

The Bodio Center

La Vela



New facility building

Milan

Client: **Doughty Hanson & Co. European Real Estate**

Developer: **Europa Risorse**

Size: 1.000 sqm

Completed in 2003



Project undertaken as AUKETT + GARRETTI S.R.L.

Architecture: **Garretti Associati Srl**

Structural engineering: **BMS Progetti Srl**

Services engineering: **Ariatta Ingegneria dei Sistemi Srl**

Project coordination, direzione lavori (supervision on site),
health & safety coordination: **Garretti Associati Srl**

Project management: **J&A Consulting**

General contractor: **Colombo Costruzioni Spa**

Bulding cladding: **Somec Srl - Edilmontaggi Srl -
SanniniImpruneta Spa**

La vela is a 3 storey facilities building of 1.000 sqm, with two floors of bar/café and a restaurant, and a basement level for service and delivery space. The main pavilion is fully glazed with a solid walled core at each end, clad in resin bonded timber panels. The front core contains the main entrance, elevator, stairs and washrooms, whilst the rear core contains kitchens and service areas. A generous terrace on the first floor provides open air dining overlooking the piazza fountains. A large white tensile structure is supported from two inclined steel pylons with a sweeping curve to anchor points in the piazza, providing shade and shelter for the outdoor dining and café areas. This gives the building both its name (la vela = the sail) and its special character.

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