



COMUNE DI SAN PELLEGRINO TERME
PROVINCIA DI BERGAMO

GRAND HOTEL

1904



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The Grand Hotel was designed by Engineer Mazzocchi and Architect Squadrelli, who also designed all the stations of the Valle Brembana railway and the Kursaal (later the Municipal Casino) during the same period.

Begun in 1902, it was built in record time, being inaugurated in May 1904.

The layout, which echoes the typological schemes of ancient French castles with their lateral towers and large central dome, is transfigured, especially on the main façade, by a considerable number of concrete and iron decorative details that make the Grand Hotel a masterpiece of Italian Art Nouveau. The Grand hotel, with over 130 rooms equipped with every comfort for the time, was designed to accommodate a clientele consisting of the European nobility and upper middle class, and on several occasions hosted members of the royal family. The guest register includes the names of Queen Margherita, who stayed here in the early 20th century, and Queen Elena of Savoia, who was a guest in 1929 together with Prince Umberto and Princesses Maria and Giovanna. Inside, the grandiose atrium, initially decorated by G. Buffa in Art Nouveau style and later transformed with the application of Art Deco decorations, is astonishing. Of great effect is the monumental staircase, enriched with cement and wrought iron handrails as well as large chandeliers that contribute to the creation of a remarkable scenographic apparatus.