

# **PRESERVATION AND RESTORATION. THE CONSTRUCTION SITE OF THE CASTLE OF CASTELLALTO IN TELVE, TRENINO.**

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## **ABSTRACT**

The building of Castellalto is dated back to the span of years between the end of the XII century and the mid XIII century. A first enlargement, obtained through the erection of the ovoid boundary wall to the south, can be dated back to the second half of the XIV century, whereas the Castello Nuovo (New Castle) is traced back to Francesco IV from Castellalto known as *il Grande* (the Great) and dates back to the period between 1500 and 1556.

In September 2011 the owner of the castle of Castellalto, the Baron Ferdinando Buffa from Castellalto, signed a bailment agreement with the Municipality of Telve, thus allowing the latter to take over the project works for the safety measures, the saving and the enhancement of the castle walls structures and surfaces. The works drew to an end in August 2013.

The project has consisted in – and the building firm carried it out between November 2013 and September 2015 – a development of static reinforcement, of saving, preservation and restoration of the architectonic surfaces of the New Castle, both vertically and horizontally, which were in a ruined condition. It was the bad conditions of the structures themselves - which triggered the restoration works of the castle - that have made it necessary to lend a bigger and constant attention to the architectonic surfaces.

The direct experience on the construction site is a further evidence of the fact that the integration of a given material which has gone lost due to mere deterioration should be calibrated and performed by a skilled workforce, following the directions of working conductors which shall be on their turn well trained and present on site.

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