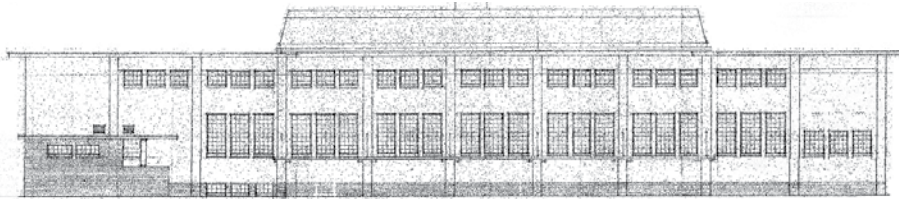
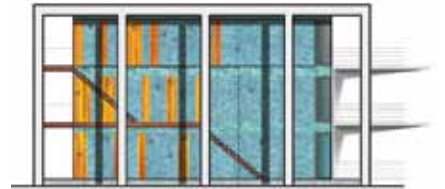
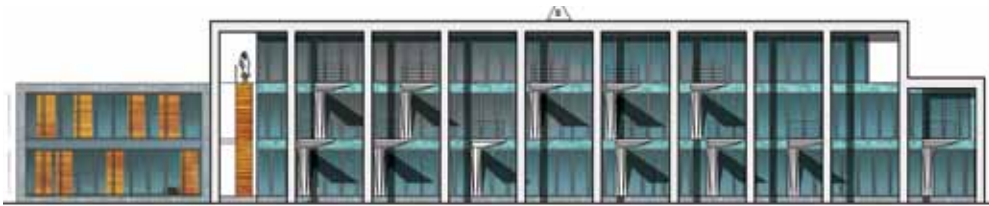
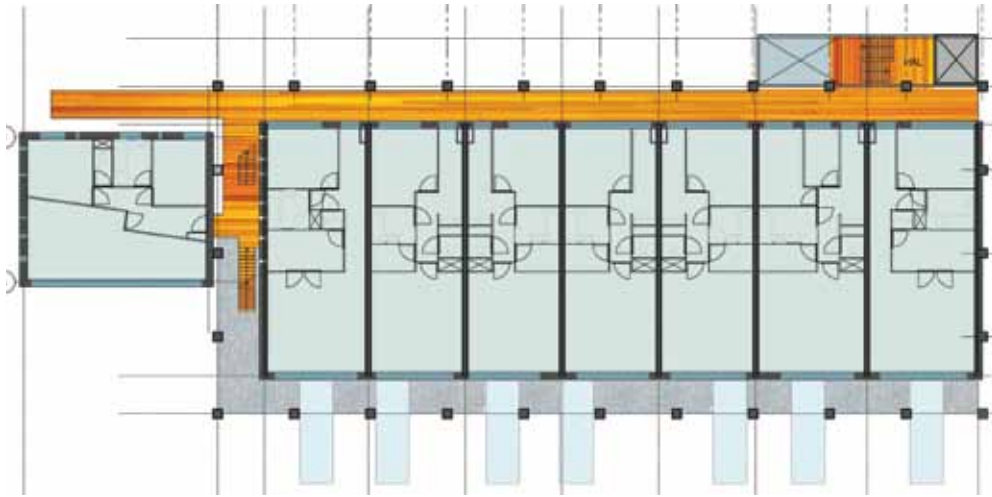
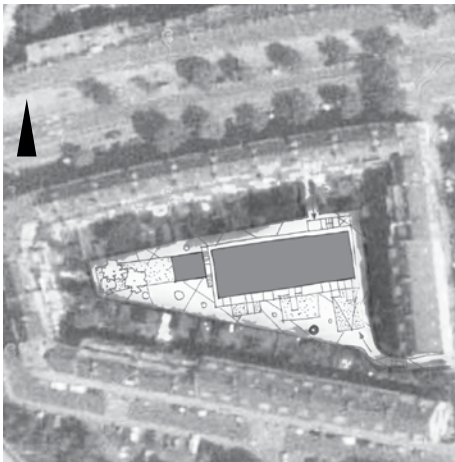
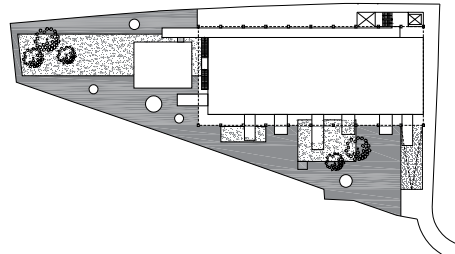
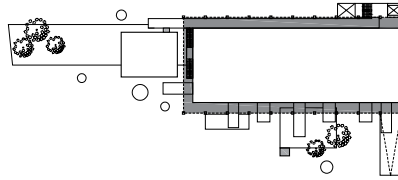
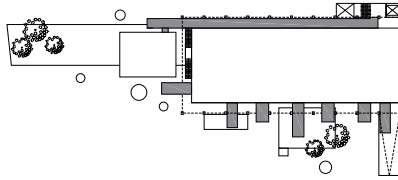
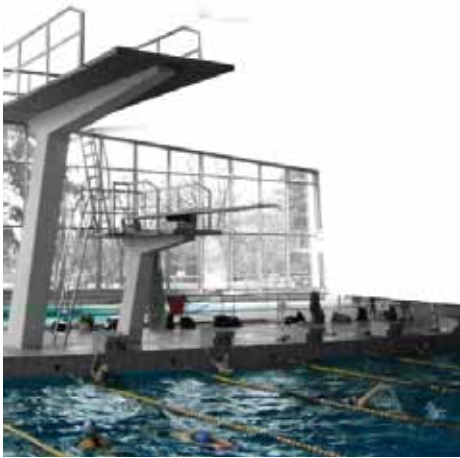




BADPAREL



Voorgevel.



Badparel (Pool pearls)

A building in a building in a building block. A secret pearl sprung from the old community pool. A new opportunity arises for an old disused community swimming pool and the hidden play area squeezed between the back garden fences. Literally living in the middle of the community in protected surroundings. Diving-board balconies, reminiscent of the old days, link the inside with outside through a glistening atrium, which acts as a buffer as the old building turns itself inside out to face its surroundings. Leaving the simple yet elegant main structure of the 1930's building intact and gutting the abused interior creates a void to be filled by 25 new apartments. The original water tanks and technical basements make room for parking spaces. The original pool structure, which differs from the main exterior structure, defines the housing structure. By optimising the complex existing foundations the two coordinate systems are juxtaposed emphasizing 'the building within the building.' Re-using the original structure helps in creating affordable housing for starters and senior citizens in a working class city. The canine toilet area disguised as play area is an important part of the project. The redistribution of building mass and refurbishment of the grounds will create a new secret space for the entire block. It is to become a place where the old and the new come together, where young and old can meet and play in a protected social environment. A place to be proud of.

Client:

Rabo Vastgoed BV & Indestad

Location:

Schiedam

Programme:

24 apartments, parking garage, gardens

Gross area:

4 200 m²

Status:

Design

2006

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