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KAAN Architecten

BIOGRAPHY
& PROFILE

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

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

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

KAAN Architecten's projects transcend the traditional notions 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.

The firm expanded its international presence with satellite offices in São Paulo (2015) and Paris (2019), led by Renata Gilio and Marylène Gallon respectively. Both branches continue the multidisciplinary design approach set out by the Dutch headquarters.

PARTNERS

Kees Kaan, Vincent Panhuysen and Dikkie Scipio founded KAAN Architecten in 2014.

KEES KAAN

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 Chair's research focuses on large-scale projects that characterize this era of rapid global urbanization. In 2019 Kaan was appointed Chairman of the Architecture Department. Moreover, he has been Principal Investigator at Amsterdam Institute for Advanced Metropolitan Solutions (AMS) since 2016. Kees Kaan is a lecturer and member of various juries and boards, both in the Netherlands and abroad. Numerous books and exhibitions have been dedicated to his body of work.

VINCENT PANHUYSEN

Vincent Panhuysen joined Claus en Kaan Architecten in 1997 and became a 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, continuing his studies at the School of the Arts in Utrecht and the Rotterdam Academy of Architecture. This unique education allows him to exercise control over the entire building process, from concept to detailing. He is a frequent international lecturer, with a focus on themes of contextuality and dialogue with the surroundings. For his special and careful guidance in the renovation of the Provinciehuis of North-Brabant, Vincent Panhuysen was awarded the "Commissarispenning", a medal of merit from the Commissioner of the King Wim van de Donk, in 2015.

DIKKIE SCIPIO

Dikkie Scipio joined Claus en Kaan Architecten in 1995 and became a 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. Dikkie Scipio was recently appointed Professor of Architectural Design at Münster University of Applied Sciences.

SELECTED
COMPLETED PROJECTS

2020

Loenen Pavilion,
Loenen (NL)

2019

Bottière Chênaie,
Nantes (FR)

Chambre de Métiers et de l'Artisanat Hauts-De-France,
Lille (FR)

2018

Crematorium Siesegem,
Aalst (BE)

CUBE – Education and Self Study Centre,
Tilburg (NL)

Utopia – Library and Academy for Performing Arts,
Aalst (BE)

Universidade Anhembi Morumbi Campus,
São José dos Campos and Piracicaba (BR)

ISMO – Institut des Sciences Moléculaires d'Orsay,
Paris (FR)

2017

B30 – Bezuidenhoutseweg 30,
The Hague (NL)

2016

De Bank – KAAN Architecten office,
Rotterdam (NL)

Supreme Court of the Netherlands,
The Hague (NL)

2015

Provinciehuis of North Brabant,
's-Hertogenbosch (NL)

2013

Education Centre 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)

Dutch Embassy,
Maputo (MZ)

SELECTED
UPCOMING PROJECTS

2021

De Walvis,
Amsterdam (NL)

New Amsterdam Courthouse,
Amsterdam (NL)

Museum Paleis Het Loo,
Apeldoorn (NL)

Royal Museum of Fine Arts,
Antwerp (BE)

GUZ – Geo- und Umweltforschungszentrum,
Tübingen (DE)

Ilot 13,
Lille (FR)

2022

De Zalmhaven,
Rotterdam (NL)

Netherlands American Cemetery Visitor Center,
Margraten (NL)

KAAN Architecten. CUBE – Education and Self Study Centre.
Rotterdam: KAAAN Architecten, 2019

KAAN Architecten. Crematorium Siesegem.
Rotterdam: KAAAN Architecten, 2018

KAAN Architecten. ISMO – Institut des Sciences Moléculaires
d'Orsay. Rotterdam: KAAAN Architecten, 2018

KAAN Architecten. Universidade Anhembi Morumbi.
Rotterdam: KAAAN Architecten, 2018

KAAN Architecten. UTOPIA as built.
Rotterdam: KAAAN Architecten, 2018

KAAN Architecten. B30.
Rotterdam: KAAAN Architecten, 2017

Panhuysen, D., KAAAN Architecten. De Hoge Raad der
Nederlanden – under construction.
Rotterdam: KAAAN Architecten, 2016

KAAN Architecten. Supreme Court of the Netherlands.
Rotterdam: KAAAN Architecten, 2016

Brouwers, R., KAAAN Architecten. Nieuw leven voor Huis van
Brabant, Rotterdam: KAAAN Architecten, 2016

KAAN Architecten. Education Centre Erasmus MC.
Rotterdam: KAAAN Architecten, 2014

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

KAAN Architecten. Crematorium Heimolen.
Rotterdam: KAAAN Architecten, 2008

Forjaz, J., Gaunt, R., Ibelings, H. Claus en Kaan Architecten: The
Royal Netherlands Embassy in Mozambique.
Rotterdam: NAI Publishers, 2005

Costanzo, M., Claus en Kaan.
Turin: Edilstampa, 2004

Ibelings, H., Claus en Kaan: Building.
Rotterdam/Beijing: NAI Publishers, 2004

Yamamoto, R., Beauftragt: Claus en Kaan Architecten.
Berlin: Aedes, 2001

Michel, H., Claus en Kaan.
Haarlem: ABC Architectuurcentrum, 2000

Ferrater, C., Claus en Kaan: New generations in the Dutch
tradition. Barcelona: Editorial GG, 1999

AWARDS

2021

Nomination European Union Prize for
Contemporary Architecture – Mies van der Rohe Award,
CMA Hauts-De-France and New Amsterdam Courthouse

2020

Winner Prix D'Architecture,
CMA Hauts-De-France

Shortlisted Dezeen Awards 2020 - Civic and cultural interior,
Crematorium Siesegem

Winner S.ARCH 2020 - Completed,
CMA Hauts-De-France

Shortlist S.ARCH 2020 - Conceptual design,
Amsterdam Airport Schiphol Terminal

2019

Nomination Equerre d'Argent 2019
Activities, CMA Hauts-De-France

Winner Trophée béton Pro 2019, ISMO

Winner Dedalo Minosse Prize 2019
Special prize of the municipality of Vicenza, Utopia

Winner Beste Bibliotheek van Vlaanderen en Brussel 2019/2020,
Utopia

Winner Provinciale Architectuurprijs Oost-Vlaanderen, Utopia

Nomination Abe Bonnema Architectuurprijs 2019, CUBE

Nomination Schoolgebouw van het Jaar 2019 Architectenweb
Awards, CUBE

Winner Publica Awards Silver Medal for
Urban development, Infrastructure and Mobility, Utopia

Nomination Environment & Energy Award
(Sustainable Building Award), Utopia

Winner The PLAN Award (Public space – Completed projects),
Crematorium Siesegem

Finalist The PLAN Award
(Education – Completed projects), ISMO

Finalist The PLAN Award
(Culture – Completed projects), Utopia

Winner Archmarathon Selections 2019 (Religious Building),
Crematorium Siesegem

Winner ADC Awards (Higher Education), ISMO

Finalist ArchDaily Building of the Year (Religious Architecture),
Crematorium Siesegem

Winner Frame Awards
(Governmental Interior of the Year – Public's Choice), Utopia

Nomination European Union Prize for
Contemporary Architecture – Mies van der Rohe Award,
Utopia and ISMO

Shortlist Saint-Gobain Prize for Sustainable Architecture,
Campus UAM Piracicaba

2018

Shortlist AR Library Awards,
Education Centre Erasmus MC

Shortlist 2A Europe Architecture Award,
Supreme Court of the Netherlands

Nomination Oscar Niemeyer Award,
Campus UAM Piracicaba

Winner International Architecture Awards,
Amsterdam Airport Schiphol Terminal

Winner Marmomac Stone Award,
Supreme Court of the Netherlands

Nomination NRP Gulden Feniks (Renovatie),
B30

Winner The PLAN Award (Transport – Future projects),
Amsterdam Airport Schiphol Terminal

Finalist The PLAN Award
(Office & Business – Completed projects),
Supreme Court of the Netherlands

Finalist The PLAN Award (Renovation – Completed projects),
B30

Special mention AIT Awards,
Supreme Court of the Netherlands

Shortlist BREEAM Awards (Public Projects), CUBE

Nomination Nieuwe Berlagevlag,
B30

Shortlist Saint-Gobain Prize for
Sustainable Architecture (Future projects),
Campus UAM Piracicaba

Winner Frame Awards
(Governmental Interior of the Year – Public's Choice), B30

2017

Nomination ARC17, B30

Silver Medal XII International Prize for
Sustainable Architecture Fassa Bortolo,
Supreme Court of the Netherlands

Winner Partnerships Awards (Best Social Infrastructure Project),
New Amsterdam Courthouse

Shortlist A.PRIZE Architecture d'essai,
Education Centre Erasmus MC

Mention Dedalo Minosse Prize,
Education Centre Erasmus MC

Nomination European Union Prize for
Contemporary Architecture – Mies van der Rohe Award,
Supreme Court of the Netherlands

Nomination De Nederlandse Bouwprijs,
Supreme Court of the Netherlands

2016

Winner Living Daylight Award,
Supreme Court of the Netherlands

Winner ARC16 Architecture Award,
Supreme Court of the Netherlands

Shortlist Simon Architecture Prize,
Provinciehuis of North-Brabant

Selection ArchMarathon Award,
Supreme Court of the Netherlands

2015

Shortlist European Union Prize for
Contemporary Architecture – Mies van der Rohe Award,
Education Centre Erasmus MC

Nomination BAI Bossche Architectuurprijs,
Castle Beeckendael

2014

Nomination European Aluminium Award,
Dreamhouse

Nomination Philippe Rotthier Prize,
District Water Board Brabantse Delta

Nomination ArchDaily Building of the Year,
Education Centre Erasmus MC

Runner-up 9th Saint-Gobain Gypsum International Trophy,
Education Centre Erasmus MC

Nomination Daylight Award,
Education Centre Erasmus MC

2013

Winner Benelux Aluminium Award for Sustainable Renovation,
Dreamhouse

Winner Rotterdam Architecture Prize,
Education Centre Erasmus MC

Winner Gyproc Trophy,
Education Centre Erasmus MC

Winner Leiden Architecture Award (Audience Award),
Student Dwellings

Nomination Rietveld Award,
AM Headquarters

Nomination Rotterdam Architecture Prize,
Dreamhouse

Nomination Reynaers Project Prize,
Dreamhouse

2011

Winner Betonprijs,
AM Headquarters

Winner Sustainable Architecture Award
(Most Sustainable Design),
Central Post

2010

Special mention ECSN Award for Excellence in Concrete
(Building), Crematorium Heimolen

Shortlist Rotterdam
Architecture Award, Central Post

2009

Winner Betonprijs (Beton en Samenleving),
Crematorium Heimolen

2008

Winner International Funeral Award,
Crematorium Heimolen

2005

Winner Lensvelt De Architect Interior Prize,
Netherlands Forensic Institute

2001

Winner Best Designed Book Award,
monograph Claus en Kaan Building