

# Cisco Photonics Italy Production Plant & Offices

Monza, Italy

## Client

Cisco Systems

## Value

Phase 1 & 2 € 9M  
Phase 3 € 37.8M

## Area

Total – 32.400 m<sup>2</sup>  
Phase 1– 10,400 m<sup>2</sup>  
Phase 2,3 – 22,000 m<sup>2</sup>

## Completion

Phase 1 – May 2000  
Phase 2 – May 2001  
Phase 3 – October 2001

## Architect

Progetto CMR

## Services Provided

Construction Management  
Personnel relocation  
Specialist production lab equipment



When Cisco Systems acquired the fiber optics division from Pirelli in February 2000, it inherited a major former television factory which was being reconfigured to accommodate office space and production lines.

The building consisted of a 3-storey office block of approx. 1,000sqm, an open production area of 3,500 sqm plus an additional 750 sqm of testing area. The manufacturing area had both air and temperature control.

Because of the delays accumulated Cisco asked Bovis Lend Lease to help meeting the target completion date of May 2000. This was the opportunity for the Spanish unit to start a branch operation in Italy while most of the administrative functions were still carried out in Madrid.

The small Italian team managed to recover from an almost uncontrolled situation to a full project success, mending the relationship between the landlord, the management from the former Pirelli division, the new appointed design consultant and the new tenant.

The success of the first phase facilitated the appointment of Bovis Lend Lease as project managers to the second and third phases.

Phase 2 regarded some minor “survival” works to other former Pirelli offices occupied by Cisco staff.

Phase 3 completed the relocation of the core R&D teams and all sales and administrative staff to the Monza site. It also created space for typical Cisco technical facilities such as a TAC Lab, an ECS data center and SE training facilities. The total floor area amounted to 18,000sqm with potential extensions up to 22,000.