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AC Hotel



The AC Hotel is located in a former industrial district of the city. The original building was designed in 1908 by engineer Angelo Santonè to host a pasta factory. It was one of the first industrial building in Turin to be built with reinforced concrete pillars and beams. After the damages caused during the Second World War, the building was restored and

became property of the adjacent *Vermouth Carpano* factory. In 1996 the company moved to Milan and the factory complex was left vacant. A proposal for the reuse of the building was approved according to the 2003 urban plan. The renovation project was designed by *Negozio Blu Architetti Associati* and the AC Hotel was opened in 2005. The architects' main idea was

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Negozio Blu Architetti Associati - Gustavo Ambrosini, **Cristiana Catino, Paola Gatti**, Carlo Grometto, Mauro Penna - and **Francesca Bagliani**, Giovanni Bartoli 2003–2005



to preserve the original features of the building by underlining its clear lines. The building consists of a four-storey block with white façades characterized by a series of vaulted windows. A two-storey addition was designed in 1921 by engineer Pietro Gambetta and now hosts the reception and the hall. These spaces lead to the main building's ground floor, where the

common areas - lounge, restaurant and relaxation areas - are located. Here, the wide open-space area has been divided with light partitioning walls, in order to emphasize the characteristic concrete structure. The series of large windows create a space full of light, that opens onto an internal courtyard with a garden by the architect Francesca Bagliani. E.G.

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