

MAHLER 4 OFFICE TOWER
Amsterdam, The Netherlands

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The Mahler 4 Office Tower is located in a 160,000-square-meter (1,722,225-square-foot) mixed-use development in Amsterdam's Zuidas district, an ambitious urban regeneration project located approximately halfway between the city center and Schiphol Airport. The master plan mandated a specific zoning envelope for each building in the development, resulting in the traditional base, shaft, and crown structure of high-rise buildings, here angled in plan to yield a more dynamic urban composition. Rafael Viñoly Architects' design sought to reinvent this tripartite building structure, unifying the three tower volumes into a singular, dynamic composition through the use of an exterior stair and vertical aluminum mullions.

Subtracting a narrow, spiral volume from the building mass to animate each elevation, the exterior fire escape wraps the structure and enlivens the façades. This staircase provides a fair-weather alternative to the two elevator cores and creates exterior spaces that office workers can use for informal gatherings, or that can be programmed as small gardens and outdoor plazas.

FACTS + FIGURES

Completion
2005

Size
32,260 gsm

Media Coverage
Architecture News, "Amsterdam Masterplan," July 2008
Architecture Today, "Stairway to Heaven," September 2005
The Architect's Journal, "Dutch Tower," July 2005
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Client
G&S Vastgoed BV

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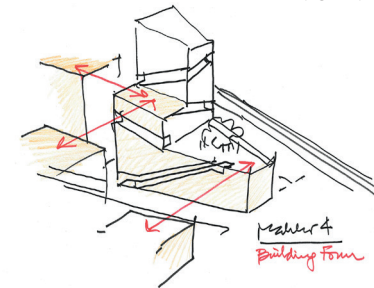
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