



Figure 7.13 Prometheus.

usable space in the building within 22 feet (7 metres) from the windows and for aesthetic effect. There are a number of pioneering aspects to the project. It has an underground parking lot and off-street delivery access. It uses high-speed elevators and is fully air-conditioned. It relied on its own steam and electricity plants. Like many other such complexes it spurred development around it.

In many ways, Rockefeller Center could be regarded as an all-of-a-piece urban design where the design guidelines were set by one firm of architects and followed by different architects designing different buildings. It is considered to be a total urban design here because one development team guided by a strong individual, John Rockefeller, and led by a strong architect, Raymond Hood, put it together. Rockefeller Center today, 70 years later, is 'sparely elegant, modern but civilized and occupying a convenient mid-town location whose horizons embrace both the uptown swells and the more raucous types



Figure 7.14 The concourse level.