



Transforming ideas into unique homes

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Each house is as unique as the family that lives in it. And it only becomes a home when that family feels its warmth. This is what Thierry Halsberghe and Nathalie Cruysweegs of CH-Architecten have in mind when they start each project, whether it is a new home, a renovation or a public building.

“Clients come in with an idea or a feeling. Together we create a home or a building which is as unique as their idea,” explains Nathalie Cruysweegs, architect and managing director of CH-Architecten. “Each project is a custom one, where we look at the client’s ideas for the design of the house and its interior, but also we look at the surrounding aspects, like the location of the building and its context to the surroundings. Is the house located in the city or a rural area? Are there any adjacent buildings? What are the sight-lines? Only we know all these aspects so we can design a custom house, tailored to the client’s wishes.”

Natural lighting

One of the key components of every design is natural lighting. “Natural light determines how you experience a house. The

way the light enters the home is extremely important. We therefore use large windows and roof lighting to create warmth,” Cruysweegs elaborates. “For instance, we did that with the renovation of an old farmhouse that used to have straw roofing. We stripped it and created a modern home, bathed in light.”

Near Energy Neutral

CH-Architecten works according to Near Energy Neutral standards (BEN-standards). These standards will become mandatory in 2021. “During the design we also look at the technical side of a build: how to make the building as energy neutral as possible, when it comes to heating, ventilation and producing energy. Isolation, water heating pumps and solar panels are important features for this and we work them into the design, without disturbing our client’s ideas. The technical look also helps us instruct the building company, to make sure the construction will be perfect.”

Unique

Each of CH-Architecten’s projects are unique and tell their own story. “Just like each of our clients are unique and tell their own story,” smiles Cruysweegs. “Together

with them we transform that idea into a design from top to bottom, from the outside to the inside, always keeping in mind the budget that is available for the project. We are only satisfied when a project meets all of the client’s ideas and wishes and when they feel the warmth. That means the project is a success.”



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