

PAULUSKERK

ARCHITECT Will Alsop – Previously “Alsop Architects”, now “aLL Design”;
Van Der Laan Bouma Architecten BV

LOCATION Rotterdam, Netherlands

MAIN CONTRACTOR Boele & of Eesteren

CLIENT Mauritsweg BV – De Wilgen Vastgoed, Sterner Groep BV and Gerritsen Projectrealisatie BV

SIZE 3,173 m²

YEAR 2013



Pauluskerk is part of the Calypso building and is a component of the Rotterdam Central urban strategy scheme. The development of this site afforded the opportunity to establish the beginnings of a quality public realm on the Westersingel leading from the station, the desired “cultural route” of the city. It is bordered by one of the few historic districts in Rotterdam, which survived World War II.

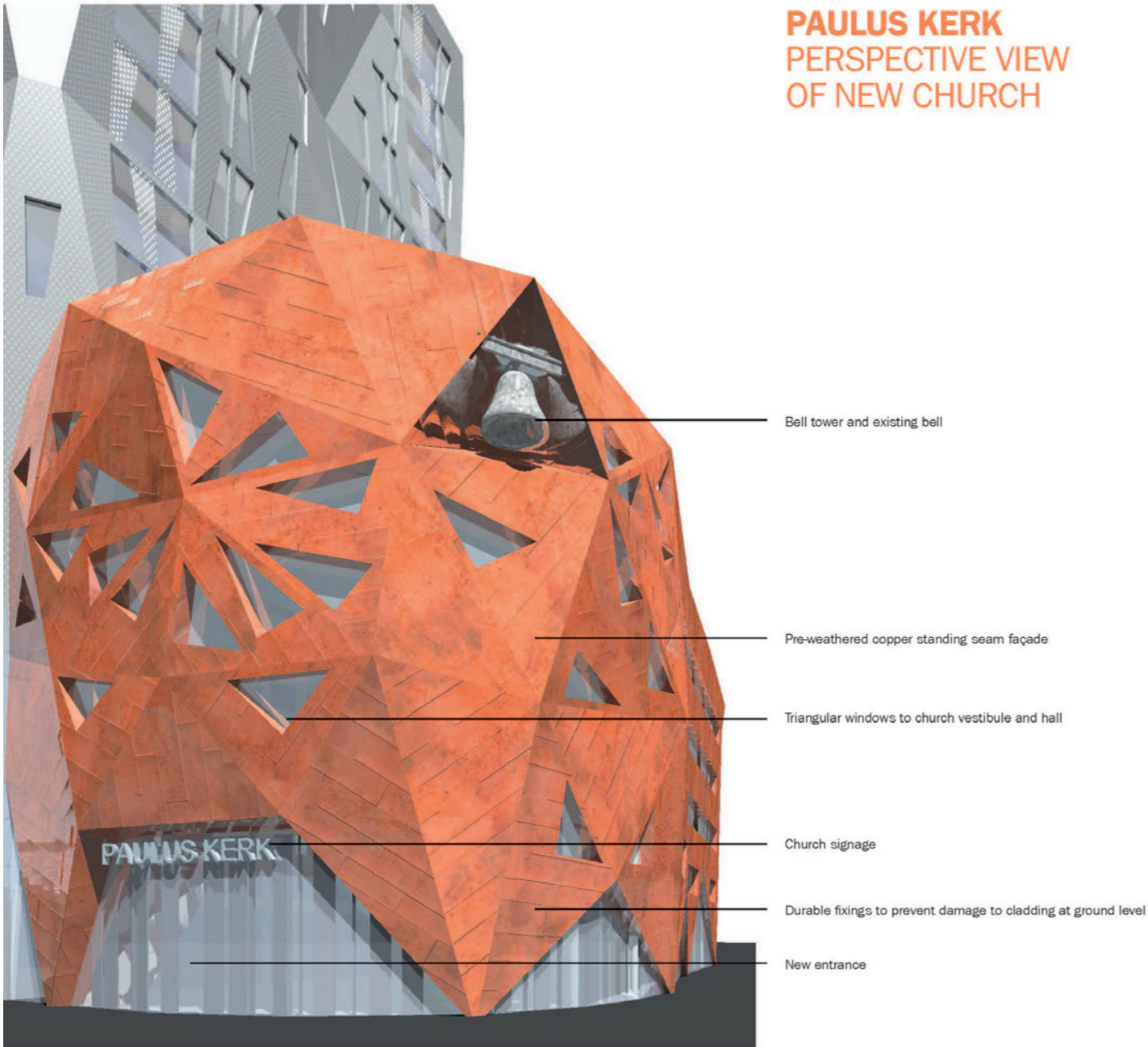
The rotund, copper-clad Pauluskerk is nestling against the faceted group of the Calypso towers, like a collection of crystalline rocks.

The churches standing seams on each of its triangular facets are variously orientated to form an appealing basketweave pattern and the church bell sits neatly in a tetrahedral void pressed into the cladding.

Pauluskerk

involving the community

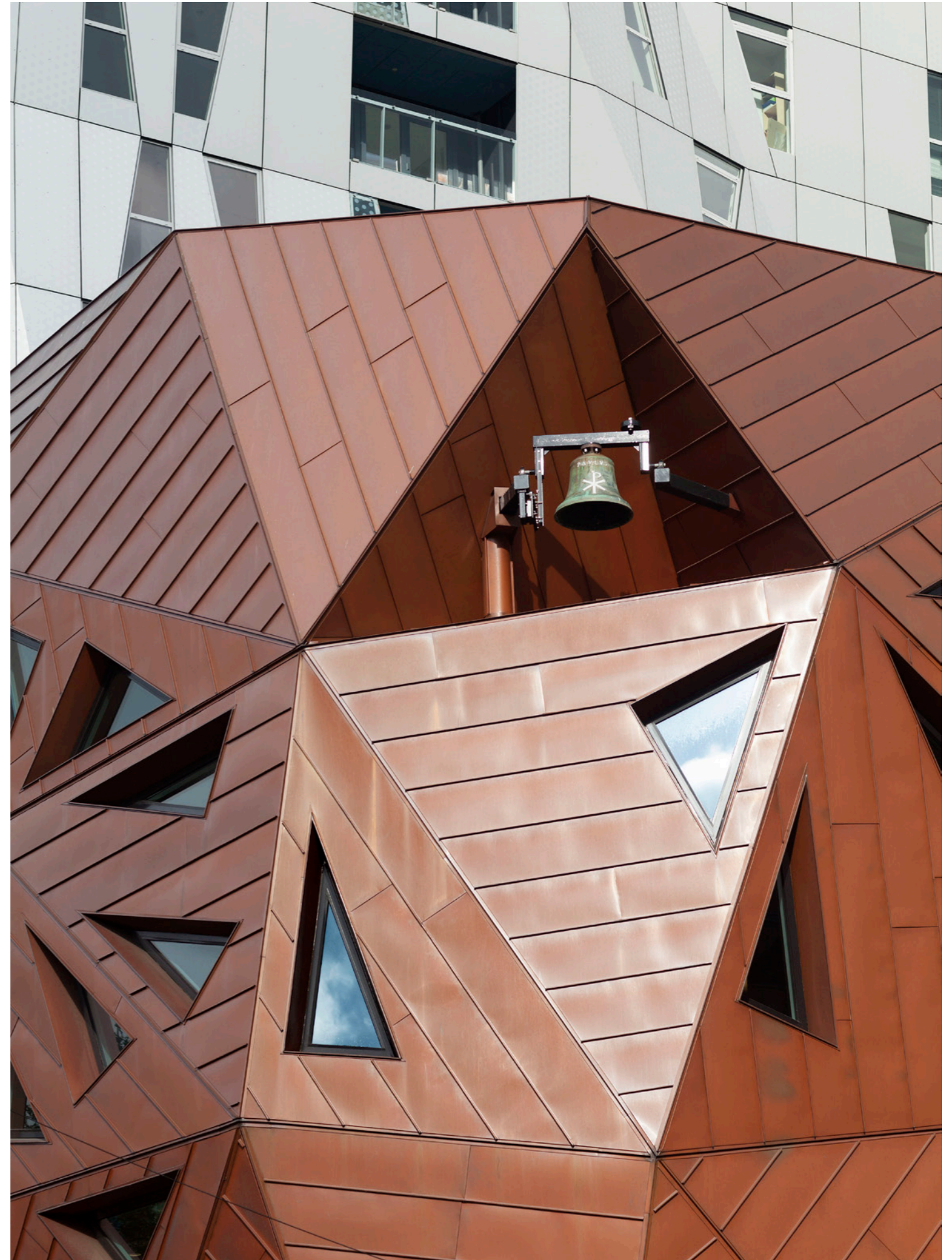
Consultation and workshop exercises with the community of Pauluskerk church in particular, were central to the development of new designs. The church existed on site and was incorporated into the new proposal, its representatives continued to be involved throughout the project.



Pauluskerk

multi-functional

The church building is the reincarnation of a 1960 structure, has four floors and will function as a multi-purpose accommodation. Pauluskerk remains a diaconal centre where anyone can walk inside. There are spaces for social and diaconal work, medical care for refugees, spaces to assist return of refugees to their country of origin, rooms for art and music for visitors and temporary housing. Local residents and other third parties may use the spaces. The church houses a large, multi-purpose church hall next to a room used for weddings and funeral services.

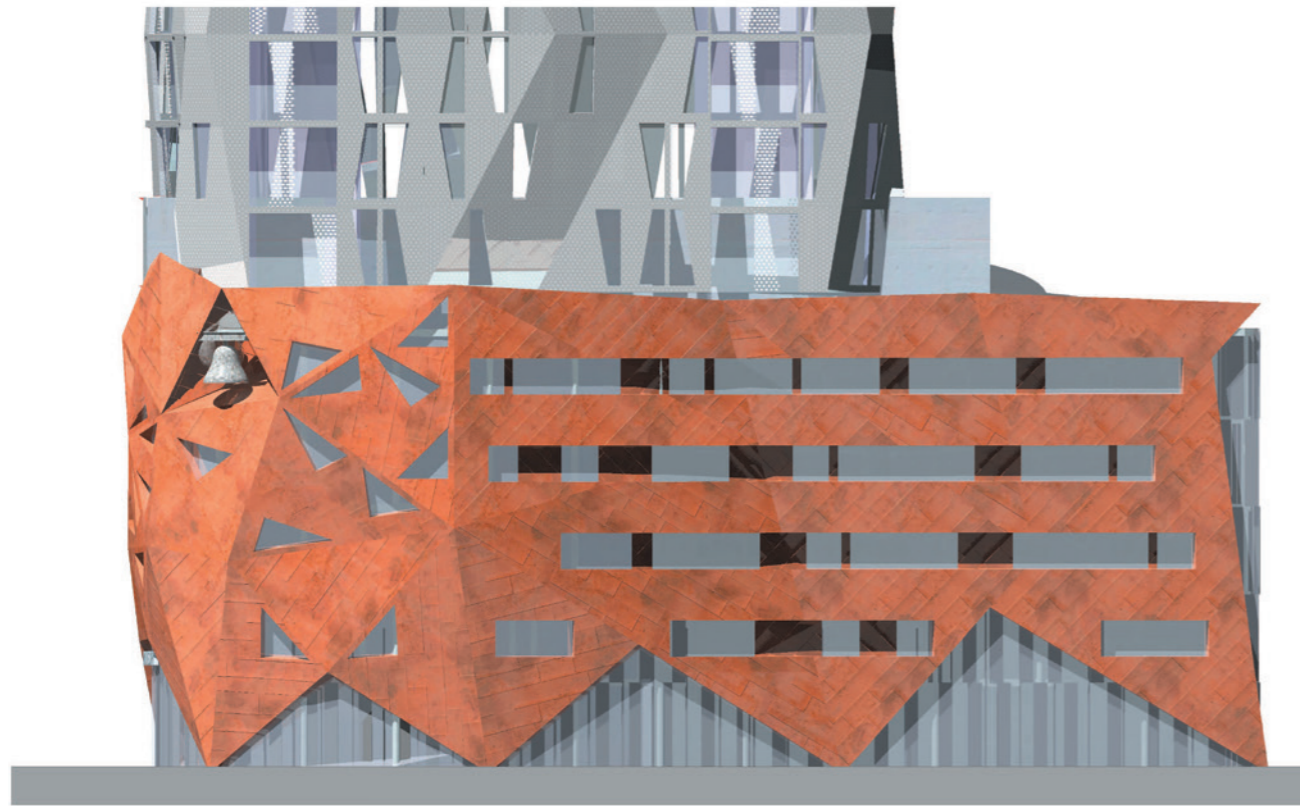




Not only church members but all residents are welcome.

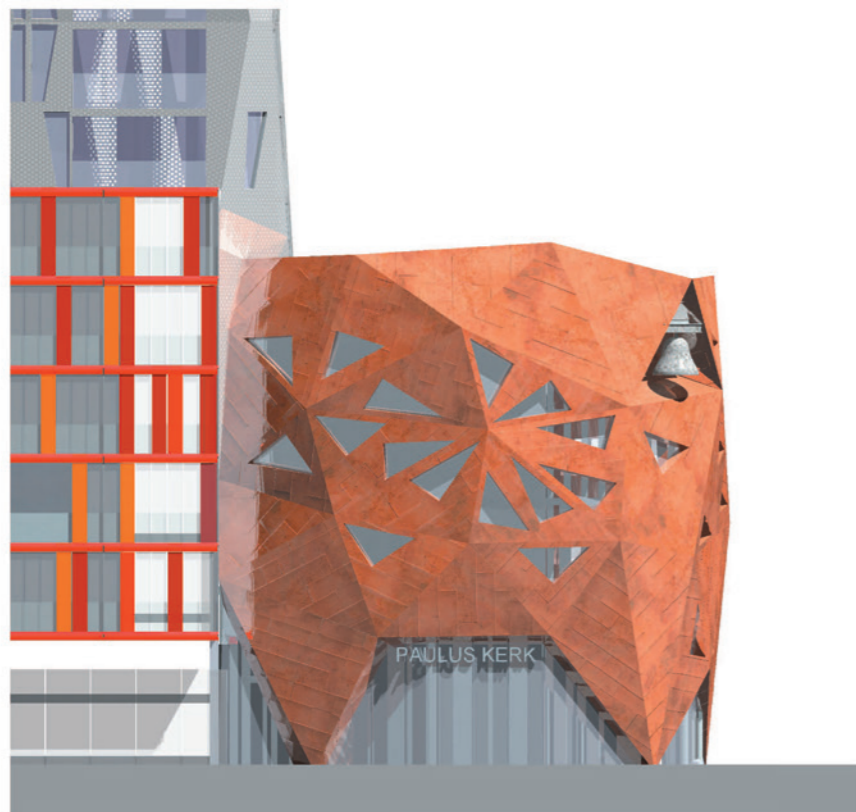
PAULUSKERK

PAULUS KERK
SOUTH ELEVATION



DE CALYPSO, ROTTERDAM

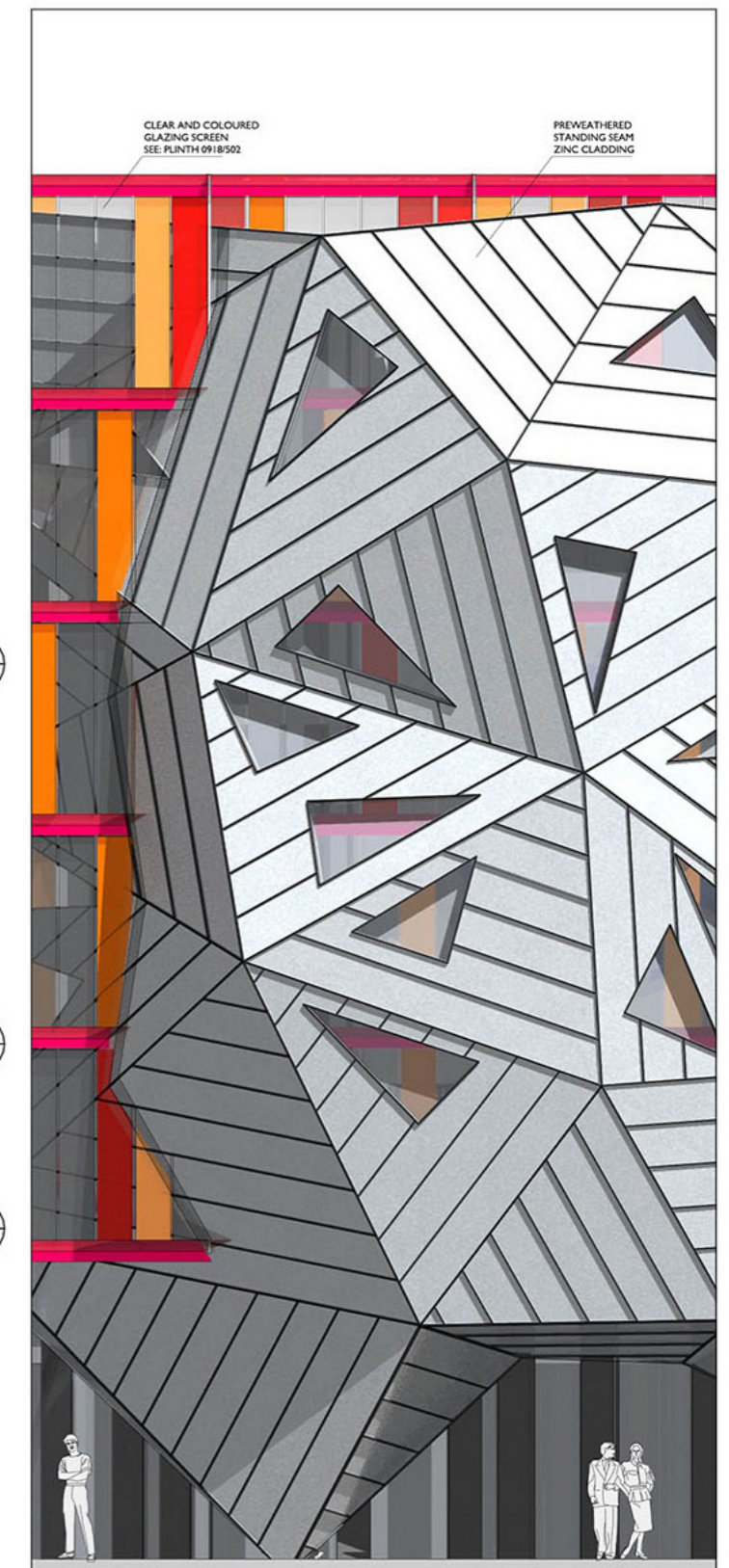
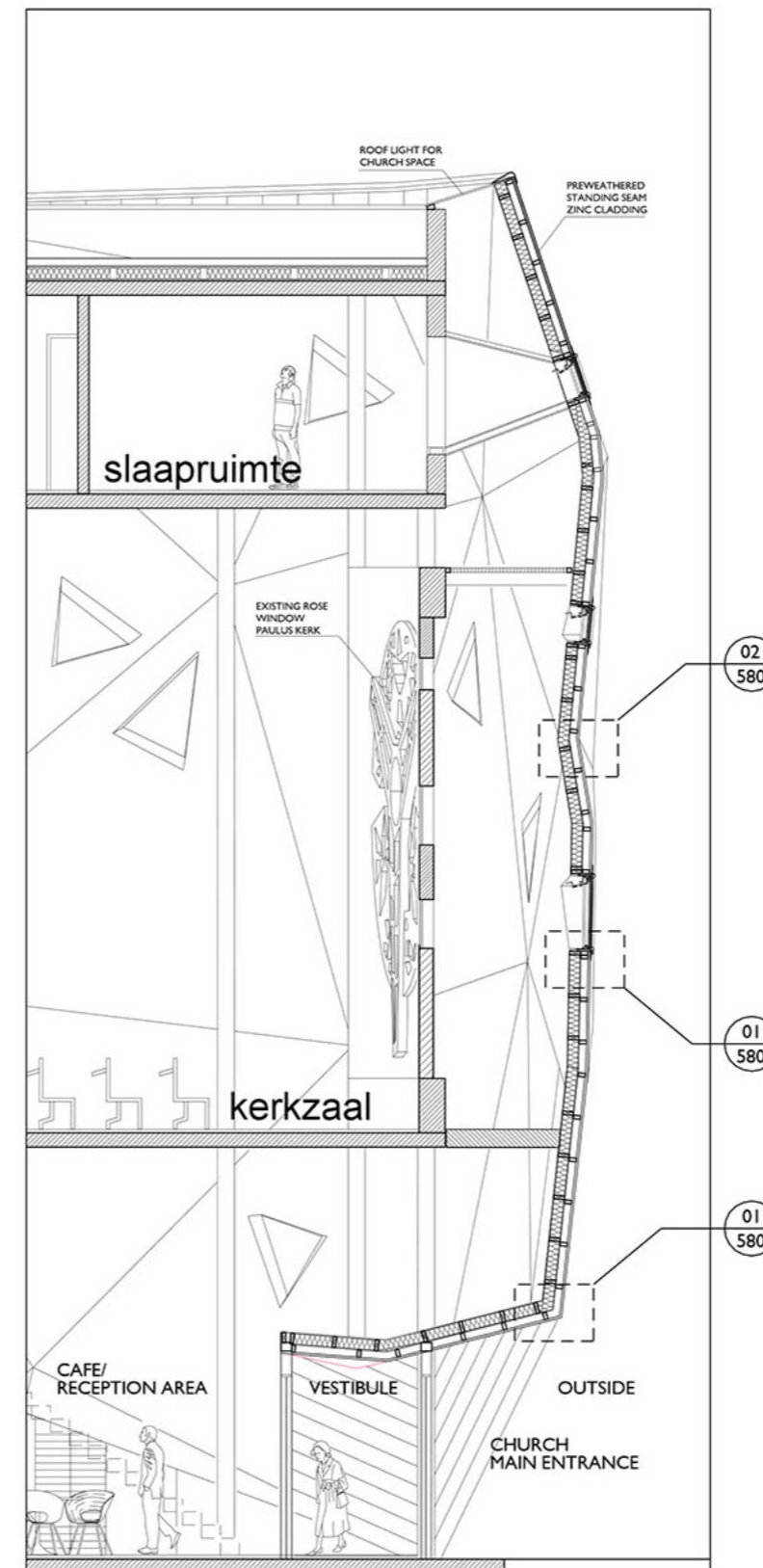
PAULUS KERK
WEST ELEVATION



DE CALYPSO, ROTTERDAM

In addition to a lounge and an activity room, the church has a social café, a meeting room and rooms for childcare and offices. The church hall is located on the second floor with rooms for Bible study, a meditation center, pastoral and kitchen.

The church hall is also used for conferences and symposia. The third and fourth floor have twelve bedrooms and two recreation rooms, two kitchens, an arts room, a library and sanitary rooms.



Pauluskerk

PROPOSED CLADDING MATERIALS

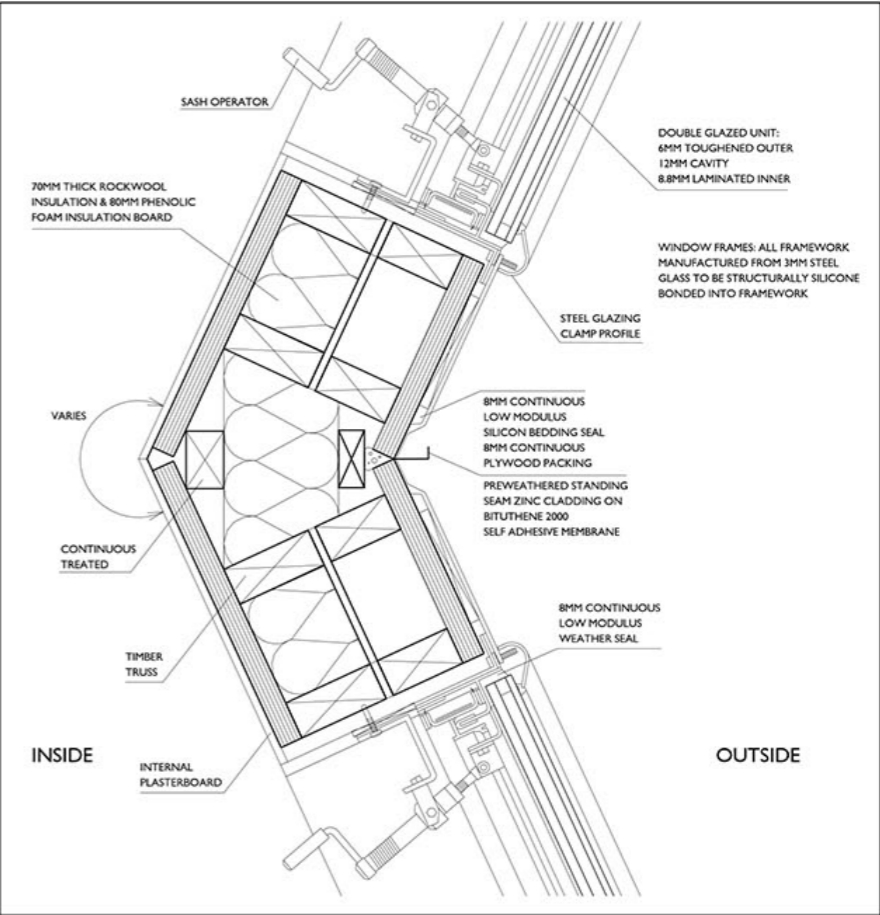
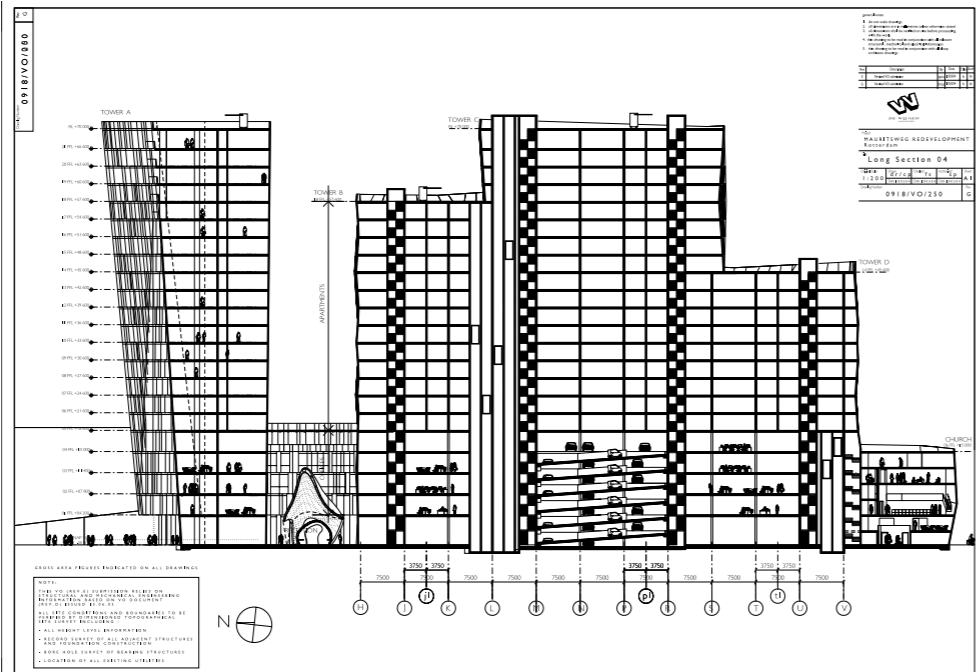
TOWERS B/C/D:
COMPOSITE ALUMINIUM PANEL



TOWERS B/C/D:
BALCONY GLASS PANEL WITH
CERAMIC FRIT

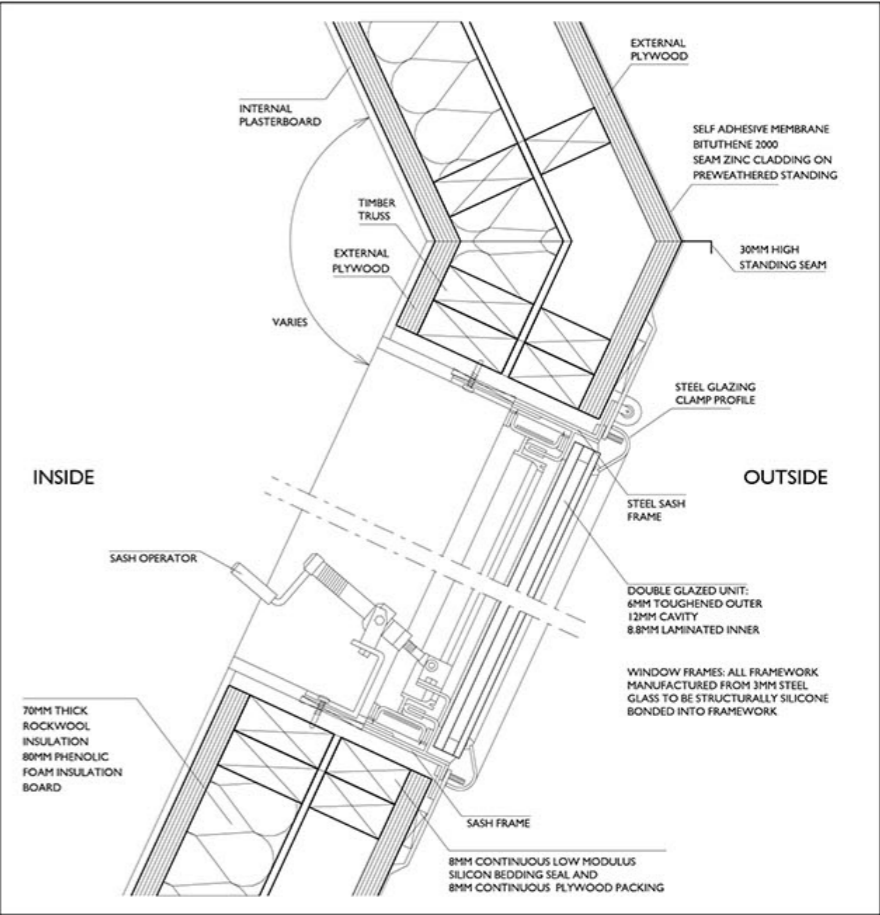


PAULUS KERK:
STANDING SEAM COPPER
CLADDING



DETAIL 02

0918/VO/580



DETAIL 01

0918/VO/580