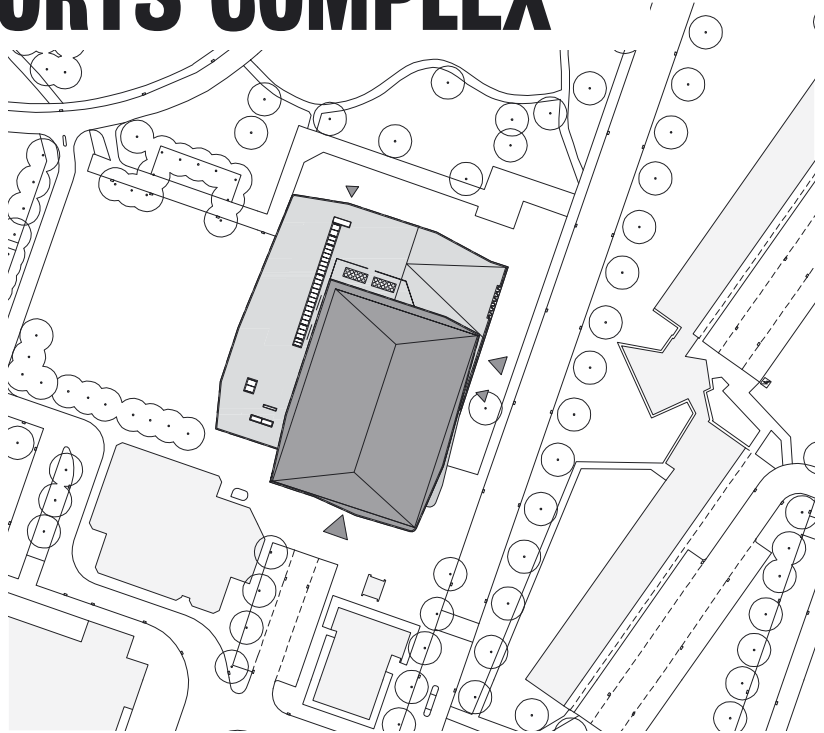


DRIEBURCHT SPORTS COMPLEX

TILBURG, 2013

The Wagnerplein (Wagner Square) is a key project within the Tilburg–North area development plan. The developments around the square are intended to make the neighbourhood more attractive to a broader spectrum of the public. The Drieburcht Sports Complex plays an important role in this with its differentiated facilities.

The design of the Drieburcht sports complex is a design for an ideal city and an ideal society in miniature. While society outside the building may be divided into different groups living alongside each other (or with their backs to each other), inside the building we strive to bring people together in relaxed, informal ways.





**INTERNAL
LINES OF SIGHT
CONNECT
SMALLER, MORE
INTIMATE SPACES
WITH THE LARGER
WHOLE**

The atmosphere and activity in this building take on the form of 'urban theatre.' People initially come for the swimming or the fitness training, but keep coming back for the lively atmosphere. The most fascinating aspect is the view of each other, the seeing and being seen. The facilities truly do offer something for everyone, but visitors can go through any of the attractive spaces with quality facilities to see how other people are doing other things.

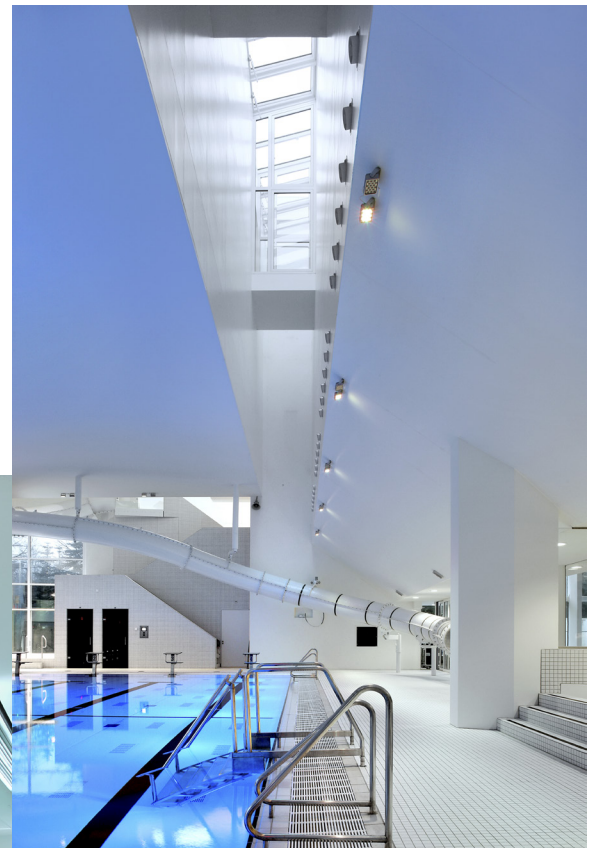
Internal lines of sight connect smaller, more intimate spaces with the larger whole. People who like sitting on café terraces and people-watching will enjoy observing the atmosphere and activity throughout the building from wherever they feel most comfortable.



**THE ATMOSPHERE
AND ACTIVITY IN THIS
BUILDING TAKE ON
THE FORM OF 'URBAN
THEATRE'**



As spectacular as the views inside the building are, the building's exterior will also turn heads. Created in collaboration with artist Jean-Luc Moerman, it accentuates an extraordinary interplay of volumes and gives the building project a strength, speed and fluidity that form a perfect complement to the functions inside the building.



PROJECT DATA

Name	Drieburcht
Location	Wagnerplein, Tilburg (NL)
Program	swimming pool complex with competition pool, instruction pool, special needs pool, whirlpool, waterslide, offices, dining, galleries, fitness centre, Olympic sports hall and child-minding facility / nursery
Surface area	12,500 m2 gfa
Assignment	PD, FD, specifications, construction supervision, aesthetic management, after-sales
Period	2008–2013
Client	City of Tilburg

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