional rooms and offices were designed.

2002 - 2005

Industrial buildings – Rho, Milan Renovation and enlargement of industrial buildings.

MILITARY BUILDINGS

Project for a new police unit. It consists of a building for the headquarters and one intended for housing.

- 2010 : Pero, Milan
- 2007 2010: Muggiò, Monza e Brianza
- 2001 2006: Busto Arsizio, Varese
- 2001 2005: Cusano Milanino, Milan
- 2000 2004: Azzate, Varese
- 1999 2002: Rho, Milan

SPORTS SERVICES

2021

Student residence - Milan

Restructuring of a building as a student residence for the young athletes of INTER-Football Club Internazionale Milano / Inter Milan.

2007 - 2019

Playgrounds – Arese/Rho, Milan Project for playgrounds with tent structures in different areas near Milan.

2004 - 2006

Sports centre – Bollate, Milan Design of the exterior and interior as a space for bowling and a cafeteria.

2000/ 2011 / 2013 / 2018

Multifunctional spaces for sports and leisure – Rho, Milan

Renovation and enlargement of several buildings with additional spaces for use as common areas, functional halls, sports facilities, and accommodations.

PUBLIC BUILDINGS

2015

Concert structure - Milan

Construction (stage and installation) for a performance in the square of the city's main cathedral, the Duomo.

2009/2004

Public buildings - Bollate, Milan
-Elementary school: renovation of part of the building.
-Expansion of the Bollate cemetery: construction of a building with three floors.

2008/2006

Public schools - Cormano, Milan

- Kindergarten: renovation of a school and outdoor accommodations; removal of architectural barriers.

- Nursery school: renovation of the facade and the external area.

- Middle school: Renovation of the building and the external area.