

# Rijnstraat 8

## Location

The Hague, NL

## Client

Rijksvastgoedbedrijf

## Initiated

2012

## Size

100.000 sqm

## Project Team

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Rijnstraat 8 is an imposing structure next to the central station of The Hague. Originally designed by Jan Hoogstad as a ‘work space of equality’ for the former Ministry of VROM, the 1992 building was introverted and quite lifeless from the outside: a rigid core connected cold atriums and five slabs with blind façades. The offices had a repetitive layout, all oriented towards the atrium.

The renovation project opened up Rijnstraat 8 with new glass façades and bright rooftops, while the core and atriums work as a single system. The building has become vibrant and user-friendly for both tenants and neighbours, and a state-of-the-art workspace for thousands of government employees.

Positioned at an urban entry point to the city, the building now defines that experience. Inside, the lobby is an eye-catcher with ambience. Congress facilities and cafés enliven the four lower levels with a sequence of public interiors. The upper levels are more private offices that have been opened up by pulling down the corridor walls and introducing comfortable, spacious, high-ceiling work areas with natural light and views out over the city.

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