

"Architecture is more than buildings, it is about creating your own environment. I believe that architecture can bring more quality to life in all its aspects, it can help us grow, create and excel."



Arne Lijbers Associate Partner

With Mecanoo since 2012

Professional qualifications Master of Science in Architecture, Technical University of Delft; Registered with the Bureau Architecten Register (NL)

Arne graduated from the Technical University of Delft in 2011, after having enhanced his studies with a term abroad at the TU Berlin. Since his start at Mecanoo in 2012, Arne has rapidly developed his design skills with a distinctive energy. He is specialised in translating complex project briefs into tangible designs. Currently, Arne is a project architect for a wide range of projects of different scales, from urban planning to furniture design. Among his assignments are innovative programmatic layouts, such as a masterplan for 2,100 dwellings in Haarlem, the Rabobank Advice Centre in Sittard, Student Campus Hotel in Rotterdam, LocHal Library in Tilburg, and interior design for the Train of the Future. A main area of interest is innovative living, working and educational environments.

From the project outset, Arne establishes clear and efficient project-wide collaborative practices to ensure the integration of complex information and procedures for optimal teamwork coordination. An effective project leader, he takes the time to connect with team members on a personal level. Arne has hands-on experience with all stages of the project, from the sketching phase and conceptual design to the delivery of state-of-the-art buildings.

Selected projects



New York Public Library, US Size: 68,500 m² Year: 2015 - 2019



LocHal, Tilburg, NL Size: 7,000 m² Year: 2016 - 2018



Cartesiusdriehoek, Utrecht, NL Size: 13.3 ha Year: 2017 - ongoing



NS Vision Interior Train of the Future, Delft, NL

Year: 2017 - 2018



The Green Towers, The Hague, NL

Size: 122,900 m² Year: 2018 - 2020



AIR, Leidsche Rijn, NL Size: 93,540 m² Year: 2018



Student Campus Hotel, Rotterdam, NL

Size: 9,500 m² Year: 2014 - 2016



iPabo University of Applied Sciences, Amsterdam, NL

Size: 9,460 m² Year: 2013 - 2015