

Espacio Fundación Telefónica

Madrid, Spain

A painstaking restoration of Madrid's first skyscraper

The Telefónica Foundation has moved into an iconic building on Madrid's Gran Vía that was Europe's tallest skyscraper when it was constructed. The building has been painstakingly restored by the architectural practice Quanto Arquitectura.



Technical details:

Name: Espacio Fundación Telefónica

Location: Madrid, Spain

Architecture: Quanto Arquitectura and Moneo Brock Studio

Project Architect: Miguel Ángel García Alonso

Original Architecture: Luis Ignacio de Cárdenas

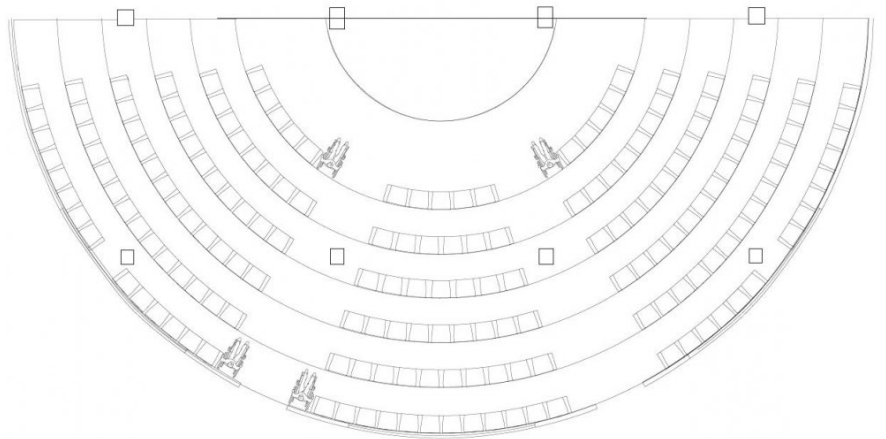
Interior Design: Moneo Brock & Quanto Arquitectura

Total Area: 6,370m²

Number of floors: 15

Capacity: 175

Product: Bespoke model Arch. Quanto Arquitectura & Moneo Brock Studio





Challenges and solutions

The main Great Hall of Fundaci3n Telef3nica needed a special seat. The special model needed to serve as both a continuous bench for informal use and a comfortable individual seat for conferences. This is a unique seat developed especially for the space by Figueras team, who worked hand-in-hand with the architects responsible for the project.

Product supplied

The result is a sleek bench in solid beech that can be converted into individual seats by sliding off the top cover, which becomes a padded backrest, and activating a mechanism to raise the armrests. The seat includes a power point for connecting computers and other equipment during conference sessions. The seating system performs two functions according to the position of the folding backrest. With the backrest open, it provides comfortable, ergonomic seats that are perfect for a conference room. With the backrest in the closed position, the model serves as a continuous bench for alternative uses.

