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For Jan, architecture is to find a simple, straightforward solution for a complex structural situation. It is his fascination to inspire people and to unite the various stakeholders within a project. His goal is getting the best out of people, so that everyone can excel in their own field. This way Benthem Crouwel Architects work together towards the best architectural results.

Jan Benthem graduated as an engineer from the Faculty of Architecture at Delft University of Technology in 1978. One of his professors introduced him to Mels Crouwel. Both passionate and ambitious, they founded the office Benthem Crouwel Architects in Amsterdam in 1979.

Inspired by the world of high tech and innovative technology, his designs often have an unpredictable quality to them, a striking and surprising twist. Yet the goal is always to create functional buildings where people feel comfortable.

Jan Benthem has extensive experience as a lead architect of design teams in infrastructure and complex urban projects such as the North/South Line in Amsterdam (metro) and the renewal of the public transport terminals Amsterdam Central, Rotterdam Central, Utrecht Central and The Hague Central Station.

From 2008 to 2018 he was a member of the quality team architecture and planning at the Port of Rotterdam Authority, responsible for assessing all new construction plans on appearance and their relation to landscape and nature.

Since 1988 Jan Benthem has been the lead architect of the Amsterdam Airport Schiphol for architecture and urban planning, and had a decisive role translating Schiphol's growth plans into a spatial design, the airport city.

Jan Benthem is a member of the Royal Institute of Dutch Architects (bna) and a honorary member of the Association of German Architects (bda).

Jan Benthem has given public lectures and has been an international award's jury member in the Netherlands and abroad.