



## CASA CATTANEO ALCHIERI (CATTANEO ALCHIERI HOUSE)

You can find this point of interest in Como - Path 5 - Stage 1

### INFORMATION

**Location:** Cattaneo Alchieri House is located in Como, via Mentana 25

**Paving:** the pavement next to the entrance is surfaced with asphalt. In front of the house, a low concrete wall surmounted by an iron fence encloses a narrow strip of grass, crossed by a concrete tile pathway which leads to the building

**Architectural barriers:** -

**Access:** access is from the entrance in via Mentana 25

**Services:** parking available in the area; automated teller machine in via Magenta

**Leisure and Food:** bars and cafes in the area

**Other information:** the building is used as a private home and is therefore not open for visits

### DESCRIPTION

Casa Cattaneo Alchieri (designed by Pietro Lingeri, 1936) is also known as “casa a ville sovrapposte (house formed by superimposed villas)”, due to the desire to give the apartments independent features although they are part of a single block.

This new Como building shows that the modernity of the Italian Rationalist style aimed at satisfying the needs of the house dwellers.

«A long balcony “encloses” the structure in a perfect parallelepiped and swathes the main façade and half of the two lateral fronts.

The body of the construction is partially withdrawn to avoid the excess of solar exposition due to its southwest orientation.

The extent of the building appears accentuated by the parapets (partly in concrete, partly in metal) of the balconies and by the small metal pilasters which link the floors of the terraces from the ground to the roof, in parallel with the corners of the projecting rooms.

The planimetric arrangement appears perfectly symmetrical, with identical apartments overlooking the landings. The use of concrete and glass for the windowed areas of the stairwell and of metal sections for the parapets is rationalist; on the other hand, the striking use of black glass for the low entrance hall ceiling managed to convey the optical illusion of spaciousness.

The roof of the building has been modified. Additional living space has been created where there was once a portico» (L. Cavadini, *Architettura razionalista nel territorio comasco*, Provincia di Como, Como 2004).