



## Friso van der Steen

Technical Director

With Mecanoo since 1999

**Professional qualifications** Architectural Engineer, HTS Building Design, Haarlem, NL

*“Working on complex projects worldwide allows you to learn about different cultures, people and environments. Knowledge transfer between countries is invaluable when designing a response to a project sympathetic to character and context.”*

Friso holds a leading role in the practice as Technical Director and Director of International Projects. He is responsible for the quality control and architectural engineering of Mecanoo's projects including design execution and management, coordination of technical disciplines, risk management and project specification. Friso has considerable experience in directing large-scale projects, often with unique site constraints and intricate technical challenges such as the 141,000 m<sup>2</sup> National Kaohsiung Centre for the Arts. The building's monumental double curved facade is the result of multiple collaborations with contractors from the ship manufacturing industry in Taiwan and The Netherlands. Friso visits Taiwan on a regular basis to oversee the projects in the region, ensuring that ongoing projects are delivered in line with client goals, budget and programme.

In addition, Friso plays a significant role in the renovation of heritage projects and has worked on the World Trade Center in Rotterdam (1938), World Forum Convention Centre in The Hague (1969), Bruce C. Bolling Municipal Building (1895), Martin Luther King Jr. Memorial Library, Washington DC (1972) and New York Public Library (1911). Currently Friso is responsible for the renovation of De Nederlandsche Bank (Dutch National Bank). A monumental modernist building from 1968. Due to its uniqueness, vast size and security level a very complicated project. Friso also gives lectures internationally on a range of subject matters from the work of Mecanoo to restoration and sustainability.

### Selected projects



**Kaohsiung Station, Taiwan**

Size: 182,000 m<sup>2</sup>  
Year: 2014 - 2024



**De Nederlandsche Bank, Amsterdam, NL**

Size: 65,000 m<sup>2</sup>  
Year: 2018 - 2023



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

Size: 37,000 m<sup>2</sup>  
Year: 2014 - 2020



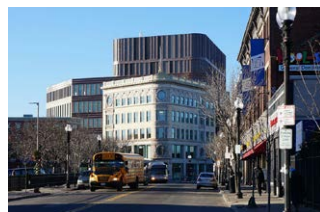
**Longgang Cultural Centre, Shenzhen, China**

Size: 99,000 m<sup>2</sup>  
Year: 2012 - 2019



**National Kaohsiung Centre for the Arts, Taiwan**

Size: 141,000 m<sup>2</sup>  
Year: 2007 - 2018



**Bruce C. Bolling Municipal Building, Boston MA, US**

Size: 16,700 m<sup>2</sup>  
Year: 2011 - 2015



**Hotel The Place, Tainan, Taiwan**

Size: 14,500 m<sup>2</sup>  
Year: 2011 - 2014



**Whistling Rock Golf Clubhouse, Chuncheon, South Korea**

Size: 7,500 m<sup>2</sup>  
Year: 2007 - 2012