



Sebastiaan Kaal

Associate Architect

With Mecanoo since 2013 - 2017 / 2025

Professional qualifications Master of Science in Architecture, Delft University of Technology (honourable mention); Registered with the Architectenregister (NL)

"I don't see any difference between urban planning, architecture, or interior design. Ultimately, it's about creating a place where people feel at home. It doesn't matter whether it's for living, working, or just being there."

Sebastiaan graduated with honours from the Delft University of Technology in 1996. He worked as an architect for Dick van Gumeren architects (now a partner at Mecanoo) before joining Mecanoo in 2013. After working at Concrete Architectural Associates from 2017 to 2025, he returned to Mecanoo in 2025.

Sebastiaan has extensive expertise in cultural projects, residential and commercial design, large-scale mixed-use developments, building reuse, interior design and the design of exhibition facilities. His projects lie firmly in the intersection between architecture and the interior, respecting the presence of one condition whilst solving the other. Sebastiaan has harnessed his design skills to develop emotive interiors and he is an expert on learning environments, having worked on the regeneration of the Martin Luther King Jr. Memorial Library in Washington D.C. and the New York Public Library in the US. As a key member of Mecanoo's integrated design team, he has played a significant role in several international competitions. Sebastiaan has actively contributed to academia as a mentor, teacher and architectural researcher at Delft University of Technology.

Selected projects



New York Public Library, US

Size: 68,500 m²
Year: 2015 - 2021



Martin Luther King Jr. Memorial Library, Washington D.C., US

Size: 37,000 m²
Year: 2014 - 2020



Bloomberg Amsterdam Office, Amsterdam, NL

Size: 450 m²
Year: 2015 - 2016



Villa 4.0., Naarden, NL

Size: 540 m²
Year: 2010 - 2011



**Multiple exhibition designs
Kunsthall, Rotterdam, NL**

Size: 1,500 m²
Year: between 2007 - 2017



De Buigerij, Hengelo, NL

Size: 6,000 m²
Year: 2006 - 2009



Dutch Embassy, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia

Size: 3,300 m²
Year: 1998 - 2005



IJDock Masterplan, Amsterdam, NL

Size: 89,000 m²
Year: 1993 - 2006