

ATELIER PRO

Opdrachtgever
Woningbouwvereniging
Patrimoniums
Woningen,
Voorburg

Project type
architecture
Functies
residential

Project status
completed

Periode
1982 - 1985

Locatie
Corbulokade
Voorburg
Netherlands

Oplevering
1985



beeld

De Zwaan apartment building, Voorburg

Set at right angles to the centuries-old road linking the village cores of Rijswijk and Voorburg and level with the bridge over the Trekvllet (behind the street elevation), is the Zwaan apartment building, configured as an elongated, low-slung, lightweight volume terminated by a nine-storey tower. The elegant curve of the low-rise makes the tower seem free-standing when viewed from the bridge (Geestbrug). This pale-rendered vertical thrust acts as a foil to the picturesque old brick villa lying in the foreground along the water. Unlike the perimeter blocks - strapped as they are into street patterns thrown up along the ancient thoroughfare by speculation at the onset of the previous century - the Zwaan building stands in independence, the tiny gardens of its ground-floor units abutting a strip of public greenspace along the waters of Trekvllet. A gentle kink in the street pattern is taken up in the building itself, its tall head and low-lying tail curling away from the body. The cross section is similarly stepped. A grid of balconies almost severed from the main structure and a set-back roof level orchestrate the building's progress from waterfront to sky.

Remarkably, residents can park almost at their door, discounting the eight front doors on the water side. The magnificent walking route through and around the building, along the banks of Trekvllet and Broeksloot, is an echo of Cromvliet, the country seat standing on Rijswijk soil across the waters of the Vliet.

Awards and nominations

- Selection Stichting Wonen, Best buildings of 1986

Publications de Zwaan apartment building

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- 'Der Schwan am Fluss. Wohnbebauung "Zwaan" in Voorburg, Niederlande' Deutsche Bauzeitung, nr 6 (1987) p22-25
- 'Rive, dérive', Techniques & Architecture, nr 375 (1987/1988), p128-131
- atelier PRO, 'El cisne de canal. Alojamento social en Voorburg (sic), La Haya', A&V: monografias de arquitectura y vivienda, 19(1989) 19, p50-53

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