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## Nauset Completes New Home for Brazilian Consulate

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Consulate General Will Occupy Historic Henry Willis Building in Sept.

**Nauset Construction** recently completed the historic restoration of the **Henry Willis Building** in the Financial District to create a new Boston home for the offices of the Consulate General of Brazil. Located at **175 Purchase St.** overlooking the **Rose Kennedy Greenway**, the building underwent a complete rehabilitation including demolition and

removal of all interior components down to bare stud walls and flooring to restore the four-story, 20,000 square foot structure to meet the stringent standards of the National Register of Historic Places and the Massachusetts Historic Commission.

“The major project challenge was preserving as many of the interior architectural features as possible – the exposed beams, the original design of the windows – to save as much of the historic character as possible,” said **Klarens Karanxha**, Project Architect for Khalsa Design Inc., which partnered with Nauset on the project.

Originally constructed in 1874 following the Great Fire of 1872 which devastated the leather industry, the building is part of the Gridley St. Historic District that is expected to be added to the National Register of Historic Places in early 2014. The existing vinyl windows were replaced with the original two-over-two aluminum sash windows and the interior masonry brick walls and hardwood flooring were restored to their original appearance. In addition, the multi-million dollar project included reconditioning and repainting of the red brick exterior façade, a new roof, gutters and leaders, as well as a new storefront assembly. The building also underwent substantial structural improvements, including a new basement slab, two new stairwells, a new elevator and shaft, and significant MEP system upgrades.

“This was a challenging project, but the finished product is something that the whole team – Nauset, Khalsa Design and the owners, 175 Purchase Street LLC, an affiliate of Core Investments Inc., can be proud of,” said Nauset Construction President **Anthony Papantonis**. “This not only restores a historically significant building but provides a first class environment befitting the Brazilian Consulate.”

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