

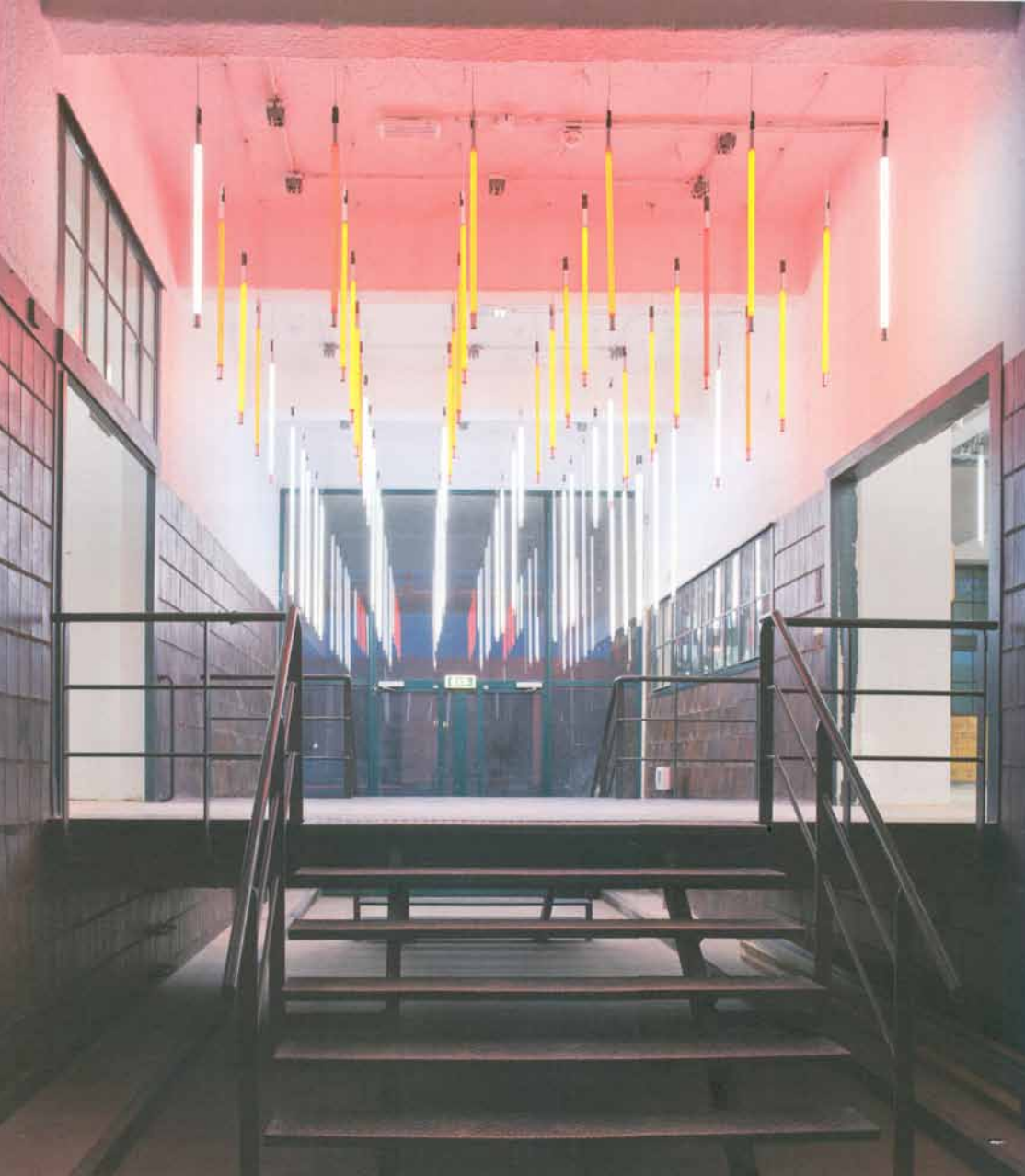
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## HAKA RECYCLE OFFICE

The beauty of garbage: A colorful, simple and eco-friendly living lab



Architect | DOEPSEL STRIJKERS  
 Project address | Vlietlandstraat 26, Rotterdam, The Netherlands  
 Original use | Industrial building  
 Completion of existing building | 1932  
 Function today | office building, campus for clean-tech activity  
 Completion of conversion | 2010

Doepel Strijkers was asked to develop a concept for the ground floor that transfers the concept of material cycles on a city scale to the interior of a building. Waste materials from demolition sites and waste products from production processes were harvested, transported, and processed in the HAKA building to form the new interior elements. However, the ambition was to go further than just reducing the CO<sub>2</sub> footprint through the reuse of materials. An alternative development was set in place by introducing a social component. A team of six convicts in a reintegration program was employed in the making of the objects. In so doing, the project is more than just an example of how one can make an interior from waste, as it creates added value through empowerment and education.



