

Bentham Crouwel

House Kralingse Plas, Rotterdam

The setting heavily influenced the design of this house. It was built on the last remaining piece of building land facing the lake (Kralingse Plas). So as to fully relate the surroundings to the house the architects designed a tall and relatively shallow volume that screens the garden from the busy street. If the front facade is fairly inscrutable, the facade at the rear opens up to the garden. The scale of the house is adapted to its three much larger neighbours and adopts the build-up of one of them, a villa by Brinkman and Van der Vlugt. On the first floor is the main level with the living/dining room and a balcony overlooking the garden. The front facade is in dark-grey panels of enamelled glass interspersed with double glazing whose opening parts are of toughened glass. The disposition of these openings is exclusively informed by the prospect of Kralingse Plas.

Client

Family Nieuwland

Architect

Bentham Crouwel Architekten

Design garden

Mien Ruys

Start design

1984

Completion

1986