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## ING Bank

Transparent architecture is light architecture: the ING Bank's new building before the gates of Amsterdam makes a break with the clichéd designs of the finance world.

In the South of Amsterdam, new sites are currently being opened up for building tightly packed, urban quarters for commercial and residential use. The Zuidas area is given a spectacular, architectural landmark in the form of the unconventionally shaped ING Bank, nicknamed the 'shoe' by the locals. Its 16 V-shaped stilts raise the elongated wedge-shaped building so far off the ground that every workplace is afforded an unrestricted view of the neighbouring motorway beyond the sound-proofing dyke.

The ING Group sees itself as a modern and global network - it accordingly the architecture avoids the clichéd designs of the banking world. Atria, loggia and gardens, which connect several levels, give the building a high quality interior and allow many different uses, such as receptions or training sessions for instance.

The conference hall for the bank's board of directors conjures up the image of a captain's bridge. When the transparent architecture is

seen at night, the conference hall sets itself apart from the rest of the building because it has a different quality of light. Double-focus downlight for low-voltage halogen lamps over the conference table provide the lighting. The wall clad with veneered acoustic panels is illuminated by recessed ceiling wallwashers, which are also equipped with low-voltage halogen lamps.

A transparent roof of glass and steel lets daylight flood into the company canteen. In addition, the roof structure also carries 3-circuit tracks equipped with Stella spotlights for low-voltage lamps.

Controlled via an ERCO lighting control system, the lighting can be adjusted not only to the changing light conditions during the course of the day but to varied uses as well.

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Unfortunately, the ING headquarters are not open to the public and there are no guided tours, but there is a 'virtual Tour' on the website:

[inghouse.ing.com](http://inghouse.ing.com)

Architecture: Meyer & Van Schooten  
Architecten, Amsterdam  
[www.meyer-vanschooten.nl](http://www.meyer-vanschooten.nl)

Interior design:  
Ontwerpgroep Trude Hooykaas bv, Amsterdam  
Meyer & Van Schooten Architecten,  
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## Facts and figures

Foundation stone laid: 16<sup>th</sup> of November  
1999

Topping out ceremony: 9<sup>th</sup> of May 2001

Official opening: 16<sup>th</sup> of September 2002, by  
Prince Willem-Alexander of the Netherlands

Plot of land: 5,600 m<sup>2</sup>

Developed area: 3,500 m<sup>2</sup>

Length: 138 meters

Width: 28 meters

Height: 48 meters

Number of storeys: 10

Employees: 500

Gross area: 20,000m<sup>2</sup> (excl. underground car  
park)

Office area: 7,500m<sup>2</sup>

Conference rooms: 800m<sup>2</sup>

Auditorium: 500m<sup>2</sup>

Banqueting hall: 500m<sup>2</sup>

Restaurants and kitchens: 1,100m<sup>2</sup>

Lifts: 7

Underground car park: 160 spaces







