

What is Pirelli HangarBicocca?



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Pirelli HangarBicocca is a very important museum in Milan.

Pirelli HangarBicocca is in the **Bicocca district**,
where there used to be an old factory.

A district is a part of a city.

A factory is a building where they make objects
and things that people need.

This Museum is called that way because Pirelli wanted to open a museum
where all people could see contemporary art works.

Contemporary art
is art made now or a short time ago.

The halls of Pirelli HangarBicocca are very big and very tall because train engines were made here a long time ago.

The halls of Pirelli HangarBicocca are called:

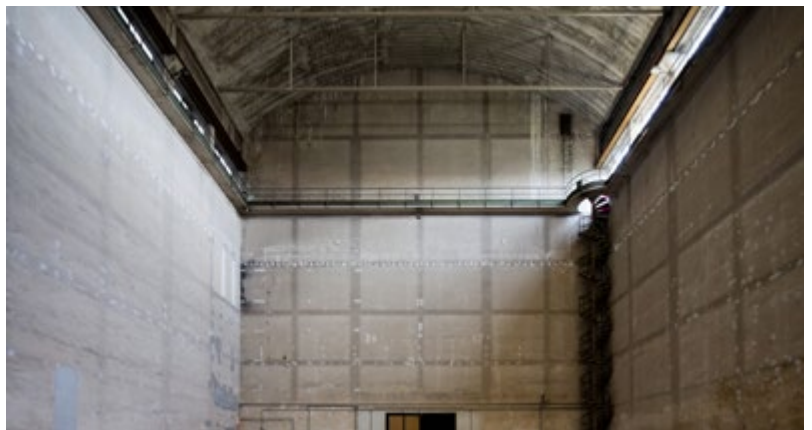
- **Shed.** →



- **Navate.** →
Navate means aisles.



- **Cubo.** →
Cubo means cube.



If you want to know more about:

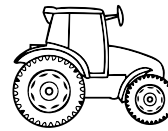
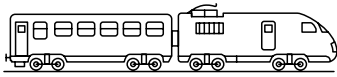
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The history of Pirelli HangarBicocca

A long time ago where Pirelli HangarBicocca is today there was a **Breda factory**.

A factory is a big building where they make objects and things that people need.

The Breda factory was very important and made trains and big electric machines like tractors.

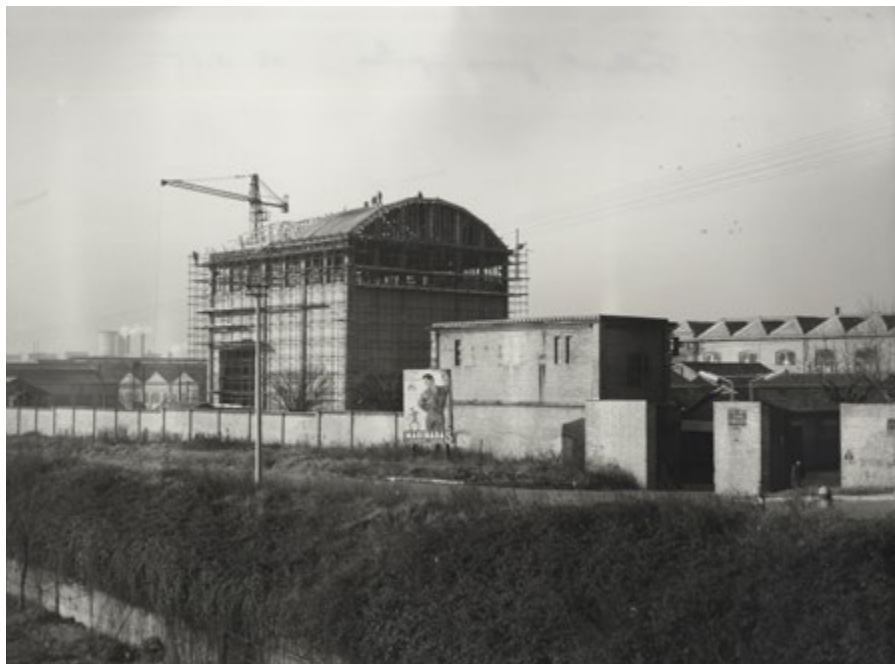


The Breda factory was in a neighbourhood in Milan called **Bicocca**. Near the Breda factory there were also other factories.

In fact, the Bicocca neighbourhood was the **industrial neighbourhood of the city**. Industrial means that there were many factories.

The Breda factory was very big and had 3 big buildings:

- the **Shed**.
- The **Navate**.
- The **Cubo**.

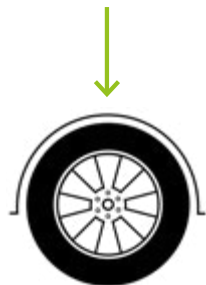


In this picture from long ago you see the buildings when they were being built.

Some time ago **Pirelli** bought the Breda buildings.

Pirelli is the most important **tyre** factory in Italy.

Tyres are the wheels of cars, trucks, motorcycles and bicycles.



Some years later Pirelli decided to close its factory in Bicocca.



Today in the 3 buildings of the old Breda factory is Pirelli HangarBicocca.

Pirelli HangarBicocca is an important **contemporary art** museum.

Contemporary art is art made now or made a short time ago.

Pirelli made a **foundation** to help the Museum.

A foundation is a group of people who work together
to do important things for other people.

The people who work in this foundation help the Museum
introduce contemporary art to all people.