

# PROFILE

Our firm was founded in 1910 and is now located at the famous Van Nelle Factory in Rotterdam, designed by the predecessors of our firm, Brinkman and Van der Vlugt. Since 2014 this unique factory has been appointed as UNESCO World Heritage.

## VISION

We believe in the positive impact architecture has on our society. As architects we are, more than anyone else, capable of shaping a meaningful, future enduring environment. We do this by designing buildings that are appealing and that connect people with their surroundings. We create communities and to achieve this, we work together intensively with everyone involved. We use our skills and experience and combine them with using sustainable innovations. That is what makes our buildings high-standard and valuable, also for the future generations.

Four key values underlie our way of working: co-creation, communities, sustainable innovation and craftsmanship.

## OUR KEY VALUES SUMMARIZED:

### Co-creation

Co-creation, close cooperation with all parties concerned, is self-evident to us. A well-structured creative process, together with the client and the users, underlies this. Interaction, clarity and the exchange of knowledge ensure that the project is placed literally and figuratively firmly in society.

### Communities

With our buildings, we connect people and create societies. By being responsive to changes and current issues in society and to think of solutions, we want to encourage the development of communities.

### Sustainable innovation

As architects, we are capable of literally creating a useful, future-proof environment. It is our main goal to design sustainable buildings that are valuable for society and that do justice to our environment and its natural sources. Together with the client and the user we shape this sustainable future.

### Craftsmanship

We know how things work. We are most familiar with the requirements for a good building, we know all about materials and how to properly use them and we know how to maintain a building. We have many years of experience and dedicate that to inspiring new projects in the fields of education and research, office buildings, public and governmental buildings, urban development plans and transformations.



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## EXPERTISE

We are proud of the fact that our clients identify themselves with our architecture and working methods. Our portfolio consists of exciting projects: from small redesigns to complex new buildings and complete master plans. We are known for:

- designing high standard environments for education and research transforming monuments
- our involved collaboration
- our self-evident use of sustainability measures in our designs
- our extensive experience with an integral collaboration process.

## PROCESS

From start to finish we are involved in our projects in an enthusiastic way and manage the process efficiently within time and budget. Our management has been highly professionally organised and we attach great importance to the quality of our processes and designs. Therefore we work according to a quality supervising system equal to the ISO system and we use an independent quality supervisor. Externally we also engage in quality management. Because of our role in the board of the BNA, we contribute to the development of our sector.

With our own sustainability manager, our in-house BREEAM experts in the fields of new construction, urban development and 'in use', our BIM coordinator and our performance-based design process (via Sefaira), we emphasize sustainability in our way of working.

## PEOPLE

With our team of 30 people we work on projects in architecture, urban planning and interior design. These people, each of them with their own competences, are well-attuned and form multi-disciplinary and integral teams for each project. Our non-hierarchic organisation provides direct communication and a respectful, open working atmosphere.









