

Ventura Terra (1866 – 1919)

Miguel Ventura Terra studied Architecture at the Escola de Belas–Artes in Oporto. He travelled to Paris in 1886, and attended the École des Beaux–Arts (gaining a 1st class architectural diploma) as well as serving an apprenticeship at the atelier of the engineer and architect Victor Laloux.

He was awarded various prizes for his work, and in 1895 won the competition for the redesign of the São Bento Palace.

He was responsible for the designs for various important buildings, such as the Lisbon Synagogue (1905), the Palacete Valmor and the bank of Rua do Ouro (Banco Totta e Açores) (1906), the Liceu Camões (1907) and the Liceu Pedro Nunes (1908), the Alfredo da Costa Maternity Hospital (1908) and the Casa Tomás Quartim (1911), for which he won the Prémio Valmor, the Teatro Politeama (1912–1913) and the Igreja de Santa Luzia in Viana do Castelo.