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**We are living in a complex era of acceleration.
Our present society and life patterns have become increasingly dynamic and mixed up.
Living, working and leisure are blended more and more.**

**We deploy hypotheses, surveys, scenarios, strategies, theories, concepts and designs
to support the required flexibility for the upcoming generations
by syncing people, things and context.**

**For each assignment we shape a specific mindset and try to reveal previously
unseen opportunities.**

**Monolab is an ambitious studio for advanced research through design in urbanism,
architecture and product development, founded in 1999.
Simplicity (mono) is linked to experiment (lab).**

MISSION

We deliver advanced and synergetic designs through simple and crystal clear concepts with high heartbeats. Our projects steer complex contemporary and future issues and are fully embedded by syncing context and contemporary culture.

TEAM

We work team wise with young professionals on various scale projects in a wide array: from product and furniture design to villas, from residential projects to urban master plans, from stations and distribution hubs to city cores.

PROCESS

Client's wishes and demands are shaping our mindsets, as every assignment is unique. Assignments are opened up, analyzed in-depth and in wide perspectives, in order to reveal all issues. We invest a surplus of energy during the intense conceptual phases of the design process; the phases in which the most important key decisions are made. High complexity is embraced and fuels the design process over and over again.

STUDIO

The studio is lean and mean as the manpower fluctuates with the ever changing quantities urgencies of work-flows. Fast teams move forward in research and 3D-design. As a compact studio we team up with engineering firms and have backup in technical issues and cost & planning control.

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'Nieuw Goud': Body House	Las Palmas Rotterdam	01-06-2001 until 07-08-2001
'Moving Landscapes'	Sala 1 Rome / Venice	29-01-2002 until 01-03-2002
'Grand Projets': A12 long term	NAI - Dutch Architecture Institute, Rotterdam	17-02-2002 until 05-05-2002
'Cities and Mobilities'	Institut pour la Ville en Mouvement, Paris	28-09-2002 until 13-10-2002
'Architecture on the move'	Institut pour la Ville en Mouvement, Europe, Asia	13-10-2002 until 00-00-2003
'IN progress'	NAI - Dutch Architecture Institute, Rotterdam	16-02-2003 until 16-04-2003
'100% design': Black Box project	Las Palmas, Rotterdam	04-06-2003 until 06-06-2003
'MobLab', Rotterdam	1ab Biennale, Las Palmas, Rotterdam	07-05-2003 until 07-07-2003
'Heilige Huisjes': Body House	NAI - Dutch Architecture Institute, Rotterdam	06-09-2003 until 07-09-2003
'Black Box project'	Intermezzo Gallery, Dordrecht	06-09-2003 until 05-10-2003
'Katendrecht', Body House	museum Schielandhuis, Rotterdam	18-11-2003 until 31-10-2004
'Monolab Strings'	ABC Architecture Center, Haarlem	23-05-2004 until 15-08-2004
'The Parachute Pavilion'	Van Alen Institute Gallery, NY	20-07-2005 until 31-10-2005
'Leidsche Rijn city center'	4th European Landscape Biennial, Barcelona	2006
'Archipelago Spiretec'	Visual Arts Gallery, India Habitat Center, New Delhi	07-04-2011 until 14-04-2011
'SYNC - 36 projects'	AICA, Mumbai India	19-01-2016 until 23-01-2016

LECTURES shortlist

'Infrastructure' - World Expo 2000	REmakingNL - Sprengel Museum, Hannover, Germany	30-06-2000
'Berlin Beta' - version 3	Berlin, Germany	02-09-2000
'A critical judgement' - Indesem, International design seminar	TU Delft, Dept. of Architecture, NL	28-11-2000
'Moving Landscapes - contemporary landscape in the Netherlands'	Sala 1, Rome, Italy	28-01-2002
'Urban Mutations - periodization, scale and mobility'	Aarhus, Denmark	26-09-2002
'Annual COB conference 2002'	Cruise Terminal, Rotterdam, NL	12-12-2002
'Urbanity and Urban Change'	Inst. of Urbanism + School of Architecture Oslo, Norway	12-03-2003
'Mobility Structures', Biennale R'dam 2003	NAI - Dutch Architecture Institute, Rotterdam	28-06-2003
'Contact'	School of Architecture, Oslo, Norway	18-11-2004
'0 and 1: from simple stacks into programmatic meltdowns'	TU Vienna, Institut für Hochbau und Entwerfen, Austria	03-06-2005
'Infra Triggered Environments'	Berlage, Rotterdam, NL	06-04-2006
'Networked Urbanism: infra based design strategies'	Aalborg University, Dept. of Architecture Design, Denmark	28-09-2006
'Prototypes for Network Systems'	Aalborg University, Dept. of Architecture Design, Denmark	28-09-2006
'Kengarags'	City Development Department, Riga, Latvia	24-10-2006
'Webbing', soft urbanism for Flow Polis	Collegio de Arquitectos de Canarias, Las Palmas, Spain	03-11-2006
'Embedded Infra'	Avans Hogeschool, Tilburg, NL	11-09-2008
'Tall buildings and Icons in Rotterdam'	AIR Foundation - De Unie, Rotterdam, NL	10-02-2010
'Embedded architecture', keynote lecture	AIAS Quad Conference at SIUC, Carbondale, USA	01-04-2011
'Urban Prototypes'	in house, Rotterdam, NL	21-06-2018
'a look at Monolab's design approach'	in house, Rotterdam, NL	25-08-2018

CD-ROM's released

Infrabodies (14.000): consists of three chapters

1. film 20 min. (-/play movie)
2. series of film-stills (-/view stills)
3. book (78 pages) displaying three projects: Delft South Station, Compressor Overschie and Breda Sands Infrascap (-/viewprojects)

Leidsche Rijn City Centre (9.500): interview, various slideshows and mpeg films

Breda Sands Infrascap: mpeg film 5min13sec.

Compressor: mpeg film 4min.

PRIZES / AWARDS from present to past

- 2nd prize - Competition Regeneration of Tongyeong Dockyard, Tongyeong, Korea, 2018
- 2nd prize (skin) - competition Tennen Delft, 2013
- 3rd prize (glow) - competition Tennen Delft, 2013
- honorable mention - Competition Spiretec, New Dehli, 2011
- 2nd prize - Competition Mayor's Residence (Burgemeester zoekt woning), Rotterdam, 2007
- runner up '10 second best' selection Body House in Gouden Piramide, governmental prize for good clientship, 2006
- 1st prize - in the category landscape and ecological environment of Kengarags development area at Riga, Latvia, 2006
- 2nd prize - in the category redevelopment of the Sarkanias Kvadrats Factory at Riga, Latvia, 2006
- 2nd prize - Competition Flow Polis, Gran Canaria, Las Palmas, 2006.
- honorable mention - Competition Parachute Pavilion, Coney Island, New York, 2005 (10 awards, 864 submissions).
- shared 1st prize - Competition Arctic Cultural Center, Hammerfest Findus Site, Norway, 2004 - in co-operation with Transform Arkitekten, Aarhus, Denmark (117 submissions).