

### **Leidsenhage shopping centre, Leidschendam**

It was the pellucid structure of the existing shopping centre (1967, after a design by E.F. Groosman) that provided the stepping-off point for the extension design.

The ambience in the shopping streets, the high-grade development, the excellent accessibility and the pellucid structure – all these were retained. Two supermarkets, three pavilions with terraces on a water feature, shops, housing and parking facilities were added. A gridded facade pulls a diaphanous veil over the parking lots and terminates the supermarkets. A canopy of glass over the new pedestrian precinct also serves to drain off water along the full length of the parking deck and provides a uniform intermediary between the relatively low new-build and the taller existing development. The frontage of the new shops – of a type common to all – consists of four metres of clear glazing from floor to ceiling. The seventeen-storey, 41-flat tower on the parking deck acts as a landmark for the shopping centre.

#### **Client**

ING Vastgoed Ontwikkeling

#### **Architect**

Bentham Crouwel Architecten

#### **Landscape architect**

West 8 urban design & landscape architecture

#### **Gross floor area**

16500 m<sup>2</sup>

#### **Start design**

1994

#### **Start construction**

1997

#### **Completion**

1999