



Pond in Hageveld Estate Heemstede

A large oval pond covers the underground garage for the estate. The pond's coloured glass panels, conceived as a work of art, create an extraordinary night-time effect in the Dutch estate.

POND IN HAGEVELD ESTATE HEEMSTEDÉ, NETHERLANDS

Client: Hopman Interheem Groep

Landscape architects: Bureau Alle Hoyer; Berrie van Eideren, Marika Oudijk

Collaborators: MYJ groep architecten, Stijlgroep, Braaksma & Ross architecten,

HMADP architecten, Hermine van der Does (artist)

Area: 730 square metres (pond), 14 hectares (estate)

Completion: 2007



In 2002 plans were made to transform the Hageveld Estate, formerly a Catholic seminary, into a residential building. The residences were in need of a parking garage. The ideal site for the garage, but also the most risky in terms of space and aesthetics, was directly in front of the main entrance of this national monument. In order to do justice to the site's character, a large pond was placed over the underground garage, with the entrance driveway cutting through it "invisibly". The garage and all associated elements at ground level were designed in collaboration with the architects. Light shafts are set into the pond, providing the garage with daylight illumination. These are covered with coloured glass panels, conceived as a work of art. An extraordinary effect is created at night, when the light from the garage shines up through the glass panels. The stained-glass windows reference the religious history of the estate.

The shape of the pond is a large oval (approximately 40 x 26.5 metres), located on the site of the old pond. With a surface area of 730 square metres, and depth of 60 centimetre, the water is brought to life by jets of little bubbles just above the surface. The water level must be as high as possible to mirror the old building. The drainage channels running

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