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Design Concept

This poster explains the concept of the building design "Voorburg Twist", an Architecture Institute near Den Haag (Netherlands). The building can be divided in a main form with two subforms. The lower part is the socle of the upper part (the tower). The lower part contains the public functions like the exhibition hall, congress hall and restaurant but also the workshop for making models. The upper part contains the offices and design/research studios. The overall function of this building is a architecture institute but it can be changed into almost any (hybrid) office building. On the other posters the different aspects will be more explained which are now presented in a summary on this poster.



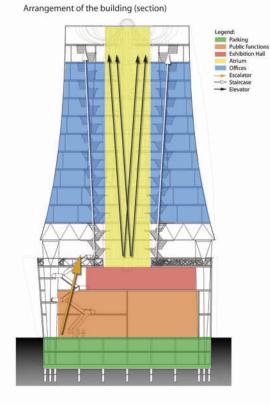




Subform: Upper Part

- 45 degrees twist
- Square VS Circle
- Atrium is the backbone of the tower
- Vertical tunnel full of movement





Subform: Lower Part

- Niche (hollow) Cave
- Socle of the upper part
- Square VS Circle
- Connection to the upper part (Atrium)
- Public functions





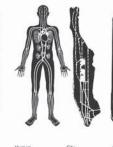


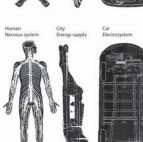
Different Disciplines: Analyses of the Building











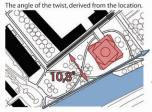


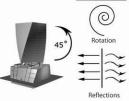
Architecture Institute Location Plan

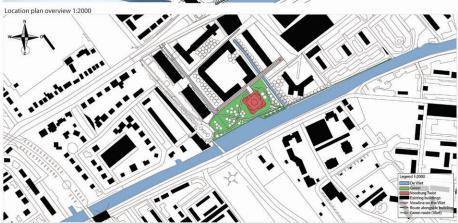
The Architecture Institute is located in Voorburg, on the riverbanks of "De Vliet". The main theme of this building is the twist/rotated shape. The Twist gives a direction, depending on the way you "read" it (from left to right). In this case it points out to the top, itself. The tower rotates 45 degrees, a short and powerful turn. Because of the form of the facades the reflections of the surrounding area in the facade becomes very different and deflected. The Twist theme can be found back in the building itself, in the construction and the atrium.



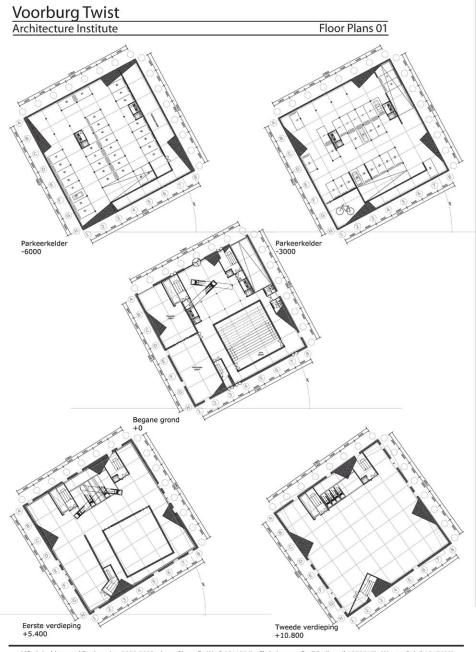


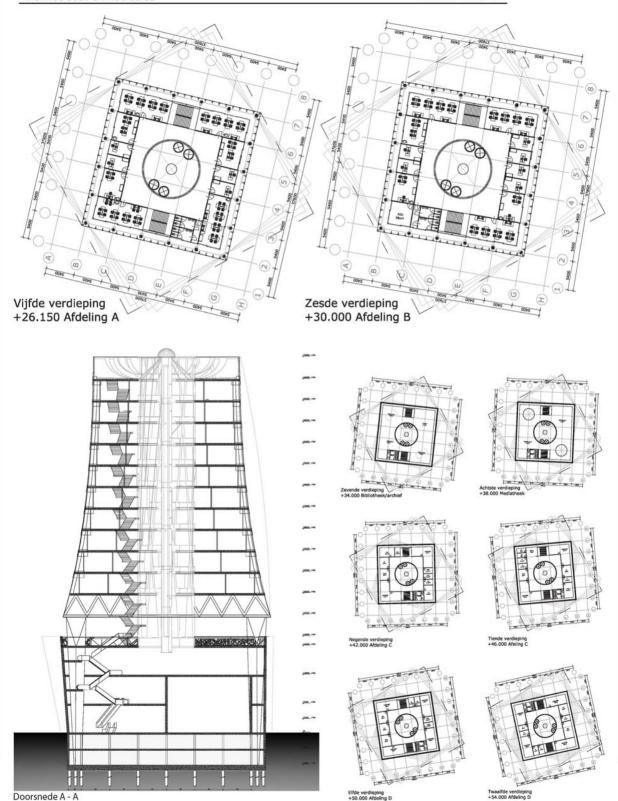


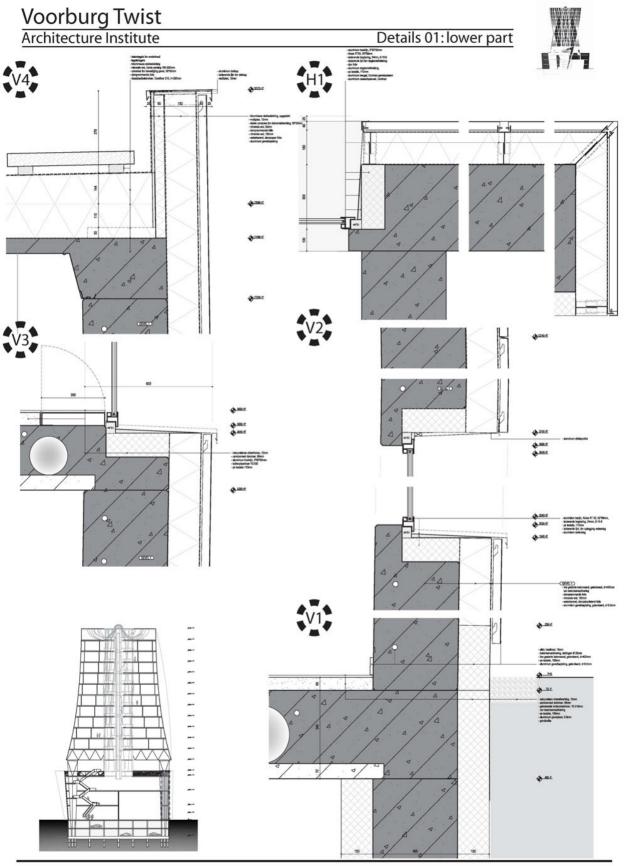


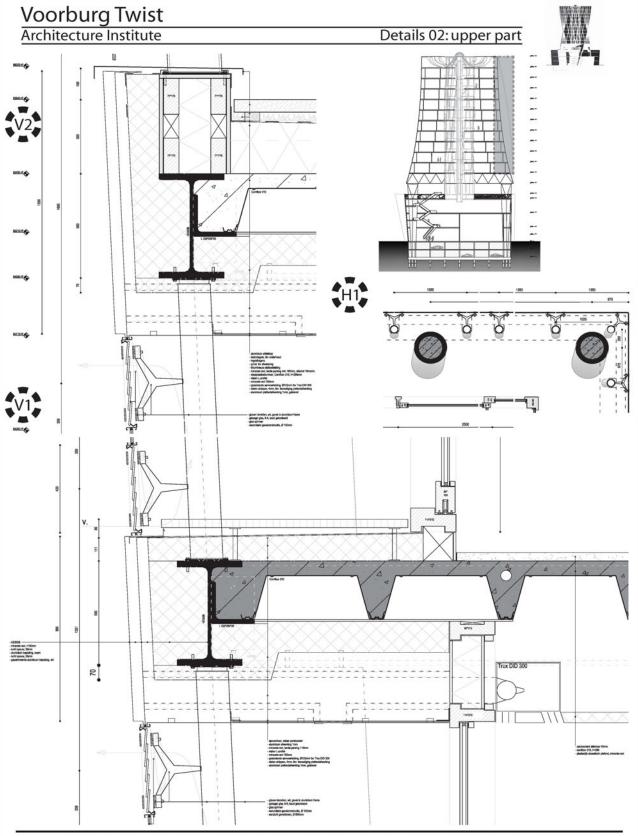












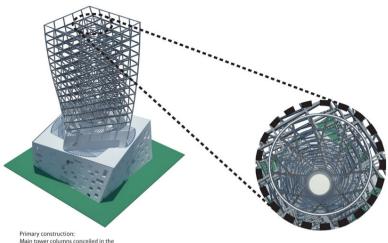
Voorburg Twist Architecture Institute Construction 01: strength, stiffness & stability [MIDAS] Straight Straight / twist Twist Clamped twist MOMENTS[X] NORMAL FORCE DEFLECTION[Y] DEFLECTION[Z]

Voorburg Twist Architecture Institute Construction 02: foundation & floor beams Fundering / vloer -6000 Palenplan -7000 Balkenraster / vloer bovenbouw Balkenraster / vloer bovenbouw [vides]

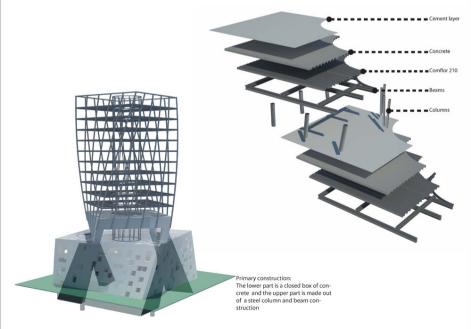
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Construction 03: 3D construction impressions





Main tower columns conceiled in the facade

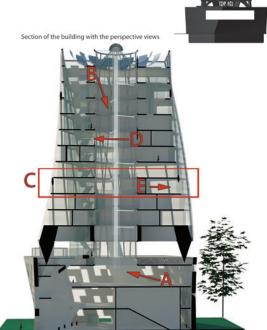


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Interior impressions of the building

A: The Exhibition Hall and the start of the Atrium





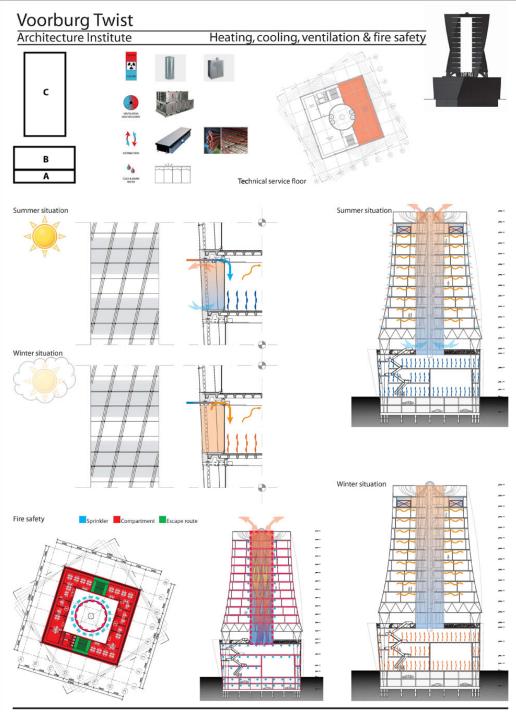
B: The Atrium with Light Tubes

D: Office Hall



C: Section of the Tower

E: Studio/Office



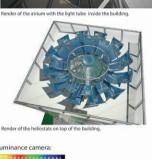
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Light 02: Heliostats and light transportation

On this poster the principles of the heliostats and light transportation are explained. Heliostats are mirrors which reflect the sunlight into one point. From this point, where light is oathered, it is distributed vertically through the atrium of the building. The same principle is used in the Morgan Lewis Law Office in Washington D.C. The light is distributed through a light tube. The core of this tube is made out of fiber glass or it can even be a tube where a special fluid can flow through. This special fluid can transport light with a low loss of light energy. The outer side of the light tube is made out of canvas to scatter the light horizontal through the atrium. A part of the light is transported to the offices where a hybrid light sceme, a combination of natural light and artificial light, is used so the effects of the changing sunlight intensity are minimized. The scemes below explain briefly the principles of this light system.

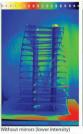






Section of the building with the scematic principle of the heliostats and transportation of light.

Light test with a scale model and luminance camera:







With mirrors (higher intensity)





