

Congress Centre

Rome

The project brings the public domain deep into the heart of the Congress Centre via a great inclined piazza

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Place
Rome, Italy

Quantity Surveyor
Hanscomb Limited

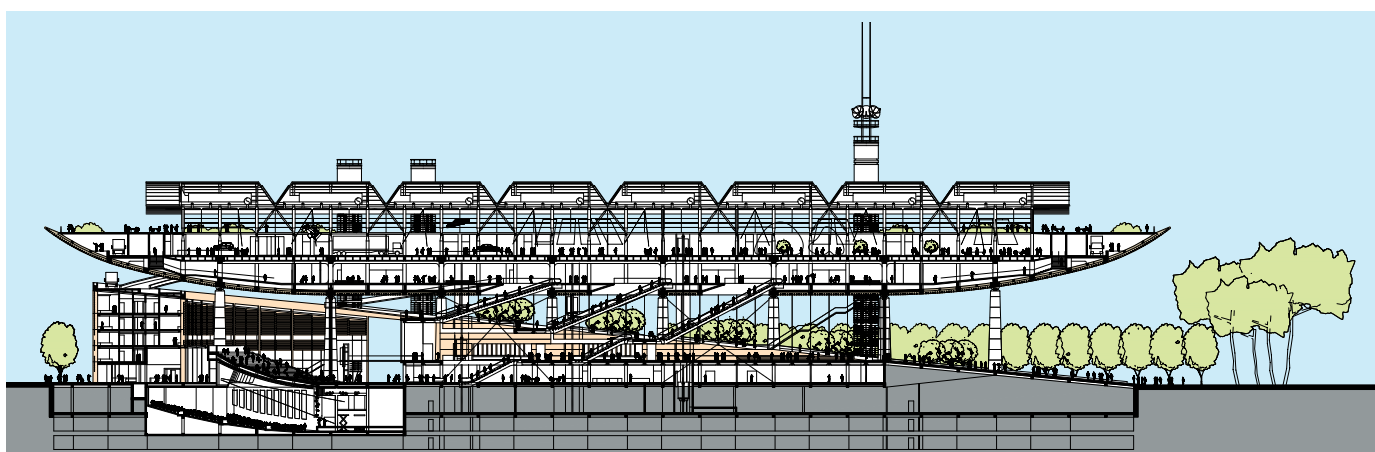
Date
2000 -

Traffic Consultant
Arup Transportation

Client
Centro Congressi Italia

Structural Engineer
Arup

Services Engineer
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Awards

2003
AR/MIPIM Future Project Award High Commendation

2001
Royal Academy Summer Exhibition Gold Medal AJ / Bovis Award

This competition scheme was designed for a site in the EUR district of Rome, an area planned in the 1930s as a demonstration of the monumental formalism that characterised fascist urbanism.

The scheme sets the main congress and exhibition areas in a cantilevered roof space, supported by central columns and surrounded by service towers. A wide public terrace runs around the edge of the roof, optimising views across the Rome skyline.

Beneath the great over-sailing, timber-clad roof is a second building for offices, ticketing, restaurants, parking, shops and a hotel, its roof forming a wedge-shaped ramp of public space.

The public nature of the building is emphasised by the provision of a partially enclosed 2,000-seat amphitheatre within the lower building, alongside which runs a new pedestrian route, linking the Enrico Termini station with the existing Palazzo dei Congressi. Further shops are placed alongside this route, and around the edge of the building, to ensure an open relationship with the public domain.