

Making City at the NAI

'Making City', the main exhibition of the 5th International Architecture Biennale Rotterdam (IABR), can be seen at the Netherlands Architecture Institute (NAI) from 19 April to 12 August

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'Making City' is a manifesto for the city as opportunity and potential. All over the world, unceasing urbanisation is presenting huge social, economic and ecological challenges. It must therefore be the city that provides the answers, and that is only possible if we make and organise that city in a different way. 'Making City' showcases those possibilities, with a whole range of scenarios for life in the city, propelled by innovative and ever-evolving alliances of designers, administrators, planners, developers and residents. Together they are building the city of the future. Follow this thrilling journey *en route* to the city of tomorrow, a spectacular presentation designed by Kossmann.dejong.

The High Line

The High Line is one of the projects from 30-plus cities around the world that is being presented in 'Making City' and provides a fine example of alternative ways to organise the city. The High Line is a 2.3-kilometre (1.4 mile) railway viaduct for a freight line that was constructed in 1930 to supply the industry on Manhattan's West Side. When the City of New York proposed demolishing this viaduct, local residents joined forces to save it. This gave the colossus a new lease of life as a linear greenway that floats above the city. The High Line Park has given a new impulse to the former industrial district of Chelsea, spawning renewed investment in housing, shops and art galleries. Chelsea has blossomed into one of New York's most lively neighbourhoods.

5TH IABR

The 5th IABR: 'Making City' reveals how the city of tomorrow is being realised and the designer's role in that process. From 20 April 2012, various exhibitions and debates are being staged at the NAI. In addition, plans for the future will be presented at venues in the centre of Rotterdam, with the Schieblock building serving as the hub for a programme of events, exhibitions, pop-up stores and pocket parks. The 5th IABR is also staging exhibitions in Almere, São Paulo and Istanbul, organising an international conference, debates and lectures, releasing publications, and realising TV and radio productions in association with the VPRO broadcasting corporation. Visit www.iabr.nl for the complete programme.

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The NAI

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