

PIZZIGONI SCHOOL COMPLEX AND URBAN RENOVATION

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| location: | Milan (Italy) |
| client: | Town of Milan |
| consultants: | Sinergo Spa (engineering) |
| gross surface: | 5 680sqm |
| cost: | 12,6M € excl. VAT (11,8M school; 800K urban renovation) |
| phase: | international competition |
| timetable: | 07.2019-09.2019 |

The new Pizzigoni school complex shows itself with a strong identity, underlining the need for a school building renewed model within the urban, cultural and social structure of Villapizzone.

The aim is to create a unitary and aggregative place that could become a new urban centrality.

Since the beginning the project has been turned toward the coexistence of all the functional area in a single, compact building, to increase its identity and reduce its impact on the site.

The positioning of the new linear volume redefines and sets the external spaces, both publics or exclusives.

The redesigned compound becomes a focus point for the community and the convergence of an articulated series of pedestrian and cycle paths that connect all parts of the school campus.

The simple and sharp volume of the new school becomes a landmark, both from via Pizzigoni and from via Ferrario Grugnola and, further, from viale Console Marcello. At the same time, the precise positioning of the new building creates an 'urban backdrop' between the urban space and the recreational one.

The design idea has been translated into a spatial sequence that marks the landscape in which the building stands. The building horizontal development, its great transparency and permeability, the presence of external balconies turning all around - a remind of a traditional typological element - all underline the new school value, called to function as a social incubator.

