



ROMANIAN CASINO, TODAY BACHUS RESTAURANT AND DEVA MILITARY CLUB

The building was erected between 1847 and 1856 and extended in 1903, serving as the headquarters of the Hungarian National Casino in Deva (Devai Nemzeti Kaszinó).

Founded in 1842, in the spirit of the national movements of the first half of the 19th century, the association had a cultural purpose and its members could be all Hungarian citizens from Deva and Hunedoara County, with all officers of the Honvéd Regiment and gendarmes from the Deva Garrison being members by right. The Hungarian National Casino in Deva was open to all intellectuals in Hunedoara County so several of the 24 Romanian intellectuals in Hunedoara County included in the list drawn up in 1849 at the request of the central authorities in Vienna were also active here.

The ground floor was rented out to third parties, while the upper floor was used for cultural and leisure purposes; in 1856, 17 theater performances were held there, and the large hall was used for County Council meetings. In 1856, a library was also established, and the volumes could be borrowed by all the inhabitants of the town.

The complex consists of two buildings, namely the one completed in 1856 and the extension from 1903, built on the corner of the plot. Currently altered, the original construction was classical in style, treated in two registers, separated by a profiled median belt. In the composition of the façade, the central portion is detached.

The details of the façade reflect the early 20th century, where the classicist decorations and frames are "elongated" in Art Nouveau or geometric Secessionist forms.