

U.S. EMBASSY TO THE HOLY SEE, VATICAN

DEDICATION FACT SHEET

SEPTEMBER 2015



Architect: Davis Brody Bond Architects and Planners

General Contractor: NIKA/EMR Joint Venture

Total Project Budget: \$11 million

GENERAL INFORMATION

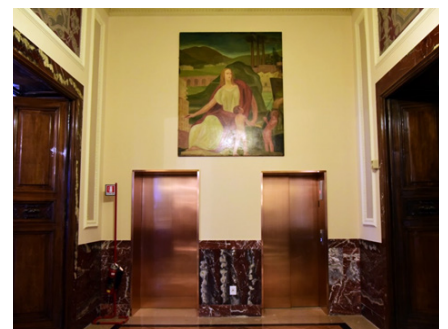
- The newly renovated landmark building housing the U.S. Embassy to the Holy See provides a secure and modern workspace for Embassy staff.
- The construction commenced in September 2014 and was complete in August 2015.
- The building meets all Department of State standards for life safety and security as well as preserves the historic integrity of the building.



ATRIUM



GRAND STAIRCASE



LOBBY FIRST FLOOR

CULTURAL HERITAGE

- The building, formerly the Headquarters of the National Insurance Company, was designed by Florentine architect and engineer Ugo Giovannozzi from 1923 to 1927.
- The main foyer is enhanced by several works of art. An ornate fountain decorates the west wall of the foyer, and two sculptures by Antonio Maraini (1886-1963) fill the niches framing the entrance door on the eastern wall.

- Four pieces from the Roman imperial period representing Epicurus, Aesculapius, Aesop and Apollo were placed in the atrium in 2008. These statues were originally located on the campus as part of the collection gathered by Cardinal Ludovico Ludovisi in 1621-1623.
- Another impressive artwork, unique in its value and genre, is War Reconstruction and Peace, dated 1954, by the noted Venetian artist Afro Basaldella, which is displayed in the large ground floor office space.
- The wall paintings decorating the grand staircase by Giulio Bargellini (1875-1936) are of great artistic significance and express the solid moral principles and the ancient traditions on which economic growth and wellness are based.



ORNATE FOUNTAIN ON THE WEST WALL OF THE FOYER



GIULIO BARGELLINI PROBITA TRIONFANTE

SUSTAINABILITY

- Installation of energy efficient appliances and low-flow plumbing fixtures has reduced the water and energy needs of the embassy, reducing operating costs.
- The creative reuse of building systems has led this to be the first U.S. diplomatic facility to earn certification in Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED®) in the Existing Buildings: Operations and Maintenance system.

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