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Valdo Fusi Square

Piazzale Valdo Fusi



The urban project covers the area that previously hosted a 17th century convent and then the headquarters of the Royal Industrial Museum (1862). The area was heavily damaged during Second World War, remaining an empty space until 1997. The municipality then launched an international design competition in order to create a two level underground car park,

leaving a wide outdoor public space. The centre of the square is below pavement level and can be reached by four surrounding sloping surfaces. The resulting spatial organization creates a direct relationship between the square and the buildings around it: the San Giovanni Battista hospital, the Chamber of Commerce (1965-72) by Carlo Mollino and the former Stock Exchange (1953-56) by

♿ WC ♿ ♿ Regional Museum of Natural Science, San Carlo Square | 🚌 Bus/tram: 18, 61, 68, ST1, ST2

Piazzale Valdo Fusi - Torino

Crotti Forsans Architetti Studio Associato - Massimo Crotti, **Marie-Pierre Forsans** - and Francesco Dolza, Maurizio Marcelli
1997, 2001-2006



Roberto Gabetti and Aimaro Isola. Two slopes link the central space with the surroundings streets, while the other two form 'wings' covering the parking entrances and ramps. Furthermore, three of the slopes contains green areas, whereas the fourth has stone paving. In the middle of the square a glass building has been constructed, originally designed to house an information

centre, now hosting a pub. Near the pub another building has been designed to house the Jazz Club. The result is a wide urban public square, where youngsters can meet and skate on the slightly sloping surfaces and people can sit on the wood terraces and stone benches, surrounded by green areas and water fountains.

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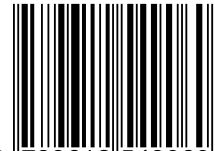
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