

Imperial

The Imperial building is owned by the same company that owns the New Leonardo, JLL. even though it has the same marketing strategy to rent out its rooms, the building is even less attractive. Following a similar approach to the lobby as in the Gallery and its vanilla plantation, the atrium is here used as a peppercorn growing facility. As we can see in a lot of offers of office rental spaces, the «green» factor is more important than ever, accentuated also by the covid-19 crisis. To make office buildings attractive, it is now common practice to offer an «office greening» supply in the rent. The idea of making things green is implemented in a totally different way with the growing of peppercorn. As the room is relatively narrow, it focuses solely on the peppercorn growing, and does not have any additional functions. The plants can grow up to four meters tall and bring a colour to the rather grey room. The back rooms are rented out for the testing laboratories and storage units, where the peppercorn is left to dry and develops its aroma. The Peppercorn plant, like the Vanilla, needs a rather constant temperature from 15-30°C, and needs indirect sunlight. As about 70 % of imported peppercorn spices contain high levels of pesticides, it has become more complicated to acquire it in accordance with European standards. Unlike the vanilla plant, it needs irrigation from the bottom and requires little to none top irrigation.

