Combining his work as an architect with a professorship at the Delft University of Technology, Dick maintains a critical approach to design by lecturing, and publishing regularly as well as making this research tangible in his design leadership as a Mecanoo partner. Dick has a considerable range of projects in his portfolio including residential design, large scale town planning, laboratory, education and healthcare projects. His design for a radical and sustainable renovation of a villa near Naarden (NL) won the 2012 BNA Building of the Year Award, and his design for the Dutch embassy in Ethiopia won the prestigious Aga Khan Award in 2007.

At TU Delft, Dick leads an international education and research network which focuses on the problems of building affordable housing in rapidly expanding cities across Africa and Asia. By designing new housing typologies and community networks he aims to provide a fresh take on residential design. His work addresses many of today’s questions relating to matters such as densification, privacy and mobility. Dick also has experience in delivering complex and technical laboratory buildings including the AMOLF institute in Amsterdam.

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