

# MILAN



## ATELLANI APARTMENTS



### UNIQUE ADDRESS

Set across from the Santa Maria delle Grazie religious complex and the Cenacolo Vinciano, the Casa degli Atellani dates to the 15th century. This private monument, formerly owned by the senator Ettore Conti, was refurbished between 1919 and 1956 by his son-in-law, the prolific Milanese architect Piero Portaluppi (1888–1967), whose talents were highly solicited by the Milanese elite. A lover of enigmas and an avid collector of sundials, president of the order of architects and the restorer of a number of churches, including Santa Maria delle Grazie, Portaluppi consistently declared himself to be ecumenical and agnostic. His touch here is unmistakable, mingling historical and modern architecture. A stay in this fabulous space is a unique privilege. The Castellini family, heir to the maestro, have divided it into six apartments, some of which face the gorgeous inner courtyard, while the others are located in the section restored by Portaluppi. The house at the back of the rose-filled garden is particularly charming, a former greenhouse converted into a duplex, with interiors (like the other five accommodations) by Piero Castellini, head of the textile company C&C, and Filippo Taedelli, Portaluppi's great-grandson. Its exclusive charm is heightened by the elegance and simplicity of the bright, peaceful and entirely private dwelling. With superbly equipped kitchens, perfect bathrooms, Telerie Spadari bed linen, and refined colours and materials, the atmosphere is that of an impeccably located city mansion. A personal key allows for coming and going; it is highly recommended to have your breakfast delivered to you, rather than going down to the dreary cafeteria at the foot of the modern building, which is connected to the Museo Vigna di Leonardo. Another jewel open to guests is the interior of the sumptuous Casa degli Atellani, with its famous Zodiac salon. Quite the spot.