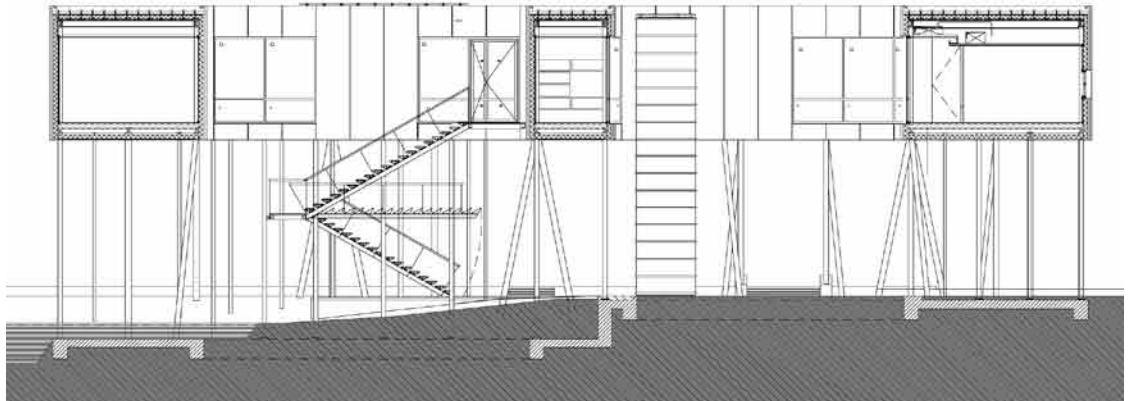
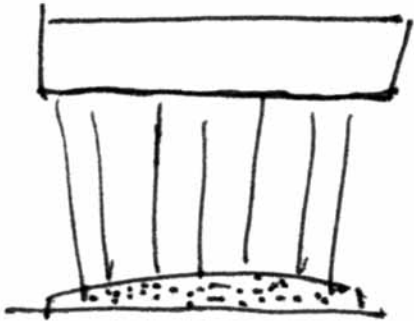


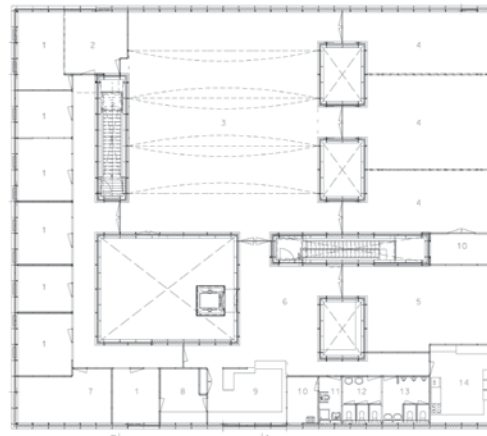
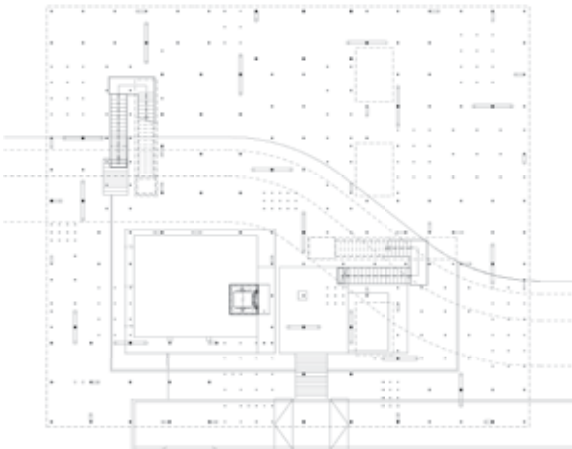


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ALUMINIUM CENTRE







- 1 office
- 2 VIP room
- 3 exhibition room
- 4 conference room
- 5 rentable space
- 6 entrance
- 7 installations
- 8 archive
- 9 reception
- 10 storage
- 11 toilet for the disabled
- 12 toilets
- 13 toilets
- 14 kitchen



Aluminium Centre

The Aluminium Centre crowns the treetops of the aluminium woodland, above slender stems through which the flickering Dutch light filters, falters and reflects.

A glass elevator operates between ground level and the silver-coloured aluminium box, six meters up, six meters down.

The wind whooshes outside, sings and resonates round many hundred trembling pillars.

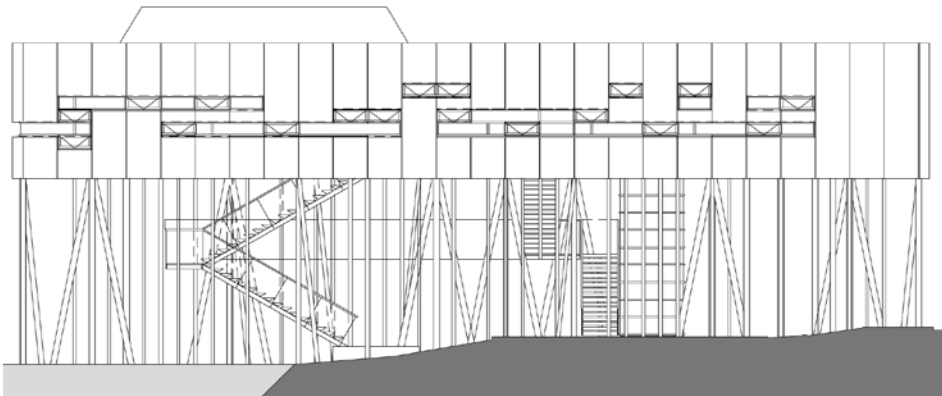
Inside, sun-washed patios channel the light, the air, the space, the warmth, aspiring to the tiniest possible span and the most optimal environmental balance.

A feather-light construction, a building lit-up and illuminating. An aluminium product of excellence.

Poised above a lake on a forest of spindly aluminium columns, this eye-catching building is an unusual collaboration between design and industry, calculated to demonstrate in a poetic and spatial way the metals versatility. The program comprises of offices, exhibition spaces and conference rooms, serving as an information centre for the Dutch aluminium industry.

The building has won a range of international awards, has been published abundantly and forms an icon for the aluminium industry worldwide.

“I wanted to present the question of how something can be as light as a soda can, yet can support such a volume. This project was not only about exhibiting technology but also about stretching the imagination.”



Client:

Stichting Aluminium Centrum

Location:

Houten

Programme:

information centre
exhibition space
offices

Gross area:

1030 m²

Status:

completed 2001

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