

# Housing with a Mission Beijing V

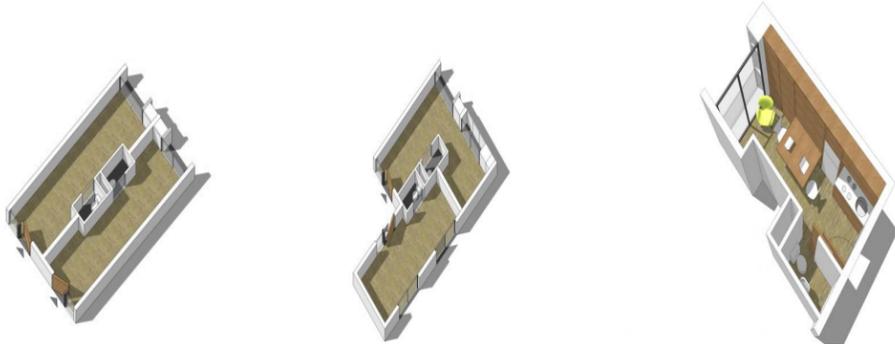
Housing prices in Chinese cities are rising. Due to the strong increase, less people can afford to buy property. Especially the population group of young graduates with low income is affected. To help this and develop new concepts for high-quality affordable housing in China the Netherlands Architecture Institute (NAi) has initiated a match-making program. This program aims to match Dutch architecture expertise with international community projects and shows that architecture can play an important role in formulating solutions to widespread global problems and help to build a more sustainable future.

Five Dutch and five Chinese architects were selected to collaborate and share ideas how to create a better living environment with good conditions in small housing units. Starting out with an urban scheme as base, each individual architecture office designed one of 10 buildings within this plan.



## Program

Building 10 with 2.100 m<sup>2</sup> residential space in 73 units and 1.400 m<sup>2</sup> commercial space within masterplan for 10 buildings with 26.700 m<sup>2</sup> of which 17.000 m<sup>2</sup> residential space and 9700 m<sup>2</sup> retail, public space, parking. KCAP's housing block, building 10, is located at one of the corners of the site. It provides residential units of 14 and 21 m<sup>2</sup> for singles and couples as well as social spaces to be used by the entire community. Instead of being located on one floor, these spaces have been distributed across the whole building, combined with the circulation. This allows for a very efficient plan while providing relatively airy spaces that can be used in multiple ways. Being part of the air-conditioned zones of the building, they become a public extension to the private unit and cater the Chinese need for community in a unique way.



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Client

Vanke, Beijing  
Netherlands Architecture Institute (NAi), Rotterdam (initiator matchmaking)