

## Wassenaarseslag 8 in Wassenaar, The Netherlands



### THE VILLA

Two years ago this exceptional villa, designed by architect Fred Hofman and located at the Wassenaarseslag, was taken into use by its owners. Landscape architect Els Proost designed the garden, completely matching with the surrounding dune area in such a way that the villa seems to be 'embedded'.

Under supervision of interior architect/designer Rob Thijssen the three living sections were divided and decorated in harmony with the exterior. Lots of steel, glass and granite were used for the exterior, whilst Rob Thijssen complemented the interior with austere though warm objects from Italian designers Giogetti and Minotti. He also decorated the villa with a rich, modern art collection.

The spacious living is situated on the second floor (bel-etage) and is fitted with a sophisticated audio/video system (home cinema). The ample master bedroom with connecting bathroom and walk-in closet are also located on this floor. The ground floor has three guest rooms, two bathrooms and a study. The very practical and ergonomic, fully-equipped kitchen, as well as the dining room, can be found on the second floor with 'glass walls' which provide an all-around view on the dune landscape. After dinner the comfortably appointed lounge with the spectacular view is a nice place to be.

Behind the villa a long, narrow swimming pool is created with at the end a pool house with sauna and a garage, built with the same materials. Rob Thijssen of Bernard's Exclusive Interiors has again proven to have an extremely good feeling for an interior design harmonising with the architecture and appearance of the villa's exterior. He has chosen for the modern, yet traditional style of Giorgetti and the artistic design of Minotti. Rob has also eye for shades of colours, incidences of light and lighting. Especially at the Wassenaarseslag he was struck by the embedded location in the dunes which inspired him to harmoniously carry this through to the interior. The result is a sustainable, superior exterior, completely in harmony with the interior.

## THE GARDEN

In 2003, architect Fred Hofman built a villa along a transit road to the sea, on the outskirts of the beautiful dune area. The living area is situated on the upper floor; whilst the bedrooms are located on the ground floor and bel-etage.



The residence lies as an observation post between the dune area on the west side and the centuries old beeches of a former country seat on the east side. The assignment was to design a natural and wild, though controllable garden around the building. Opposite the road is a beautiful nature reserve with fens and dunes.



To hide the road from the eye (and ear) two artificial sand ridges were created (with an in-between path to the mail box) and planted with four to seven metres high dens, which frame the view on the beautiful nature reserve. The neighbouring houses and the traffic signs were hidden from view. In the meantime the passing traffic is hidden behind the high, evergreen olive willows and sea buckthorns.

The entire grounds at the southwest side are luxuriantly planted with fragrant dune roses, wild dune flowers and marsh flowers around a small fen. The artificial sand ridges seem to be part of the grounds at the other side of the road according to the English principle "borrowed landscape".

The stairs from the ground floor are covered with sedum mats; it seems as if nature stretches out to the bedroom window of the house.

The eastside of the garden mainly consists of a 15 metres long swimming pool and a separate small building. This part of the garden is dominated by centuries old beeches of the former country seat. To also provide this part of the garden with the desired privacy, large yews, Portuguese laurels and viburnums tinus were planted. A 'natural' shell path twists through the brushwood to the front door. The swimming pool is hidden between high grasses. This project was realised in close co-operation with gardener Van Loo, Hilversum.



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