

STUDENT HOUSING IN THE «COLLEGIO DI MILANO» CAMPUS

location:	Milan (Italy)
client:	Collegio delle Università Milanesi Foundation
consultants:	Wood Cape (X-LAM structure); Studio Associato Breda Patrizi Zandonà (concrete structure and services)
gross surface:	1 100m ²
cost:	3,2M € excl. VAT
phase:	schematic design
timetable:	04.2015-07.2016

In the context of the campus «Collegio di Milano», nowadays characterized by the presence of two stand-alone blocks placed in a wide greenery, we were asked to design a third building, to expand the accommodation capacity.

The design concept is inspired by two strong suggestions: the open courtyard and the typical balcony houses. On the one hand, the research around the spatial value of former Lombard farmhouses, lead us to shape a lowered basement. On the other hand, the design uses a local typological element, like the open-air gallery, which provides for the presence, at each floor, of housing units sharing the same balcony.

The new building, with these premises, has been composed as the superposition of two parts: an articulated basement that fills the height difference of the site and hosts community facilities; a linear superposed block, 4 floors height, hosting 52 single bedrooms served by open-air galleries. Both of these parts, thanks to their geometry and their function, overlook an open lowered courtyard, covered with grass.

This composition, simple but efficient, will facilitate the active participation of resident students in the community in which they will live in, so that they will easily become «citizen-users», exploiting the urban values of the new complex and enjoying the offered facilities.

