

gross floor area 43,000 m²
gross construction cost € 37 m
competition 2006
construction 2008 - 2010

maciachini milan



brief

offices with commercial units

client

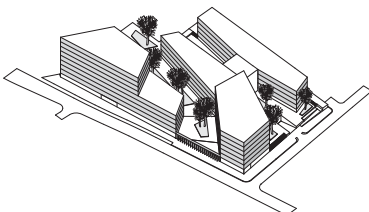
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This project integrates an adaptable building structure and well-proportioned public spaces to offer a sustainable contribution to the revival of a former industrial quarter in the centre of Milan.

Three building volumes extend the surrounding urban fabric into the site. Two are connected by a glazed atrium space forming the figure "H". The western wing of the figure "H" is linked to a third volume by a public passageway giving a diagonal view to the new green space to the North. This third volume continues the building line of the Via Imbonati and restores its cross-section. The connecting public space on the ground floor, with its shops and cafes, contributes to the life of both the street and the newly created park. At the two main crossroads these building volumes rise to greater height than the surrounding five-storey buildings. The two resulting towers, 28 and 36 metres high, define the development to the north and south respectively.



While the urban layout suggests a certain continuity of the historic fabric, the external appearance of the new buildings is unashamedly new: the façades are clad in coloured glass with flexible external glass shading. The colours of the cladding translate the hues of the surroundings into a contemporary material. Using up-to-date technology and low-energy strategies, this scheme reduces its energy consumption and CO₂ production by approximately fifty percent compared to standard office buildings.

