



Dick van Gameren

Partner/Design and Research Director

With Mecanoo since 2013 (Partner since 2013)

Professional qualifications MSc in Architecture, Delft University of Technology (cum laude honours); Registered with the Bureau Architectenregister (NL)

Current Positions Dean of the Faculty of Architecture and the Built Environment (2019) and Professor of Architecture and Dwelling, Delft University of Technology (since 2005); Board member of Archiprix International; Board member of the Berlage (since 2011)

Publications Revisions of Space (2005); DASH Delft Architectural Studies on Housing, Chief Editor (since 2009); Dutch Dwellings, the architecture of housing (2022)

"A building that is not linked to its surroundings is an obstacle. The key is the design of the open space in all dimensions; forging new streets, creating squares and gardens, breaking up volumes - connecting past, present and future."

Combining his work as an architect with a professorship at the Delft University of Technology, Dick maintains a critical approach to design by lecturing, and publishing regularly as well as making this research tangible in his design leadership as a Mecanoo partner. Dick has a considerable range of projects in his portfolio including residential design, large scale town planning, laboratory, education and healthcare projects. His design for a radical and sustainable renovation of a villa near Naarden (NL) won the 2012 BNA Building of the Year Award, and his design for the Dutch embassy in Ethiopia won the prestigious Aga Khan Award in 2007.

At TU Delft, Dick leads an international education and research network which focuses on the problems of building affordable housing in rapidly expanding cities across Africa and Asia. By designing new housing typologies and community networks he aims to provide a fresh take on residential design. His work addresses many of today's questions relating to matters such as densification, privacy and mobility. Dick also has experience in delivering complex and technical laboratory buildings including the AMOLF institute in Amsterdam.

In 1988 Dick graduated from the Delft University of Technology with cum laude honours and joined Mecanoo for some time shortly thereafter. In 2013, he returned as partner. His professional career was bolstered by winning the Archiprix prize (1989), the International European II competition (1991) and the Prince Bernhard Foundation's Charlotte Köhler prize (1995).

Selected projects



Glass Villa on the lake, Lechlade, UK

Size: 600 m²
Year: 2015 - 2018



Leaf Street, Hulme district, Manchester, UK

Size: 9,500 m²
Year: 2014 - 2018



Keith Haring Exhibition, Kunsthall, Rotterdam, NL

Size: 1,400 m²
Year: 2015



Thamesmead regeneration masterplan, London, UK

Size: 9.86 ha
Year: 2015-2021



Villa 4.0., Hilversum, NL

Size: 540 m²
Year: 2010 - 2011



AMOLF Institute, Amsterdam, NL

Size: 9,570 m²
Year: 2004 - 2008



IJDock Masterplan, Amsterdam, NL

Size: 89,000 m²
Year: 1993 - 2006



Dutch Embassy, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia

Size: 3,300 m²
Year: 1998 - 2005