

BRIDGE OPERATOR HOUSE HAARLEM

Architect
Client
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Every day thousands of people in Haarlem make use of the 'Langebrug', a bridge that is nicknamed as the 'Paint Roller'. This bridge has been designed in 1995 by Thijs Asselbergs (aTA), but all that time it was lacking an operator house. Until this week, when the design of Thijs Asselbergs his 14-years old son Abel was realised. The municipality has selected his design out of four submitted proposals. The operator house is an abstract round volume, based on the architectural language of the bridge.

The volume has been placed on an elevated tripod cantilevering from the bridge. This is to ensure the safety of both the water traffic and the bridge keeper. As design & build partner, Octatube has been involved early in the design process. An integral design came out, with a lightweight facade construction and a slender structure. The bridge keeper has a free view because of a horizontal ring of hot bent glass panels.

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