

Piers, Amsterdam Airport Schiphol

The principle underlying the design of the piers was to efficiently serve the aircraft with a maximum of comfort for the passengers. Reaching out from the terminal, the piers basically share the same design premise yet each is different. People-movers reduce the great walking distances otherwise involved. The sober, lucid interior adds to the clarity of the building's structure and the signposting. Facades are all-glass, affording a view of the aircraft and the surrounding landscape; roof lights pour daylight into the space. The piers are of a flexible concrete structure enabling modification to suit new advances in the aviation industry. One or two piers are equipped with a second level with a lightweight steel structure, so that passenger flows may be separated. The transferium aspect and the increasing size of aircraft and length of walking distances have all led to the facilities being expanded with shops and restaurants.

Client

Amsterdam Airport Schiphol

Architect

Bentham Crouwel NACO

Interior architect

Kho Liang le

Architect shop fitting

Merckx + Girod Architecten

Gross Floor area

35000 m²

Start design

1986

Start construction

1999

Completion

1999