

The New Bocconi Campus in Milano

Bocconi University

Transparency and openness are the transversal elements of the entire project, which produce a continuous dialogue between inside and outside.

The buildings are characterized by organic shapes and a double-layer enclosure, consisting of an aluminum and glass façade and an external sheath in metal mesh, whose undulation and transparency give the sense of lightness sought by the architects.

The two enclosure elements have been detailed and developed in order to be transparent but functional. The anodized aluminum meshing superimposed over the main glass enclosure presents an inclination that admits the low winter sunlight while shading the higher, hotter summer sun.

This treatment of the façades is common to all buildings, so as to make the whole project consistent and unitary despite the fact that the structures perform widely varying functions.

In order to establish a continuous dialogue between the natural and built elements of the campus, the buildings are designed with a ring shape: on one side the external perimeter overlooks the city and the green; on the other side (inwards), the courtyards of the buildings form smaller environments that are also natural and set with greenery.

The open setting on two sides ensures the interiors exposure to light and offers large openings onto the main green and courtyards, optimizing natural ventilation and significantly reducing the use of artificial lighting and ventilation.

Location: Milano, Italy

Scope: New build

Brief: Castiglioni Residence, new headquarters of SDA Bocconi School of Management, sport center

Client: Università Bocconi, Milano

Architect: SANAA / Kazuyo Sejima + Ryue Nishizawa

Architect of Record: Costa Zanibelli Associati

Executive Architect: Progetto CMR Engineering Integrated Services srl

Masterplan and Urban Project: FOA – Federico Oliva Associati

Structural Engineer Studio di Ingegneria Pereira

M&E Engineer: Advanced Engineering srl

Fire Safety: Ing. Silvestre Mistretta

Safety Coordination: Soluzioni srl

Contractor: Impresa Costruzione Grassi & Crespi Srl, Impresa Percassi SpA

