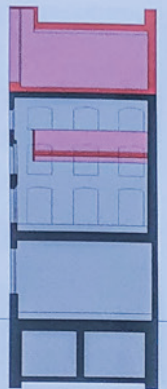


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Location: Antwerp, Belgium  
 Study and completion: 2009, 2010  
 Construction costs: 3,800,000 €  
 Architects: Stramien cvba  
 Client: SD Worx  
 Structural engineering: Arcade nv  
 Building physics: Cenergie cvba  
 Art: Benoit Van Innis  
 Photographer: Stramien cvba

## 14 Antwerp Kendall Building Architects: Stramien cvba



The Kendall office is located in a former warehouse in Antwerp's old dockyards. The building had undergone a range of interventions until an overall transformation turned the old warehouse into a contemporary office block. Due to the fact that the stories were not very high, and consequently quite dark, the architects decided to remove a floor slab in the middle of the building, thus providing a change in terms of layout and guaranteeing sufficient natural light for every story.

A sort of long core that runs through every level of the building was installed against the wall towards the adjoining building, containing all the services. The entire floor area along this enclosed space remains open and can be used as a large and flexible office space. Artist Benoit van Innis created a design concept for the wall that extends through the entire building. This abstract pattern of lines and colors ties the levels together, while still retaining a unique character for each floor.

The existing mansard roof, a subsequent addition to the original warehouse, was not high enough; it was therefore replaced with a new transparent steel structure. The regular rhythm of this new floor matches the austere red brick of the original warehouse. The new extension visually contrasts with the existing building; but while the exterior of the building clearly differs from the new vertical extension, the compositional language and the spatial layout inside are the same, unifying the new and the old parts.

