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## DEGW Italia created the project of Oracle's New Head Office

After about two years of construction for the renovations of Cinisello Balsamo, Oracle employees entered the spaces inaugurated in January 2009. The project has been conducted by DEGW Italy, renovation of the building as well as the interior design

The building of 10,000 square meters, owned by Generali Gestione Immobiliare, has been completely redesigned in a process of architectural enhancement occurred in respect of time and costs in the Business Plan. The purpose of the intervention, aimed at enhancing performance and improving the architecture of the building, has resulted in an increase of surface area equal to 1,500 square meters and optimize the depth of the plan. In particular, the intervention has redefined the face through the curtain wall façade, combining insulating glass panels and aluminium rectangular, transparent or coated with a film "pixels", determines a continuous visual motif.

The definition of the key layout and structure is given by a system with longitudinal development, in which elements are subject to the same rigorous symmetrical. The core houses: the elements vertically linked, which represents, together with the side stairs outside, the emergency exits of the building; break areas, which become islands easily accessible by users without interfering with the work areas. The two side wings accommodates toilets and work areas, distributed primarily in open space and partly in closed offices.

DEGW, thanks to its specific and international "know how" in the office world, has analyzed the organizational needs of Oracle, adapting the interior space to the specific needs of users. "We are very satisfied," says Arch. Massimo Avoletti, Facility Manager at Oracle Italia.

Rigor that characterizes the covering also distinguishes the arrangement of interior spaces. The organization of the areas comes from analysis and assessments that cover the characteristics of the property location, corporate culture, the standards of space and support areas and environmental features required by the customer. In particular, the distribution of environments is built using a variety of scenarios, according to the parameters space and land, on which the individual workstations in open space alternating with work stations temporary and shared, backed by specific types of storage, and near to the closed offices and collective areas.

Projections of company growth made during the analysis have necessitated the ability to reconfigure and make the environments flexible. It follows an allocation of space according to a schedule determined by the modular design of the facade.

The spatial organization is defined by the principal movement which becomes the main watershed between the two specific areas that make up the open space: on the one hand, the areas adjacent to the facade, which, benefits the direct sunlight, are particularly suitable for individuals working locations and closed offices, the other an inner core hosts: shared workstations; support areas such as cupboards and wardrobes copy areas, common areas and touch down for informal meetings. Furthermore, the distribution scheme assigns to the four corners of the parallelepiped meeting rooms for about 10 people, qualified by the perception of a space which dematerialisation through windows with double facing. The central part of the structure becomes the perfect place to condense small meeting rooms, so-called "quiet booths": containers glazed allowing quick meetings.

The property is arranged on seven floors, where the basement is for parking and technical spaces. The central part of the plant provides, in the basement, the main entrance that runs on a double-height lobby, where you see scenes of temporary exhibitions. The basement also houses collective spaces. In particular the North wing focus, a conference room by up to about 90 seats, a break area available for representation

events and two meeting rooms, while the south wing houses 5 training rooms. The collective spaces also continuing on the ground floor, through 8 meeting rooms with capacity ranging from 12 to 14 people, and internet point. The project does not escape the duty to combine taste with sensibility used by the users. Hence the need to create services that make the building efficient and cosy: a canteen / cafeteria on the fourth floor, a recreational facility for games and multimedia platforms, external and underground parking areas concretise this need.

The aesthetic choices are combined with the needs to offer a clear connotation of the building which, through its transparent skin, takes one and is recognizable also from the outside. The Oracle trade mark reveals itself by dominant colours, red and white, that characterize furniture and finishes, and which is mediated by contrast amiable gray carpet.

From a plant point of view, the project was carried out with flexibility and modularity to allow future reallocation of spaces and functions, with less action on adaptation. Particular attention was paid to the choice of materials and plant types, in order to achieve reduced operating costs, maximum energy savings, maximum efficiency.

Companies devote more attention to work areas as a lever to improve the performance of its business. Especially during serious instability as the current situation, needed to generate loyalty and motivation in people. **An area designed with care can improve the performance of individuals and the business health.**

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