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# Mathilde Square

A brief summary to highlight some wonderful elements.

Eindhoven, the Netherlands



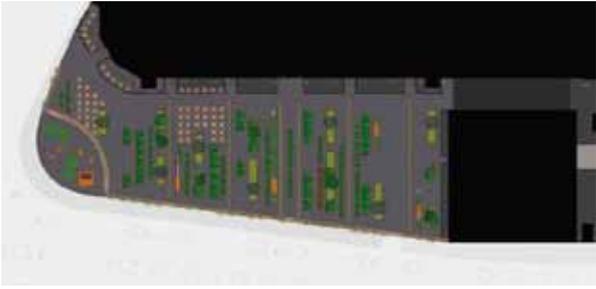
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Buro Lubbers Ltd.	Mathilde Square	5500 m <sup>2</sup>	2009	Buro Lubbers	DNC vastgoedontwikkeling, Woningstichting Trudo



To escape the frenetic activity of downtown Eindhoven, one can now relax in the green oasis at Mathilde Square. After shopping or a long day at the office, here one can quietly enjoy a drink on the terrace or sit down on a bench among lush plants.

Versatility guided the principles for the Mathilde Square. The square had to add value to the series of public squares and places in Eindhoven's inner city, it had to showcase the Light Tower and the semi-public square needed to host different functions. The amorphous form of the planning area demanded an exacting structure that brings serenity and also guarantees an optimal view of the Light Tower. The unity of the design is accomplished by using consistent shapes and materials. Thus the surface is paved with just one material: a dark gray concrete slab resembling natural stone. This gray carpet is laid in a rigid, complex pattern and is surrounded by a plinth that distinguishes the square from the building and also highlights the difference in level between the parking deck and the environment. The square becomes an enclave with its own distinctive identity.

Elongated Corten steel planters create a stripe pattern. At several spaces between the containers, wooden benches and bicycle stands are positioned. The robust colour of the Corten steel, the warm look of natural wood and the gray pavement, form an interesting contrast to the white, gray and black tones of the building. The most striking colour accent, however, is the vegetation. In all seasons the hedgerow structure of evergreen plants and seasonal flowers will result in an attractive image. Rhododendrons in containers are high green accents. Even at night when the plants are illuminated from below, the Mathilde Square is an inviting, friendly place.



**Floor/ Walking Paths:** Concrete slabs with brushstrokes, some concrete slabs have weatherproof steel strips and/or washed out patterns and letters;  
**Furniture:** wooden benches, weatherproof steel and wooden fences and stairs;  
**Illumination:** Lamppost with spots



那些想要逃离埃因霍温城各种纷杂狂热活动的人们如今有了新去处，可以到马蒂尔德广场放松休息。逛完街或是在办公室忙完一天工作后，就可以到这里安静地喝一杯酒，或者坐在周围都是繁茂绿植的长凳上休息。

功能多样性是指导马蒂尔德广场的主要设计法则。它的存在必须能够提升埃因霍温城内的若干广场和区域的价值，同时凸显灯塔和其他半开放性广场。规划区域地形的不规整性要求设计者对于广场的构造必须做到十分严苛，以此保证周围环境的静谧，确保这里拥有眺望灯塔的最佳视野。为了能够让设计更加统一，设计团队选择了一致的形状和材料。广场地面只用了一种类似于天然石的深灰色混凝土石板，这些石板铺陈在一起，仿佛是一块拥有硬朗、复杂纹路的灰色地毯。石板地面周围是一圈凹槽，将广场和建筑物区别开来，层次感十足，也让马蒂尔德广场成为一片拥有自己独特品格的领地。



广场拥有一排排的柯尔顿钢铁花池，形成一个条形队列。设计团队将木质长凳以及自行车存放架子安插在花池的某些特定位置。柯尔顿钢铁粗犷的色彩、天然木头的温暖感觉以及暗灰色的人行路，同主色调为白、灰、黑的建筑形成有趣的对比。最令人惊艳的色彩来自于广场中各色植物。无论春夏秋冬，这些由常绿植物和季节性花草构成的篱墙永远都是那么迷人。花池中的杜鹃花在绿植的映衬下显得愈发娇艳。到了晚上，底部的灯光映射在花池中植物上，马蒂尔德广场散发着一一种诱人的、亲切的味道。