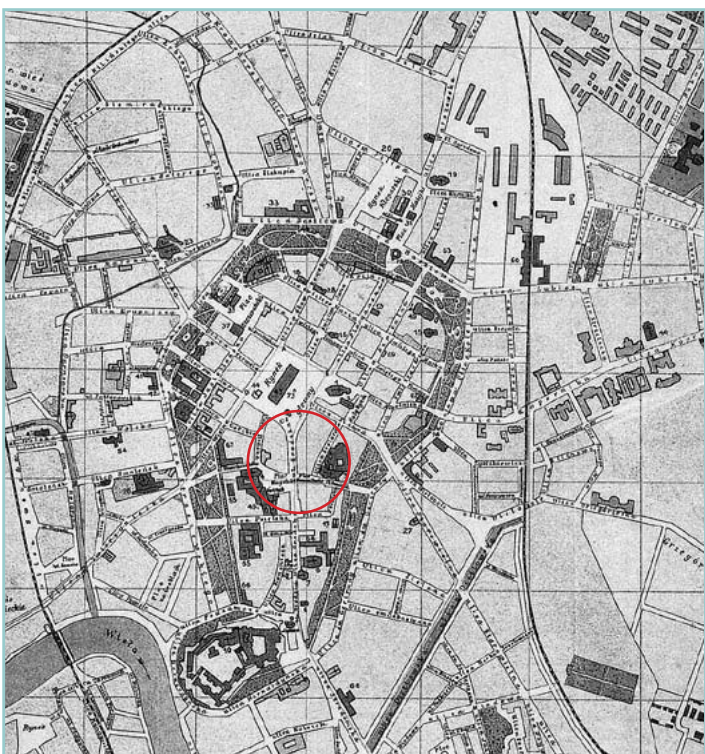


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## Roman Cements for Architectural Restoration to New High Standards



**Suski Apartment House, 1906–1910, by Władysław Ekielski, Grodzka 26, Krakow, Poland.**

Two-wing apartment house occupying a corner location in the centre of the town. The façade was designed in style of modernised historicism dominating in Krakow in the period. For example, features of the Renaissance Cloth Hall in Krakow were used to decorate the top of the building. The plain Roman cement renders of the façade are combined with stone architectural decorative details.

## Archival plans and photographs.



The building around 1910.

## Restoration in brief

- restoration of the façade was carried out in 2009–2010, financed through a grant from the Citizen's Committee of the Renovation of Krakow Monuments SKOZK
- the restoration works comprised restoring the original aesthetic appearance of the Roman cement renders as well as full restoration of stone elements.

### **The façade before restoration.**



The Roman cement renders were preserved in the original state under a later paint-layer in many areas extensively weathered and delaminated, revealing the original colour of the Roman cement substrate.

### **The façade after restoration.**



The renders were re-integrated aesthetically with a thin layer of Roman cement mortar and coated with the water repellent silicone paint based on Roman cements, both produced by the Institute of Ceramics and Building Materials, Branch of Glass and Building Materials in Krakow, Poland.

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