

New Entrance Building at the Van Gogh Museum

Place: Amsterdam, Country: The Netherlands
Van Gogh Museum

Design: Hans van Heeswijk Architects.
& Kisho Kurokawa Architect & Associates

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The new Entrance Building at the Van Gogh Museum – Amsterdam

The new entrance building of the **Van Gogh Museum** has opened on September 5, 2015 in Amsterdam. Along with accommodating the new entrance lobby, the addition connects the original building of the museum, designed by Gerrit Rietveld in 1973, with the more recent Kurokawa Wing, completed in 1999 as a temporary exhibition space.

Coherently with the development strategy of the two major museums nearby, the Stedelijk Museum and the Rijksmuseum, which in the last 10 years have been substantially updated and enlarged, also the Van Gogh Museum renovates and, by the completion of the new entrance wing, forms one of the most interesting cultural centers in Europe.



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Entrance Building Van Gogh Museum Amsterdam.

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For the new entrance building, Dutch architects **Hans van Heeswijk Architecten** developed the preliminary drawings prepared by **Kisho Kurokawa Architect & Associates** after the Japanese architect passed away in 2007. The new addition has been designed in accordance with the preexisting elliptic building conceived by Kurokawa in 1999, and represents its natural completion.



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above left: the Kurokawa wing before the construction of the new Entrance Building.

above right: rendering image of the new Entrance Building. Courtesy Hans van Heeswijk Architects



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above: cross section. Courtesy of Hans van Heeswijk Architecten

The new wing, totally transparent, is enclosed by a 650 sqm. (7,000 square-foot) curved facade, 12 meter (39 feet) high, made of cold-bent laminated glass panels, and covered by a semicircular glass slab.

The extremely lightweight appearance of the building is due to its peculiar constructive system. Indeed, the facade-roof system not only constitutes the transparent envelope of the entrance wing but also functions as a part of its load-bearing structure. The curved glass panels collaborate with the vertical glass fins, set perpendicular to them and acting like thin buttresses, that in turn works together with the steel frame structure of the building.



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By a large stairway, also made in glass, or a panoramic elevator, the visitors reach an underground lobby – 16 feet below the street level – that accommodates the museum's reception areas and visitor service facilities, including a cloakroom and new museum store. The lobby gives access to the two main gallery wings of the Van Gogh museum.



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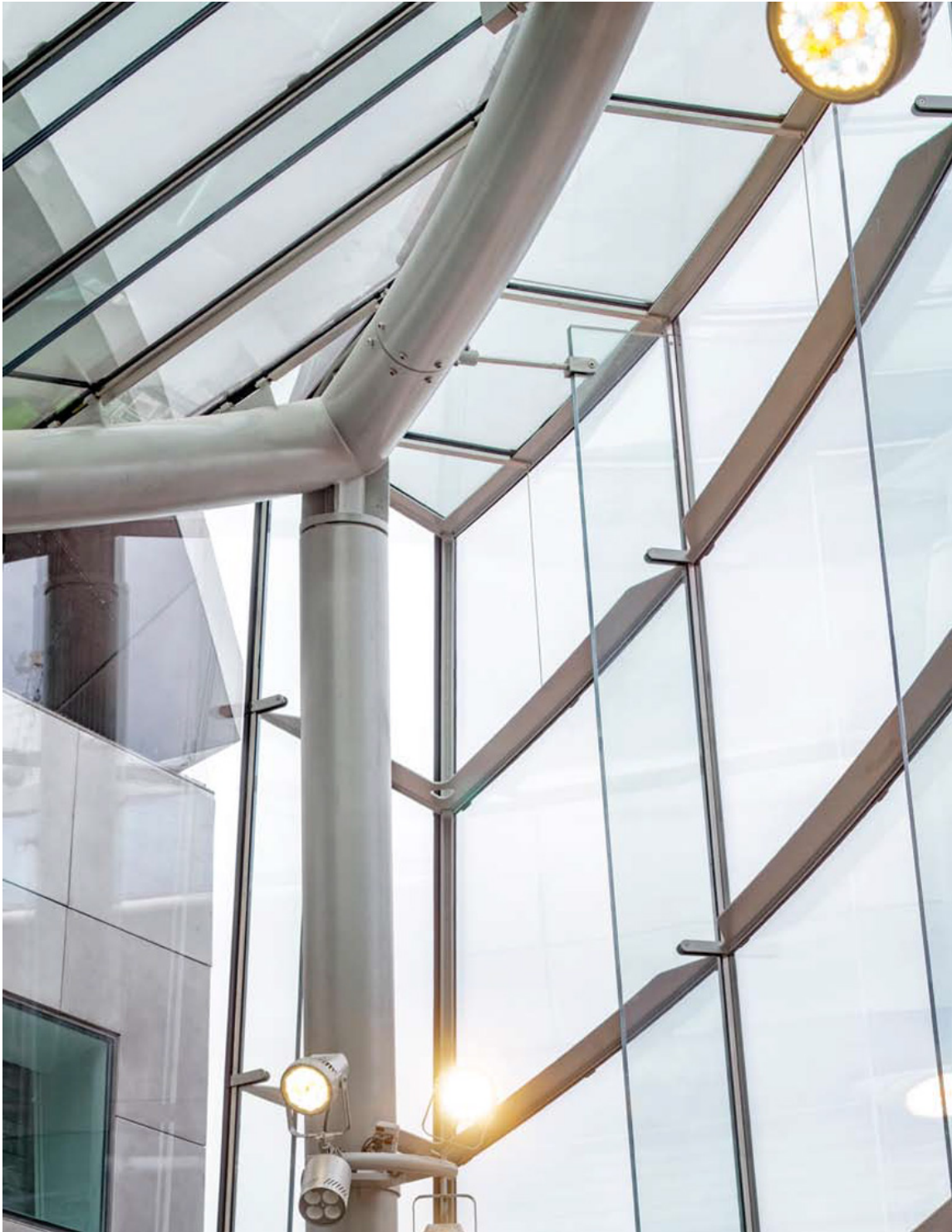
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Above: Views of the new Entrance Building. Photos by Jan-Kees Steenman; courtesy of Van Gogh Museum.



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above: a detail of the glass facade. Foto Ronald Tilleman. Courtesy of Hans van Heeswijk Architecten.

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Architects: **Hans van Heeswijk Architects**

Location: **Museumplein 6, Amsterdam, Netherlands**

Area: **15175.0 sqm**

Architect Exhibition Wing: **Kisho Kurokawa**

Design concept New Entrance Building: **Kisho Kurokawa Architect & Associates**

Building: **Hans van Heeswijk Architects**

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