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project
design private garden

location
Minervalaan 105,
Amsterdam

designers
Peter de Ruyter
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partners
HM Architecten

client
Fam. Haven

size
propetie 30 x 30 mtr
900 m2

year of design
2000 - 2001

photography
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right: frontyard



Garden supports and does justice to the design of the villa

The garden HOSPER designed for the villa on the Minervalaan (designed by HM-architecten) is tailored to the location and the building. The design is based on a carefully-considered decision to adopt a simple overall layout of the garden that literally reserves as much space as possible for the villa and does justice to its architecture. The pond together with the front façade forms a clear separation between the private area of the plot of land and the more public side along the street. On entering the villa from the street the diagonal sightlines through the transparent façade offer a marvelous view of the surrounding garden. The sightlines from the villa could be supported by placing works of art at specific focal points. On walking through to the terrace spacious wooden steps offer access to the garden.

The design makes use of the seasons

The garden has something to offer in each season. A reserved use of colour was selected for the plants, with cream-yellow and blue as the main colours. Flowering bulbs and winter roses in the early spring are followed by flowering rhododendrons and fragrant viburnums. In the autumn the colour of the wild Virginia creeper, part of the small green boundary partition and the autumn colour of the juneberries provide a fitting final chord. Sufficient space is retained between the layered planting and the villa for children to play on the lawn or to accommodate the reception of guests on special occasions. The vitality and appearance of the existing trees were assessed. Healthy, attractive trees were retained, including the beautiful weeping willow on the Minervalaan.





view to streetside



terras and wooden stairs



backyard

Materials are compatible with the villa
Hard materials were chosen, in consultation with the architect, which were as compatible as possible with the materials used for the villa. Concrete and stone in grey, anthracite and cream-yellow tints were selected. The outdoor lighting is restricted to the patio and the drive. The steps are lit from below: a spotlight is directed on the existing black birch at the foot of the steps.

