



42. Lonja de la Marina Auxiliante

The Lonja de Pescadores de la Marina Auxiliante is a large architectural building erected on the beach of València; it houses several buildings related to the art of fishing: Fish Market, Ice Factory, Casa dels Bous, net and sail drying space, boatyards, dye works and fishermen's homes, on a strip parallel to the sea.

The Sociedad de Patronos commissioned master builder Juan Bautista Gosálvez to design the Fish Market project, which was built on a plot granted to the society by King Alfonso XII. Construction lasted from 1907 to 1909.

The building floor plan is arranged around two axes of symmetry: the longitudinal parallel to Eugènia Viñes Street and the transversal, perpendicular to the first, in the directions of the bordering roads.

It features two longitudinal bodies with two storeys each, formed by a serial repetition of housing modules, with 20 on each side. A free, inner space between the two buildings is where fish market trading took place.

The enclosing walls are solid, Flemish bond brick one and a half feet thick with a plinth in stone from Godella.

The longitudinal walls feature doors on the ground floor and balcony doors on the top floor, one per level and home. Accesses to the free, interior space break the monotony, framed by doorways. The main façade faces onto Els Hòmens de la Mar Street, shown by a frontispiece decorated with modernist motifs. A cornice frieze with triglyphs runs along the facades.

Soon after construction was completed, it was used as a field hospital for those wounded in the Morocco campaign; at the end of the armed conflict, the property was briefly used as a prison. Later, the construction of a fish market in the port of València meant that the building would no longer be used for its intended purpose. The side buildings intended for storage were converted into 40 homes, one for each member of the Marina Auxiliante.