

FACILITY REPORT

THE FOUNDATION

The Somaini Foundation is based in a complex owned by the FAI (Fondo Ambiente Italiano) located at number 31 of Corso di Porta Vigentina. It is a well-preserved example of a “casa di ringhiera”, one of the typical social housing of old Milan, today rather rare. The building, which develops around a cobbled central courtyard and surrounded by galleries, overlooks Corso di Porta Vigentina and the medieval Via Cassolo. The Foundation, which overlooks the internal courtyard and Via Cassolo, has spaces of different uses, renovated by the architects Maddalena Maraffi and Andrea Benzi (Numero Dieci Architetti): in addition to the office and the archive-library, there are a room for meetings or projections and two large rooms for exhibitions and events. Environments are all equipped with modern air conditioning and lighting systems, alarm systems, video surveillance, emergency exits, entrances and toilets for people with disabilities.

THE SPACE AND SERVICES

The space for exhibitions is adapted to the most rigorous safety standards and maximum reliability. The rooms are equipped with control and air conditioning systems.

Upon arrival at the exhibition, as well as at closing, the artworks are examined by the staff, who draws up a health card.

The staff of the Foundation also carries out periodic checks on the state of conservation of the artworks. A surveillance service is guaranteed during the opening hours of the exhibition.

TECHNICAL FEATURES

The building was also renovated for exhibition purposes with all the most up-to-date services and control devices. The space dedicated to exhibitions complies with current legislation regarding safety in case of emergency and fire.

It is forbidden to smoke and consume food and drinks in the space dedicated to the exhibitions.

Fire extinguishing system

- Smoke detection system in all rooms.
- Portable CO₂ fire extinguishers in every environment.
- Safety exits towards the courtyard all equipped with panic bars.

Anti-intrusion system

- Road accesses with double locking, motorized metal gate and lockable windows. Windows are all equipped with grating.
- Access from courtyard with lockable window, gate or door. Windows are all equipped with grating.
- Anti-theft / anti-intrusion system RISCO according to law CEI 79-3, connected to an operation center.
- Volumetric anti-intrusion detectors.
- Video surveillance of all environments, even remotely.
- Unarmed diurnal surveillance.

Microclimatic control

• Automatic hot / cold air conditioning systems with air exchange. The system is able to guarantee one ambient temperature of $20^{\circ} \pm 1^{\circ}$ (winter), $25^{\circ} \pm 1^{\circ}$ (summer), and a relative humidity of $55\% \pm 5\%$.

Lighting systems

- For conservation reasons, and for better control of the internal lighting of the rooms, the openings can be darkened.
- Lighting systems are flexible. There is a direct basic light flow. Adjustable lighting bodies can be added on electrified tracks.
- The lighting of the works can therefore be adapted to the characteristics and limits required for the different categories.

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