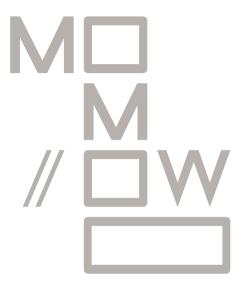
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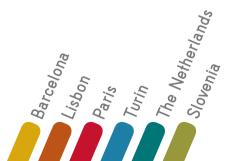
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losely related to the theme of the humanisation of care. the project represents one of the first examples of soft qualities within the hospital heritage in Turin. The space below the church, previously used as a pharmaceutical warehouse, was transformed into a multipurpose room dedicated both to care and to art exhibitions. conferences and performances. In

this way a particularly evocative space was revived - an underground room dominated by a semi-circular brick vault with nails - surrounded by a circular passage through which the dead were taken to the mortuary.

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perception of the room, characterized by unique aesthetic values, the velarium was designed not as a traditional false ceiling, but as a light element independent of the structures from which it is suspended by means of slender steel rods. The system creates a bright wraparound effect which highlights the profile of the vault.

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