

CITE ROTTERDAM

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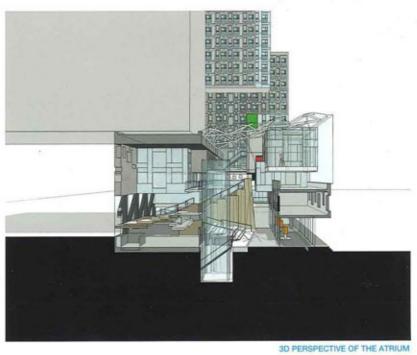
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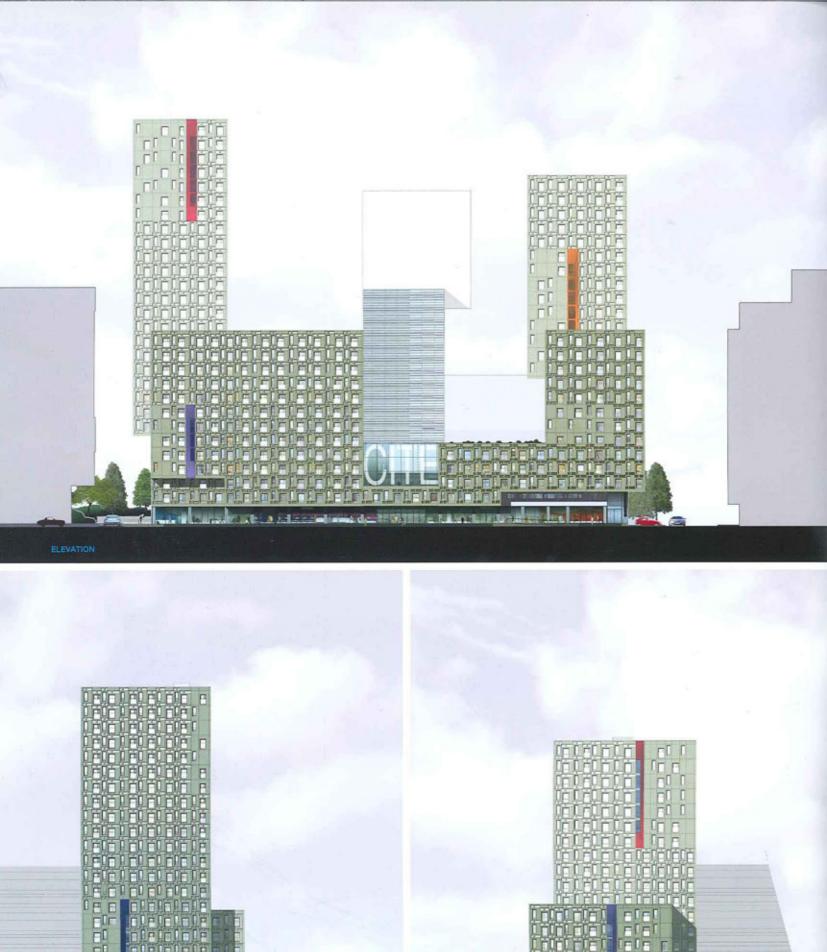
A number of new buildings are in development around InHolland College in Rotterdam's Kop van Zuid district. One of these is Cite, a residential building focussing on 'short-stay' housing with communal and commercial spaces, small office units and a car park. Cite is part of the 'shell plan' devised by Erick van Egeraat Associated Architects(EEA), which consists of a three-dimensional brief for urban planning. The new headquarters of the UWV government agency and the expansion of InHolland College are part of the plan. The latter, designed by EEA, is a building that forms a 'bridge' resting on the atrium of Cite, jutting out and crossing over the metro line that cuts through the area. Situated between office buildings, Cite was to have the character of a residential building while also achieving unity with its surroundings. It also had to be a multi-faceted building with an emphasis on community spirit and interaction: important preconditions for 'short stayers', given the transient nature of their relatively brief tenancies. The centre of Cite is its atrium: a spectacular urban space with 'floating' office spaces, diagonal spatial perspectives and monumental staircases. The commercial spaces have been placed around the atrium, on the ground floor. The first floor is the dispersal level, leading residents and their visitors to the office units, sport facilities, meeting rooms and to the various blocks of flats. Every resident follows a path along these communal functions from the entrance to his or her own front door. One special feature of Cite is its 'meeting' with InHolland College. Now the college building provides access to its expansion, in the future it can be reached through the atrium of Cite. The richly detailed and specially designed facade of concrete and glass provides the building with the qualities of a sculpture. The facade further suggests an indeterminate scale, the height of the stories cannot be deduced from the outside. The result is an avoidance of conflict in scale with the office buildings next door. Written by TANGRAM Architekten

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TANGRAM ARCHITEKTEN Winning Europan 1 (1988-89), a biannual European design competition for young architects, was the genesis of Tangram Architekten, Under the leadership of Charlotte ten Dijke and Bart Mispelblom Bever, about 25 dedicated people help make the office what it is today. Since Tangram's inception, the office's designs have demonstrated a fusion between the disciplines of architecture, urban planning and the design of public space. Making room for density is the key theme in Tangram's designs. Building with high density in mind is the only way to assure highquality space while ensuring the preservation of valuable landscapes. The architectural process is a complex one in which the architect must serve many interests. Success can only be claimed when the final product is both simple and balanced, whereby its inherent complexity remains as an inscrutable element below the surface. Every design starts with functionality and flexibility. Things become more complicated when visionary aspects, spatial quality, beauty, harmony and balance are introduced as preconditions to the design. These less tangible layers in the design are what give a building a true architectural quality. It is the architect's job to recognise and interpret these less tangible requirements.







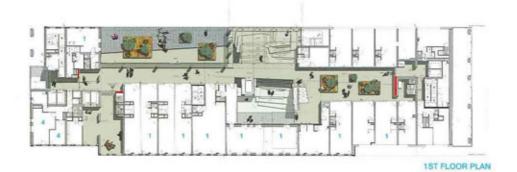


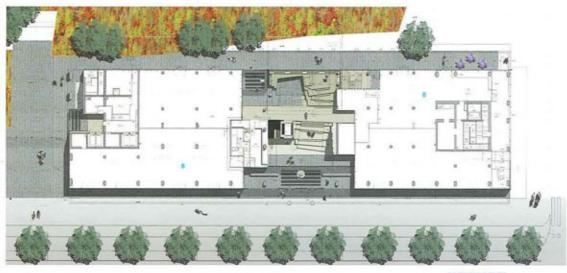


OFFICE

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- 3 DWELLING SPACE
- 4 LIVING ROOM
- 5 KITCHEN
- 6 BEDROOM
- 7 FITNESS CENTER
- 8 SHOP







GROUND LEVEL