

CARMEL HOSTEL & RESTAURANT

Bethlehem, Palestine

Date: 2008-2009

Type: Leisure

Client: Betharam Convent

Area: 2,500 m²

Status: built



The Betharam Convent in Bethlehem hosts a 25 rooms hostel with facilities. Our assignment was the extension and complete remodeling of the hostel, and its connection with the main convent building. The two focal points of the project were concentrated on the extension through the facade of the hostel, enlarging its room capacity, and in the renovation of the basement floor of the 1900's main building into a dining room.

The proposed facade is designed as an object clipped on the old structure, enlarging the existing building and allowing the increase of the number of rooms. This "clip-on" facade is treated with rough concrete finish, and with a regular windows rhythm, contrasting with the very present 1900s architecture.



