



## **BULEVARD HOTEL**

The current building was constructed in 1921-1922 and incorporates walls from an 18th-century building called "Hanul Mare" (The Great Inn). A floor was added, probably during the visit of Emperor Joseph II in 1783. What is certain is that in 1848, orators spoke to crowds gathered in the street from the upper floor of the inn.

Around 1880, the inn was given the name "Crucea Albă" (White Cross). A period image from the 19th century shows an eclectic building with remarkably tall, detached arches.

In August 1921, the Crucea Albă hotel was destroyed by fire. The hotel was rebuilt in its current form on the old walls, which were reinforced beforehand to support an additional floor. After reconstruction, the new premises had a café and billiard tables on the ground floor, continuing into the restaurant and dance hall, followed by the kitchens and pantries. Both the café and the restaurant were the largest in Deva and hosted banquets and communal meals, as well as parties, dance evenings, and balls.

The original appearance of the building's façade in 1922 was Secessionist, treated in two registers: a ground floor register and a "colossal" register encompassing both floors. Within the composition, the recesses and rhythm of the pilasters follow a rule taken from the previous building.

Currently, the appearance of the building is the result of transformations in the 1970s, following which the Secession decoration and finishes were removed, with only the carpentry on the upper levels being preserved.