

A LANDMARK IN THE HEART OF SAN FRANCISCO

A HISTORY OF THE BENTLY RESERVE

Steeped in a rich and vibrant history, the former U.S. Federal Reserve Bank Building, now known as the Bently Reserve, began construction in 1920 and was completed in 1924. Occupying nearly an entire city block in San Francisco's Financial District, this impressive 218,919 square foot Beaux Arts style building opened to rave reviews after completion. With influences from San Francisco's 1915 Panama Pacific Exposition and its maritime history, this legendary structure tells a unique story of San Francisco's colorful history.

Celebrated Harvard-educated architect George W. Kelham, former chief architect for San Francisco's 1915 Panama Pacific Exposition, along with renowned artist Jules Guerin, transcended their combined passion for Greco-Roman architecture into the design of the legendary Bently Reserve. The result is a visually stunning, one-of-a-kind "Banking Temple" boasting soaring 25 feet marble columns, hand painted travertine walls, custom designed chandeliers and original murals.

In 1925, during the construction of an armored car entrance into the Bently Reserve's vault, the remains of a fully-rigged sailing schooner, the Apollo, were discovered. More than 40 artifacts were recovered from this beached ship, which also once served a store, saloon, and hotel. A second ship, the Niantic, was also found beneath the foundation. The vault has now been carefully restored and the history of both ships is commemorated in two of the meeting rooms, aptly named the Apollo and the Niantic.

From 1926 to 1983, the building was known as the U.S. Federal Reserve Bank Building and served as a major branch of the U.S. Federal Reserve. In an effort to consolidate departments, the Federal Reserve relocated in 1983 and the space was sold to private developers who leased the space until 1998 when it was purchased by Boston Properties. In 2005, the building was purchased by Christopher Bently of Bently Holdings Corporation and renamed the Bently Reserve.

From 2005-2007, the Bently Reserve underwent a two-year renovation that meticulously restored its original glamour and added cutting edge technology. The world-class, high-tech Bently Reserve Conference Center occupying the second floor of the building was unveiled in April 2008. The remaining five floors are leased to some of San Francisco's most prestigious businesses.

Owner Christopher Bently is deeply committed to being environmentally friendly and has added many sustainable upgrades to the Bently Reserve in order to maximize energy efficiency minimize waste and provide a healthy environment for clients. In 2009, the Bently Reserve was the first event and conference center in California to receive silver certification in the National Leadership in Energy and Environmental Green Building Design Rating System for Core and Shell Development (LEED Silver CS). Today it remains one of San Francisco's most stunning venues and is featured on the National Register of Historic Places.





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ABOUT THE BENTLY RESERVE

The Bently Reserve is one of San Francisco's most prestigious event venues ideal for meetings, special occasions and weddings. With more than 14,000 square feet of meeting and event space, this state of the art LEED certified building features a visually stimulating fusion of contemporary and classic San Francisco. Deeply influenced by Greco-Roman architecture, this 1924 Beaux-Arts "Banking Temple" boasts opulent marble, grand staircases, ornate molding and original colorful murals, complemented by contemporary furnishings and state-of-the-art technology. Centrally located in the heart of downtown in San Francisco's bustling Financial District, the Bently Reserve is surrounded by renowned restaurants, hotels and shopping. It is one mile to the Moscone Convention Center, 14 miles (30 minutes) to San Francisco International Airport and 18.5 miles (40 minutes) to Oakland International Airport.

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