

Project: Highnote Residential Tower

Team: Studioninedots

Size: 16000 m²

Location: Almere, NL



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Project - The newly completed Highnote Residential Tower in Almere, the Netherlands designed by Studioninedots, is a striking addition to the city's skyline. The 16,000 sqm building features a unique triangular base enclosing a series of interconnected "urban rooms" for the public to enjoy. These multifunctional indoor and outdoor spaces flow into one another, sparking the imagination with their versatility. A continuous colonnade of strong yet abstract lines borders the urban rooms, providing a gradual transition from the vibrant city to the private residences above.

The tower itself houses 157 contemporary dwellings, including 67 "friends' apartments" for two sharing tenants - the first such units in Almere. The eye-catching facade of soft red concrete shifts in color throughout the day thanks to its monochromatic palette. Each stacked volume features its own rhythmic grid of robust concrete columns recessed at angles to create dramatic interplay between light and shadow. From the prominent location next to Almere's city hall, Highnote Residential Tower makes a striking first impression at the entrance to the city center with its leaning silhouette visible from all angles. This future-focused building demonstrates creative solutions to challenges like residual urban sites and compact footprints.

Design Team - Founded in 2011, Amsterdam-based Studioninedots has carved out a reputation for creating imaginative spaces that provoke wonder. Whether designing houses, civic buildings, or urban plans, the 25-person firm infuses each project with unexpected moments that stir human perception. Studioninedots embraces disruption as the counterpart to innovation, playfully challenging architectural conventions to foster new typologies with versatile interpretations.

Led by founders Albert Herder, Vincent van der Klei and Metin van Zijl, alongside associates like Ike Gronheid and Jurjen van der Horst, Studioninedots' human-centric process activates and transforms complex urban sites. As contexts evolve, the firm pursues progressive solutions tailored to emerging communal and circular lifestyles. By distilling issues down to their essence, Studioninedots translates insightful concepts into exceptional structures. With contextual awareness, precise moves, and artisanal details, they conceive spaces with inherent beauty.

Daily explorations beyond architectural borders reinforce the Studioninedots approach. The firm's raw Amsterdam studio foments creativity through its unfinished, adaptable loft character. Testing materials, curating installations, or hosting parties, the space's flexibility sparks inspiration. By upending conventions, Studioninedots stays ahead of habits. The ensuing designs awaken human imagination.