

Rotterdam

Arhitectura contemporana

CITY GARDENS: 15 blocuri de locuit si o scoala primara

design 1996/1999; constructie 1998-2002

The Stadstuinen ('City Gardens') area of Rotterdam's Kop van Zuid (a massive redevelopment of the former docklands on the southern banks of the River Maas) is a residential enclave that combines the advantages of suburban and urban lifestyles. The apartment buildings of six to eight storeys stand along the perimeter of a garden suburb that mainly consists of ground-accessed dwellings. Many different housing types have been integrated into the residential blocks on the four corners. The consistent use of materials, a palette of brick, glass, steel and timber, gives the Stadstuinen neighbourhood a sense of architectural unity. The positioning of the blocks and the introduction of different kinds of outdoor space, such as winter gardens and galleries, serve to optimize insolation and a sense of spaciousness.

