



Armstrong Downes won an award winning for a \$1.9 million upgrade of a Lower Hutt ambassador's residence.

Fit for ambassador

Armstrong Downes has won a major award at the New Zealand Commercial Project Awards.

The award was for a \$1.9 million upgrade of an ambassador's residence in Lower Hutt.

Managing director Tony Doile says that for security reasons, he cannot identify the country but it was not the US.

Armstrong Downes received a Gold Award in the Restoration category and a National Category Award for Commercial Projects under \$2 million.

This 320 square metre two-storey, stucco, neo-Tudor style residence required structural strengthening and major interior and exterior refurbishment. Built in 1931,

with strong character features, all the strengthening and refurbishment work had to be in keeping with the style of the building and meet specific security requirements.

The Safe Haven Room included reinforced floors, steel clad walls, 42mm bullet resistant glass and a security door weighing 300kg.