

Mario Botta

1943	Born April 1 st , in Mendrisio, Ticino (Switzerland)
1949-1958	Primary and secondary school in Genestrerio and Mendrisio (Switzerland)
1958-1961	Draughtsman apprenticeship in the architect's office of Carloni and Camenisch in Lugano
1961-1964	Art college in Milan
1964-1969	Studies at the Istituto Universitario di Architettura IUAV in Venice (Italy)
1965	Practical work in the atelier of Le Corbusier in Venice, with Jullian de la Fuente and José Oubrierie
1969	Meets and works with Louis I. Kahn in Venice Graduates at the IUAV, Venice; his supervisors were Carlo Scarpa and Giuseppe Mazzariol
1969	Beginning of his own architect's activity in Lugano
1976	Visiting professor at the Ecole Polytechnique Fédérale in Lausanne (Switzerland)
1987	Visiting professor at the Yale School of Architecture New Haven, Connecticut (USA)
1982-87	Member of the Swiss Federal Commission of Art
Since 1983	Nominated Professor at the Ecole Polytechnique Fédérale in Lausanne (Switzerland)
1996	Within the constitution of the new Università della Svizzera italiana, he is in charge to create the program for the new Academy of architecture in Mendrisio, where he taught until 2018
2002/03	Director at the Academy of Architecture in Mendrisio
2011/13	Director at the Academy of Architecture in Mendrisio
2019	Professor Emeritus at the Università della Svizzera italiana

Honorary Member

1983	BDA - <i>Bund Deutscher Architekten</i>
1984	AIA - <i>The American Institute of Architects</i>
1991	<i>Académie d'Architecture</i> (Swiss representation member), Paris (France)
1993	<i>Accademia delle Belle Arti di Brera</i> , Milan (Italy)
1994	<i>CAM-SAM Colegio de Arquitectos de la Ciudad de Mexico-Sociedad de Arquitectos Mexicanos</i> , Mexico city (Mexico)
1996	Swiss Academy of Engineering Sciences
1997	Academician of the <i>International Academy of Architecture</i> , Sofia (Bulgaria)
1997	<i>RIBA (Royal Institute of British Architects)</i> , Honorary Fellowship, London (GB)
1999	Academic member of San Luca (Foreign Correspondent), Academy of San Luca, Rome (Italy)
1999	International Academy of Philosophy of Art, Bern (Switzerland)
2000	International Academy of Architecture, Sofia (Bulgaria)
2002	Ordinary member at the <i>Istituto di Studi Superiori dell'Insubria Gerolamo Cardano</i> , Varese (Italy)
2003	Honorary member SIA – <i>Canton Ticino Society of Engineers and Architects</i> (Switzerland)
2006	<i>RIBA (Royal Institute of British Architects)</i> , International Fellowship, London (GB)
2009	Honorary member SIA - <i>Swiss Society of Engineers and Architects</i> , Zürich (Switzerland)
2010	Member of the Belgian Order of Architects
2012	Foreign member of the <i>Istituto Veneto di Scienze, Lettere ed Arti</i> , Venice (Italy)
2013	Member of the <i>Pontifical Academy of Fine Arts and Letters of the "Virtuosi al Pantheon"</i> , Rome (Italy)
2021	Foreign Fellow of the <i>Accademia Nazionale dei Lincei</i> in the Historical and Philological Moral Sciences Class, category Art and Poetry Critics, Rome
2022	Corresponding Member of the <i>Accademia delle Arti del Disegno</i> , Florence

Professor Doctor Honoris Causa

1989	Escuela de Altos Estudios del CAYC, Buenos Aires (Argentina)
1995	Architecture Faculty Salonicco University (Greece)
1996	Architecture Faculty National University Cordoba (Argentina)
1997	Architecture Faculty Universidad de Palermo, Buenos Aires (Argentina)
1998	Institutul de Arhitectura Ion Mincu, Bucarest (Romania)
2001	Universidade Federal da Paraiba, Joao Pessoa (Brasile)
2002	Universitatea de Arhitectura si Urbanism Ion Mincu of Bucarest (Romania)
2006	Theology Faculty, Fribourg University (Switzerland)
2007	Language Faculty, Neuchâtel University (Switzerland)
2016	University of Architecture, Civil Engineering and Geodesy, Sofia (Bulgaria)

Awards

- 1985 Architecture Award *Prix Beton*, Zurich (Switzerland)
- 1986 *Chicago Architecture Award* (USA)
- 1988 *Grade de Chevalier dans l'Ordre des Arts et des Lettres*, Paris (France)
- 1989 *Backsteen Award, Royal Dutch Organization* (The Netherlands)
- 1989 *CICA Award* - International Committee of Architectural Critics, International Biennale of Architecture, Buenos Aires (Argentina)
- 1991 Award 1991- *Foundation Iside e Cesare Lavezzari*, Chiasso (Switzerland)
- 1993 *Marble Architectural Award Europe*, Carrara (Italy), for the office and residential building, Bellinzona (Switzerland)
- 1993 *CICA Award* - International Committee of Architectural Critics, International Biennale of Architecture, Buenos Aires (Argentina)
- 1995 *Merit Award for Excellence in Design-AIA*, California (USA) for the San Francisco museum of modern art (MOMA), with Hellmuth, Obata & Kassabaum, Inc., SF
- 1995 *International Award Architecture in Stone*, International Marble Exhibition, Verona (Italy)
- 1995 *European Prize for Culture*, Karlsruhe (Germany)
- 1996 *Crystal Award* World Economic Forum, Davos (Switzerland)
- 1997 *SACEC Award* (Swiss American Cultural Exchange Council)
- 1997 *Marble Architectural Award America*, Carrara (Italy), for the San Francisco museum of modern art (MOMA), USA
- 1999 *Marble Architectural Award Europe*, Carrara (Italy), for the church of San Giovanni Battista, Mogno (Switzerland)
- 1999 *Chevalier dans l'Ordre National de la Légion d'Honneur*, Paris (France)
- 2000 Award *Millennium Americarum*, on the occasion of the XXI Congreso Panamericano de Arquitectos, Mexico City (Mexico)
- 2000 *Gubbio Award 2000* for the design of Il Giardino della Pilotta (Piazzale della Pace), Parma (Italy)
- 2002 Award *The Prince and the Architect, new ideas of rethinking the city* for Il Giardino della Pilotta (Piazzale della Pace), Parma, Europolis 2002, Bologna (Italy)
- 2002 *Marble Architectural Award Middle East*, Carrara (Italy), for the Cymbalista synagogue and Jewish heritage Centre, Tel Aviv (Israel)
- 2002 Award *Artist's Circle of Varese*, Varese (Italy)
- 2003 *1st Prize Architects for Verona*: Marble for the project; Progetto marmo & C.C.I.A.A. of Verona (Italy)
- 2003 *Swiss Award 2003* for culture, Zurich (Switzerland)
- 2004 *22nd Annual Seoul Architectural Award: Grand Award* for Kyobo tower, Seoul (South Korea)
- 2004 *The International Highrise Award*: mention for the Kyobo tower, Seoul (South Korea)
- 2005 *Honour in the grade of Officer of the Order of Merit of the Italian Republic*, Rome (Italy)
- 2005 *IOC/IAKS Award* by the Olympic International Committee (Köln/Germany) for the National Youth Sport Centre, Tenero (Switzerland)
- 2005 *Grinzane Cavour Prize – Sezione Alba Pompeia*, Alba (Italy)
- 2005 Award *Excellence in design for civic architecture*, Leeum Samsung museum of art, Seoul Metropolitan Government (South Korea)
- 2005 *Honour in the grade of Grand Officer of the Order of Merit of the Italian Republic*, Rome (Italy)
- 2005 Award *Beato Angelico of S. Marco per il Rinascimento* Association, Florence (Italy)
- 2006 *IAA Annual Prix 2005*, International Academy of Architecture, Sofia Bulgaria for the Kyobo tower, Seoul (South Korea)
- 2006 *International Architecture Award*, The Chicago Athenaeum Museum of Architecture and Design for the restructuring of the Theatre alla Scala, Milan (Italy)
- 2006 *Ambrogino d'Oro*, Municipality of Milan (Italy)
- 2006 *European Union Prize for Cultural Heritage / Europa Nostra Awards*, The Hague (The Netherlands) for the restructuring of the Theatre alla Scala, Milan (Italy)
- 2006 International Prize *Dedalo Minosse* for commissioning a building with Vittorio Moretti for the Petra winery, Suvereto (Italy)
- 2006 Prize *Faith & Form* section *Design honour award*, Charlotte (USA) for the church and pastoral centre Papa Giovanni XXIII, Seriate-Bergamo (Italy)
- 2006 *Legato ad Honorem*, Lega del Chianti (Italy)
- 2007 *Wallpaper Design Award*, London (GB) for church of Santo Volto, Turin (Italy)
- 2007 *Honorary citizenship*, municipality of San Giovanni Teatino, Chieti (Italy)

- 2007 *International Architecture Award*, The Chicago Athenaeum Museum of Architecture and Design for the wellness centre Bergoase, Arosa (Switzerland) and the church Santo Volto, Turin (Italy)
- 2007 *Marble Architectural Awards Europe*, Carrara (Italy), for the church and pastoral centre Papa Giovanni XXIII, Seriate-Bergamo (Italy)
- 2007 Prize *Vergilius d'Oro*, Mantova (Italy)
- 2008 *International Prize Scala d'Oro*, Lions Club Milano alla Scala for the restructuring of the Theatre alla Scala, Milan (Italy)
- 2008 Prize "*Rigips Gold Trophy 2007*" for the wellness centre Bergoase, Arosa (Switzerland)
- 2008 International Prize *Dedalo Minosse* for commissioning a building. Archbishopric of Turin – Cardinal Severino Poletto for the church Santo Volto, Turin (Italy)
- 2009 *MIPIM Asia Award* for *Phoenix Island Villa Condo & Club House* with Samoo Architects & Engineers
- 2009 *IOC/IAKS Award* (silver) by the *Olympic International Committee* (Köln/Germany) for the wellness centre Bergoase, Arosa (Switzerland)
- 2010 *Tageslicht-Award 2010* Nomination for the Wellness centre Bergoase, Arosa, Velux Foundation, Zürich (Switzerland)
- 2010 *US Award 2009 Workplace: quality and innovation* for the new Campari headquarters in Sesto San Giovanni, Milan (Italy) (3. Prize)
- 2010 *The Golden Award for Global Contribution in Architecture*, Architecture + Design & Spectrum Foundation, Kuala Lumpur (Malaysia)
- 2011 International Award "Sebetia-Ter" for Architecture 2011, Centro Studi di Arte e Cultura, Napoli (Italy)
- 2011 *Le Donne del Marmo 2011 Award*, Marmomacc 46th International Exhibition of Stone Design and Technology, Verona (Italy)
- 2011 XIX International Competition *Sistema d'Autore METRA*. Prize-giving ceremony on occasion of "MADEexpo 2011" for the Towers of the Campari area in Sesto San Giovanni (Italy)
- 2011 International Literary Prize *Alessandro Manzoni – Lifetime Achievement Award*, Lecco (Italy)
- 2011 Award *Vittorio De Sica* for architecture, Rome (Italy)
- 2012 *Città di Varese* (Italy) Award, Insubria University Friends for the scientific and cultural contribution
- 2012 International Prize *Myrta Gabardi*, Milan (Italy)
- 2013 *Insegna di San Bernardo*, Macugnaga (Italy)
- 2013 *Shanghai Excellent Project 1st Prize* for the project "Twelve at Hengshan Hotel", Shanghai Survey & Design Associate (China)
- 2014 *Premio Internacional Arquitectura Javier Carvajal*, Pamplona (Spain)
- 2014 Medal *Per Artem Ad Deum*, Pontifical Council for Culture, Kielce (Poland)
- 2014 International Prize *Capalbio*, Architecture Section, Capalbio (Italy)
- 2014 *Annual International Design Art Achievement Award* for the project "Twelve at Hengshan Hotel, Shanghai", China Building Decoration Association, Beijing (China)
- 2015 Award *BSI Fondazione del Centenario*, Università della Svizzera Italiana, Lugano (Switzerland)
- 2015 Award *Urbanpromo* for the project Appiani in Treviso, Triennale di Milano (Italy)
- 2015 *Medalla Anáhuac en Diseno 2015*, Universidad Anáhuac, Huixquilucan (Mexico)
- 2016 Award *Il Sogno di Piero*, Accademia di Belle Arti, Urbino (Italy)
- 2016 *China Exploration & Design Association 1st Prize* for the project "Library of the Tsinghua University", Beijing (China)
- 2017 *Wallpaper Design Award*, London (GB) for "Fixpencil Caran d'Ache"
- 2018 Award "Ratzinger 2018", Vatican Foundation Joseph Ratzinger Benedikt XVI, Rome (Italy)
- 2019 "Excellent Design Unit" by CPC Jining Municipal Committee & Jining Municipal People's Government (China)
- 2019 Award "I numeri UNO", Italian Chamber of Commerce for Switzerland, Lugano (Switzerland)
- 2019 "Targa Foroglio", Val Bavona (Switzerland)
- 2021 Award "Cavaliere di Gran Croce", Rome (Italy)
- 2021 Premio Chiara alla Carriera 2021, Varese (Italy)
- 2021 Premio Cavallini 2020-2021 alla Carriera (Lifetime Achievement Award), Pordenone (Italy)
- 2022 XIII Premio del Vittoriale, Gardone Riviera (BS), (Italy)

Since 1970, alongside other teaching and research activities, Mario Botta has given lectures, seminars and courses in numerous architecture schools in Europe, Asia and the Americas. Shown in many exhibitions and books, his work is particularly signed out by the important number of realized buildings all over the world.

To be mentioned particularly among these realizations:

- Single-family houses in Ticino, Switzerland (since 1965)
- Middle school in Morbio Inferiore, Switzerland (1972-1977)
- Library for the Capuchin monastery in Lugano, Switzerland (1976-1979)
- Craft-centre in Balerna, Switzerland (1977-1979)
- Fribourg state bank, Switzerland (1977-1981)
- Administration building Ransila I in Lugano, Switzerland (1981-1985)
- Gotthard bank in Lugano, Switzerland (1982-1988)
- Theatre and cultural centre André Malraux in Chambéry, France (1984-1987)
- Mediatheque in Villeurbanne, France (1984-1988)
- Art gallery Watari-um in Tokyo, Japan (1985-1990)
- Church Beato Odorico in Pordenone, Italy (1987-1992)
- Residential and commercial building Centro 5 Continenti in Lugano-Paradiso, Switzerland (1986-1992)
- Caimato administrative building in Lugano-Cassarate, Switzerland (1986-1993)
- Church San Giovanni Battista in Mogno, Switzerland (1986-1996)
- UBS bank in Basel, Switzerland (1986-1995)
- “Piazzale della Pace” redesign of the Pilotta area in Parma, Italy (1986/96-2001)
- Church San Pietro Apostolo in Sartirana di Merate, Italy (1987-1995)
- Bruxelles Lambert bank in Geneva, Switzerland (1987/1993-1996)
- Office and apartment block Via Nizzola in Bellinzona, Switzerland (1988-1991)
- Housing complex in Novazzano, Switzerland (1988-1992)
- Cathedral of the Resurrection in Evry, France (1988-1995)
- Swisscom administrative building in Bellinzona, Switzerland (1988-1998)
- MART museum of modern and contemporary art of Trento and Rovereto, Italy (1988/92-2002)
- SFMOMA museum of modern art in San Francisco, USA (1989-1995)
- Tent for the 700 year anniversary of the Swiss Confederation (1989-1991)
- Chapel Santa Maria degli Angeli on Mount Tamaro, Switzerland (1990-1996)
- Office and residential building La Fortezza in Maastricht, Holland (1990-1999)
- National Youth Sport Centre in Tenero, Switzerland (phase 2) (1990/1998-2001)
- Town casino in Campione d’Italia, Italy (1990-2006)
- Kyobo tower in Seoul, South Korea (1991-2003)
- Housing complex in Monte Carasso, Switzerland (1992-1996)
- Medical home for elderly in Novazzano, Switzerland (1992-1997)
- Centre Dürrenmatt in Neuchâtel, Switzerland (1992/97-2000)
- Jean Tinguely museum in Basel, Switzerland (1993-1996)
- Senior high school specializing in science education in Città della Pieve, Italy (1993-2000)
- Church and pastoral centre Papa Giovanni XXIII in Seriate-Bergamo, Italy (1994-2004)
- “Citadel of the Institutions” – planning of the ex Appiani area in Treviso, Italy (1994-2012)
- Municipal library in Dortmund, Germany (1995-1999)
- Sculpture park “Noah’s Ark” in Jerusalem, Israel (1995-2001)
- Public library Tiraboschi in Bergamo, Italy (1995-2004)
- Leeum Samsung museum of art in Seoul, South Korea (1995-2004)
- Monument for the Cumbre de las Americas in Santa Cruz de la Sierra, Bolivia (1996)
- The Cymbalista synagogue and Jewish heritage centre in Tel Aviv, Israel (1996-1998)
- Extension and renovation of the Querini Stampalia Foundation library in Venice, Italy (1996-2012)
- Cardada cableway in Locarno, Switzerland (1997-2000)
- Martin Bodmer Foundation – museum and library in Cologny, Switzerland (1997-2003)
- San Carlino - wooden model of Borromini’s San Carlo alle Quattro Fontane, Lugano lake-front, Switzerland [1999-2003 (dismantled)]
- Offices Harting in Minden, Germany (1999-2001)
- National bank of Greece in Athens (1999-2001)

- Tata Consultancy Services (TCS) buildings in New Delhi (1996-2002) and Hyderabad, India (1999-2003)
- Petra winery in Suvereto, Italy (1999-2003)
- New central bus terminal in Lugano, Switzerland (2000-2001)
- Housing and offices in Deventer and Haarlemmermeer, Holland (2000-2009)
- Bechtler museum of art in Charlotte, North Carolina, USA (2000/2005-2009)
- Cemetery Chapel in Azzano di Seravezza, Italy (2001-2002)
- Restoration and restructuring of the Theatre alla Scala in Milan, Italy (2001-2004)
- Church of Santo Volto in Turin, Italy (2001-2006)
- Museum of the Tsinghua University in Beijing, People's Republic of China (2002-2016)
- Wellness centre "Berg Oase" in Arosa, Switzerland (2003-2006)
- Headquarters ANCE in Lecco, Italy (2003-2008)
- Campari headquarters and residences in Sesto San Giovanni, Milan (2004-2009)
- Spa & Wellness centre in Rigi Kaltbad, Switzerland (2004-2012)
- Winery Château Faugères, Saint-Emilion, France (2005-2009)
- Church "Santa Maria Nuova" in Terranuova Bracciolini, Italy (2005-2010)
- "Palazzo Fuoriporta", new Studio Architetto Mario Botta in Mendrisio, Switzerland (2005-2011)
- Club house Agorà on Jeju Island, South Korea (2006-2008)
- Hotel Twelve at Hengshan in Shanghai, People's Republic of China (2006-2012)
- Extension of the National Youth Sport Centre in Tenero, Switzerland (phase 3) (2006-2013)
- University Institute of Biology and Biomedicine, Padua, Italy (2007-2014)
- Library of the Tsinghua University in Beijing, People's Republic of China (2008-2011)
- Thermal baths and residences in Baden, Switzerland (2008-2021)
- "Garnet" chapel in Penkenjoch, Zillertal, Austria (2011-2013)
- Restaurant Villa Lalique, Wingen sur Moder, France (2011-2015)
- Theatre of architecture, Mendrisio, Switzerland (2005-2017)
- Security Forces Centre, Mendrisio, Switzerland (phases 1/2) (2008-2016/2017-2020)
- Tourist facility "Fiore di Pietra", Monte Generoso, Switzerland (2013-2017)
- Museum in Jining, People's Republic of China (2014-2019)
- Ice hockey & skating arena, Ambri-Piotta, Ticino, Switzerland (2014-2021)
- Basilica of Our Lady of the Rosary, Namyang, South Korea (2011-2023)
- Astronomical observatory "Space Eye", Uecht (Bern), Switzerland (2013-2023)