

## KAAN Architecten

KAAN Architecten is a Rotterdam based architectural firm operating in a global context and merging practical and academic expertise within the fields of architecture, urbanism and research on the built environment.

The studio, led by Kees Kaan, Vincent Panhuysen and Dikkie Scipio, consists of an international team of architects, landscape architects, urban planners, engineers and graphic designers. KAAAN Architecten believes in cross-pollination between projects and disciplines as an essential tool to fostering a critical debate within the studio.

Since the launch of the firm, KAAAN Architecten has handled and supervised a wide range of projects, actively working with the private and the public sector, with project teams that become increasingly multidisciplinary and dynamic. KAAAN Architecten maintains a culture of constant evolution, which is essential in a profession that changes at a rapid pace. KAAAN Architecten seeks to uphold long-term relationships with its clients, consultants and partners.

KAAN Architecten's projects transcend the traditional notion of scale and typology, ranging from furniture and interiors to urban development and from retail and offices to museums and buildings for health and education.

### Selection of completed projects:

2017, B30 – Bezuidenhoutseweg 30, The Hague (NL)  
2016, De Bank – new KAAAN Architecten's office, Rotterdam (NL)  
2016, Supreme Court of the Netherlands, The Hague (NL)  
2015, Provinciehuis of North-Brabant, 's-Hertogenbosch (NL)  
2013, Dreamhouse, Rotterdam (NL)  
2013, Education Center Erasmus MC, Rotterdam (NL)  
2010, District Water Board Brabantse Delta, Breda (NL)  
2008, Crematorium Heimolen, Sint Niklaas (BE)  
2004, Netherlands Forensic Institute, The Hague (NL)  
2004, Netherlands Embassy, Maputo (MZ)

### Selection of upcoming projects:

2017, Institut des Sciences Moléculaire d'Orsay, Paris (FR)  
2017, Education and Self-Study Centre - OZC, Tilburg (NL)  
2017, Chambre des Métiers et de l'Artisanat, Lille (FR)  
2017, De Bijenkorf – upmarket department store, Amsterdam (NL)  
2018, Geo- and Environmental University Research Center, Tübingen (DE)  
2018, Crematorium, Aalst (BE)  
2018, Library and Academy for Performing Arts Pupillensite, Aalst (BE)  
2019, Royal Museum of Fine Arts, Antwerp (BE)  
2020, New Amsterdam Courthouse, Amsterdam (NL)  
2021, Museum Paleis Het Loo, Apeldoorn (NL)

## PARTNERS

**Kees Kaan**, Vincent Panhuysen and Dikkie Scipio founded KAAN Architecten in 2014. From 1988 until 2013, Kees Kaan was the founding partner of Claus en Kaan Architecten. Kaan graduated at the Faculty of Architecture TU Delft in 1987. Since 2006 he has been professor of Architectural Design at TU Delft and initiator of the Complex Projects Chair, launched in 2012. The Research Chair's area of interest is the large-scale projects that characterize this era of rapid global urbanization. Kaan is an international lecturer and sits on various juries and boards, both in the Netherlands and abroad. Numerous books and exhibitions have been dedicated to his body of work.

**Vincent Panhuysen** joined Claus en Kaan Architecten in 1997 and became partner in 2002. In 2014 he founded KAAN Architecten together with Kees Kaan and Dikkie Scipio. Panhuysen began his training at the Amsterdam Technical School for Wood and Furniture Crafts, continued his studies at the School of the Arts in Utrecht and the Rotterdam Academy of Architecture. This unique education allows Panhuysen to exercise control over the entire process of building from concept to detailing.

**Dikkie Scipio** joined Claus en Kaan Architecten in 1995 and became partner in 2002. In 2014 she founded KAAN Architecten together with Kees Kaan and Vincent Panhuysen. Scipio studied applied arts and interior design at the Royal Academy of Art in The Hague after which she was trained as an architect at the Rotterdam Academy of Architecture. Scipio's training allows her to lead work, which ranges in scale from large-scale master plans to furniture and interior design, from initial concept to execution.

## AWARDS

2017

- Special Mention for the "Dedalo Minosse Award 2017" for Education Center Erasmus MC
- Nominated for the "European Union Prize for Contemporary Architecture – Mies van der Rohe Award 2017" for Supreme Court of the Netherlands
- Nominated for "De Nederlandse Bouwprijs 2017" for Supreme Court of the Netherlands

2016

- Winner of the "Living Daylight Award 2016" for Supreme Court of the Netherlands
- Winner of "ARC16 Architecture Award" for Supreme Court of the Netherlands
- Shortlisted of Simon Architecture Prize 2016 for Provinciehuis of North-Brabant
- Selected for "ArchMarathon Award 2018" for Supreme Court of the Netherlands

2015

- Shortlisted for the "European Union Prize for Contemporary Architecture – Mies van der Rohe Award 2015" for Education Center Erasmus MC
- Nomination for the "Den Bosch BAI s-Hertogenbosch" for Castle Beeckendael

2014

- Mention for the "Philippe Rotthier Prize 2014" for District Water Board Brabantse Delta
- Nomination for the 'Building of the Year 2014, Archdaily' for Education Center Erasmus MC
- Winner of the "9th Saint-Gobain Gypsum International Trophy" as runner-up for Education Center Erasmus MC
- Nominated for the "Mies van der Rohe award 2015" for Education Center Erasmus MC
- Nominated for the "Daylight Award 2014" for Education Center Erasmus MC

2013

- Winner of the "Benelux Aluminium Award for Sustainable Renovation 2013" for Dreamhouse
- Winner of the "Rotterdam Architecture Prize 2013" for Education Center Erasmus MC
- Winner of the "Gyproc Trophy 2013" for Education Center Erasmus MC
- Winner of the "Leiden Architecture Award 2013 (Audience Award)" for Student Dwellings
- Nomination for the "Rietveld Award 2013" for AM Headquarters

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- Nomination for the "Rotterdam Architecture Prize 2013" for Dreamhouse
- Nomination for the "Reynaers Project Prize 2013" for Dreamhouse

2011

- Winner of the "Concrete Award 2011" for AM Headquarters
- Winner of the "Sustainable Architecture Award 2011" for Central Post (most sustainable design category)

2010

- Special Mention for the "ECSN Award for Excellence in Concrete" for Crematorium Heimolen (building category)
- Shortlisted for the "Rotterdam Architecture Award 2010" for Central Post

2009

- Winner of the "Betonprijs 2009" (Concrete Award 2009) for Crematorium Heimolen (beton en samenleving category)

2008

- Winner of the "International Funeral Award" for Crematorium Heimolen

2005

- Winner of the "Lensvelt De Architect Interior Prize" for Netherlands Forensic Institute

2001

- Winner of the "Best Designed Book Award" for monography 'Claus en Kaan Building'

## PUBLICATIONS

2016

Panhuysen D.; KAAAN Architecten; De Hoge Raad der Nederlanden - under construction; KAAAN Architecten (Rotterdam)  
Brouwers R.; KAAAN Architecten; Nieuw leven voor Huis van Brabant; KAAAN Architecten (Rotterdam)

2009

Berg, J.; Ibelings, H.; Claus en Kaan Architecten: Ideal Standard, Buildings 1988-2009; Prototype Editions (Amsterdam)

2005

Forjaz, J.; Gaunt, R.; Ibelings, H.; Claus en Kaan Architecten: The Royal Netherlands Embassy in Mozambique; Nai Publishers (Rotterdam)

2004

Costanzo, M.; Claus en Kaan, Edilstampa (Turin)Ibelings, H.; Claus en Kaan: Building; Nai Publishers (Rotterdam/Beijing)

2001

Yamamoto, R.; Beauftragt: Claus en Kaan Architecten; Aedes (Berlin)

2000

Michel, H.; Claus en Kaan; Amsterdam

1997

Ferrater, C.; Claus en Kaan: New generations in the Dutch tradition; Editorial GG (Barcelona)

## EXHIBITIONS

2017

- "Daglicht Architectuur", Borneo Architecture Center, Amsterdam, The Netherlands
- "Dedalo Minosse Award 2017", Palazzo Chiericati, Vicenza, Italy

2016

- "Where modern justice lives", United Kingdom Supreme Court, London, United Kingdom
- "Procesos", Bienal Internacional de Arquitectura de Argentina 2016, Cordoba, Argentina

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- "Are we human?", Istanbul Design Biennial 2016, Istanbul, Turkey
- EU Prize for Contemporary Architecture - Mies van der Rohe Award 2015: Wroclaw Architecture Center, Poland + Architektur Zentrum Wien, Austria + DAM, Deutsches Architekturmuseum in Frankfurt, Germany + La Triennale di Milano, Milan

2015

- EU Prize for Contemporary Architecture - Mies van der Rohe Award 2015 - MUHBA Oliva Artes Center, Barcelona (Spain) / BOZAR, Brussels (Belgium) / Wroclaw Architecture Center (Poland)- Belgian Architecture - VAI Flemish Architecture Institute, Antwerp, Belgium

2014

- "PLANTA" Collateral Event 14th International Architecture Exhibition – la Biennale di Venezia, Venice, Italy
- "City as a Vision: tribute to Michel Ragon" – Frac Centre: Les Turbulences, Orléans, France
- "Philippe Rotthier Prize 2014" – CIVA, Fondation pour l'Architecture, Brussels, Belgium
- "Paris-Saclay, le Futur en Chantier(s)" – La Maison de l'Architecture en Ile de France, Paris, France

2012

- 3rd Hong Kong & Shenzhen Bi-City Biennale of Urb./Arch. - Shenzhen, China

2011

- "Museums in the 21st Century: Ideas Projects Buildings" - Antwerp, Belgium

2007

- 1st Architecture Triennale - Lisbon, Portugal

2004

- 9th International Architecture Exhibition – la Biennale di Venezia, Venice, Italy

2003

- "Beauftragt" - Aedes West, Berlin, Germany

2002

- 8th International Architecture Exhibition – la Biennale di Venezia, Venice, Italy

2001

- "Minimalismos" - Museo Reina Sofia, Madrid, Spain

2000

- "Dutchtown" - Aedes East, Berlin, Germany- 4th International Bienal de Arquitectura - São Paulo, Brazil

1998

- "Claus en Kaan Architecten" – ABC, Haarlem, The Netherlands

1994

- Bienal de Arquitectura y Urbanismo - Zaragoza, Spain

1993

- Premio Internazionale Andrea Palladio - Vicenza, Italy