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The Panigarolas was a Milanese family of notaries from Gallarate, whose assignment was, since 1351, to record and transcribe the ducal decrees. The Panigarola's House, now owned by Assicurazioni Generali, is a building characterized by stocky arches and terracotta decorations. The façade, which hides an ancient structure, was designed by Giovanni Solari in 1466. The building underwent several modifications until 1809 when a new floor was raised above it, as defined by the project of Pietro Gilardoni. In 1899 the façade was restored by Luca Beltrami, who made the addition of the single-lancet window on the second floor. The façade's surface is bordered by a terracotta frieze and presents ogival windows and a rich decoration. The last intervention, which gave the facade the current shape, was made by architect Antonio Cassi Ramelli, in 1967. He considered the level added in the nineteenth century as an incoherent element from a figurative point of view, so he attempted to return homogeneity to the façade by removing the additions and also re-opening the blind arches on the ground floor.



Workings carried out:

Conservation of existing plasters; cleaning, grouting and protection of terracotta surfaces; integration of deficiencies and veiling coloring

