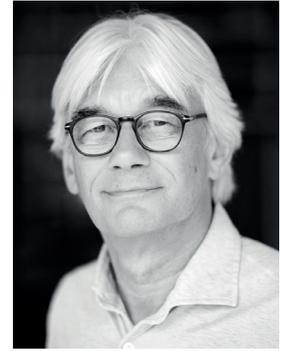


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BENTHEM CROUWEL ARCHITECTS



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## CURRICULUM VITAE

Architecture is for everyone.

As an architect Mels wants to contribute to a better world, with better buildings, that make people happy and enhance their lives.

The architecture must create a unique and special quality that affects your well-being and leaves a memorable impression.

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

For every project Benthem Crouwel Architects puts together a team that brings the best expertise and knowledge to the brief. A combination of innovation and experience.

This enables them to really respond to the client's question, and find solutions and answers that often even go beyond these questions.

Mels Crouwel has worked on many international renowned museums, public buildings and cultural platforms, applying his personal passion for art and culture. All his designs show great attention to functionality and sustainability and focus on finding creative solutions to design problems. His design can, among others, be seen in the restoration of the Anne Frank House (Amsterdam), the Bergbau Mining Museum (Bochum), FOAM photo museum (Amsterdam), De Pont museum for contemporary art (Tilburg), the Stedelijk Museum Amsterdam and music venues such as 013 (Tilburg). Within the first ten years of starting Benthem Crouwel Architects, Mels Crouwel became the supervising architect for the biggest trade and convention centre of The Netherlands, Amsterdam RAI. For the last twenty years, he has put forward numerous plans, both renovation proposals and urban schemes for the complex that welcomes close to 2 million visitors a year. From 2004 till 2008 he was Chief Government Architect for the Dutch ministry of Housing, Spatial Planning and the Environment.

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

Mels Crouwel has given public lectures and has been a jury member for international awards in the Netherlands and abroad, including Beijing, Berlin, Bochum, Bayreuth, Cape Town, Chicago, Darmstadt, Dessau, Dortmund, Hamburg, Jerusalem, Leuven, London, Munich, New Delhi, New York, Seattle, Stockholm, Stuttgart, Toronto and Vienna.