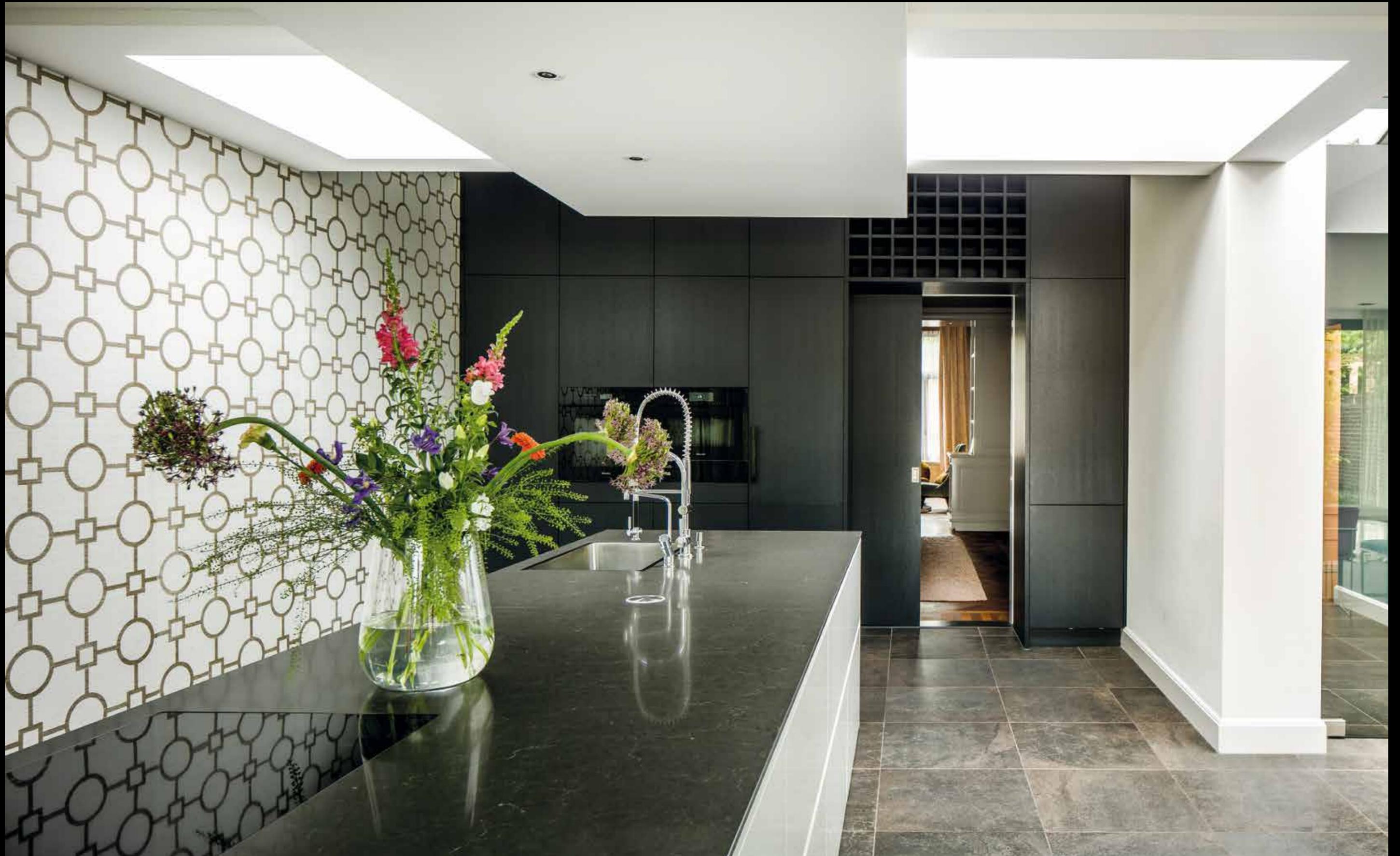
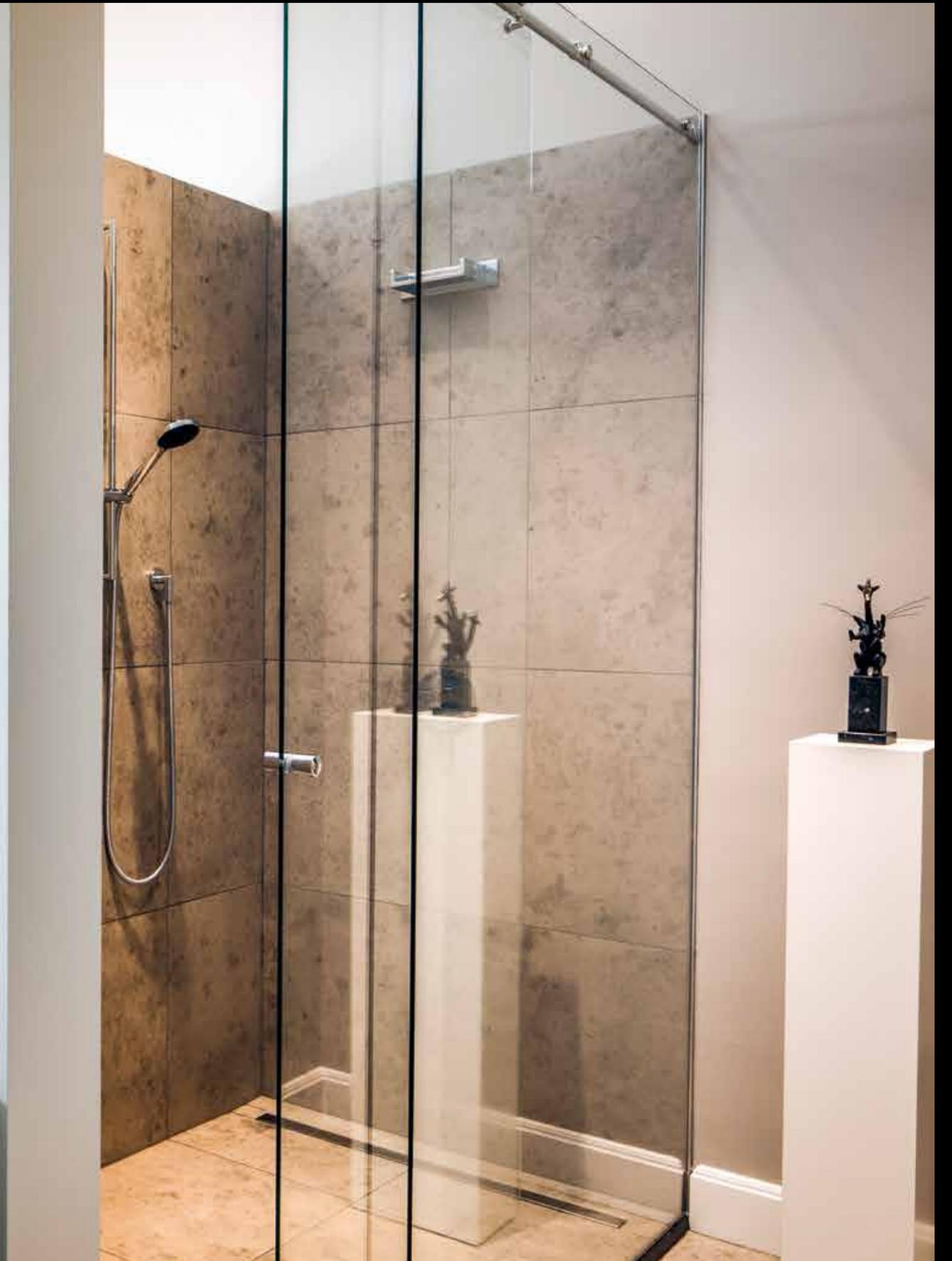


A Home Steeped in History

Amsterdam Residence, The Netherlands by Roelfien Vos
Winner at the International Design and Architecture Awards 2016 -
Living Space - Global









Set in the centre of the vibrant city of Amsterdam, this stunning historical building - a former language school from the seventies - has been magnificently transformed into a luxurious family home by restoring, recovering and redesigning the entire building.

Rewarded at the International Design & Architecture Awards 2016, Roelfien Vos Interior Design & Architecture claimed the Living Space Global Award with this city centre residence.

The brief was to bring this three storey building back to its former glory and create a home for a family with three children to live in. It was important to the client that in meeting the requirements of modern-day living, the history of the building be respected. The building had previously been remodelled incorporating extensions and lowered ceilings to be equipped for office use. A key element of the project was to re-establish the traditional features of the building by revealing the high ceilings, original walls and renovating the extension.

After removing the existing furnishings and fittings, the design team were inspired by the authentic ceilings and original colours. A study of historical colour schemes together with a whole new layout design then ensued.

The stunning hallway features a grand staircase with the original wooden steps carefully restored and stands out as a wonderful master piece on entering this home. The walls in the hallway and landing areas are painted in an opulent blue resembling the original blue tones used in times gone by. Large modern floor tiles in the hallway provide an impressive contrast to the classical staircase.

The former offices on the ground floor were transformed into three formal rooms. During the restoration of what would become the main reception room, tones of green, gold, purple and ochre were revealed influencing the colour scheme used for walls, furniture and soft furnishings. Through interpreting these original colours into more contemporary tones and incorporating modern shapes an inviting atmosphere has been created where old and new go hand in hand.

Another of these rooms has been converted into a vibrant yet tranquil family room, the original features complemented by exotic prints, dark colours and cosy orange accents. A private hideaway where the children can watch TV.

A further requirement of the project was for the kitchen space to have a contemporary feel whilst providing comfort and functionality. To achieve the wishes of the owners for this area, an extension was added

to the back of the house offering a modern and fresh feel without detracting from the history of the original structure.

An open plan kitchen and spacious dining area were designed with clean crisp lines and a warm transitional style all whilst staying practical. The streamlined kitchen units in dark wood are contrasted by beautiful hand painted wallpaper. The area flows through to the dining area bathed in natural light with a peaceful view of the spacious town garden and tranquil water areas.

Two former classrooms on the first floor were renovated to encompass a wellness area with steam room, sauna, bathtub, double vanity and shower/sun area. Jura Grau stone combined with natural colours and materials provide a balanced and harmonious atmosphere. The perfect place to relax and unwind.

The Master Suite was designed together with a walk-in closet in black wood, complimented by crème and nude tones. The restored wooden floor and the revealed ceilings emphasize the history of the house.

Speaking about the project, Roelfien explained that the design incorporated modern-day comforts whilst bringing history back to life and said that "The client was very happy with their new family home in a historical building, without the feeling of living in a museum."

Interior designer Roelfien Vos works independently in both the private and commercial sectors. Until 1986 she lived in Germany, where she completed her education. After gaining experience in a variety of commercial positions, she started her career in 1999 as an independent Interior Designer. In 2010 she launched her eponymous design company as owner and founder of Roelfien Vos Interior Design.

Roelfien says she finds inspiration at international design fairs and also during the many journeys she makes in the course of her work. Her style is an eclectic mix of contemporary design, global finds and custom-designed creations with a close attention to detail.

Roelfien Vos Interior Design & Architecture unifies and creates a perfect balance in the choice of materials, colours, architectural forms and the way to combines them. Every project is marked by a rich diversity. The diversity of these projects is one of their most characteristic features and is based on custom-designed interiors as well as Roelfien's natural ability to translate customer requirements into concepts. To this end, Roelfien Vos Interior Design & Architecture has cultivated an unparalleled fusion of experience and services to provide clients the ultimate feeling in exclusive living.

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