

Project: Cosun 1/ Suikerunie Apartments

Design Team: EVA architecten

Size: 5500 m²

Location: Breda, THE NETHERLANDS



Feature:

Project - Bringing new life to an iconic 1975 office building in Breda, the Cosun 1/Suikerunie Apartments preserve the striking solitary character of the existing brick cube while transforming it into a residential complex. Designed by EVA Architecten, the project converts the former headquarters of the Royal Cooperative Cosun into 39 unique dwellings ranging from 60-150 sqm. The new layout activates the basement and roof with apartments to take advantage of double-height spaces and views. Floor-to-ceiling glazing replaces the original facade to create open, light-filled interiors that contrast beautifully with the muted brick exterior. Outdoor spaces take the form of winter gardens and perforated steel screens along the southwest facade that residents can allow to become green walls. Despite lowering energy requirements for renovations, the architects met new construction standards through insulation, smart systems and ground heat-cold storage. Beyond sustainability metrics, the sensitive retrofit that maintains the building's expressive materiality and spatial quality is a testament to the value of adaptive reuse. As the first phase of the site's transformation into a residential neighborhood, it sets a thoughtful precedent.

Design Team - Known for its crafted buildings with distinct character, Dutch firm EVA Architecten approaches each project through thorough analysis paired with close client collaboration. Their contemporary designs showcase clear organization and appropriate spatiality for the intended experience. While aesthetic varies from sober to more expressive, materiality and detailing are always integral along with sustainability. With extensive realization experience, the team carries a strong connection to construction. Through intensive, service-oriented teamwork, they operate as a network drawing on specialist advisors. Award-winning projects like the Drukkerij transformation and Villa IJsselzicht demonstrate EVA's skill for concept-driven design that artfully adapts spaces to meet

human needs. Though rooted in modernism, they remain open-minded - EVA stands for En Vele Anderen (And Many Others) - valuing creative exchange. Their portfolio reveals the care and passion behind well-considered architecture.