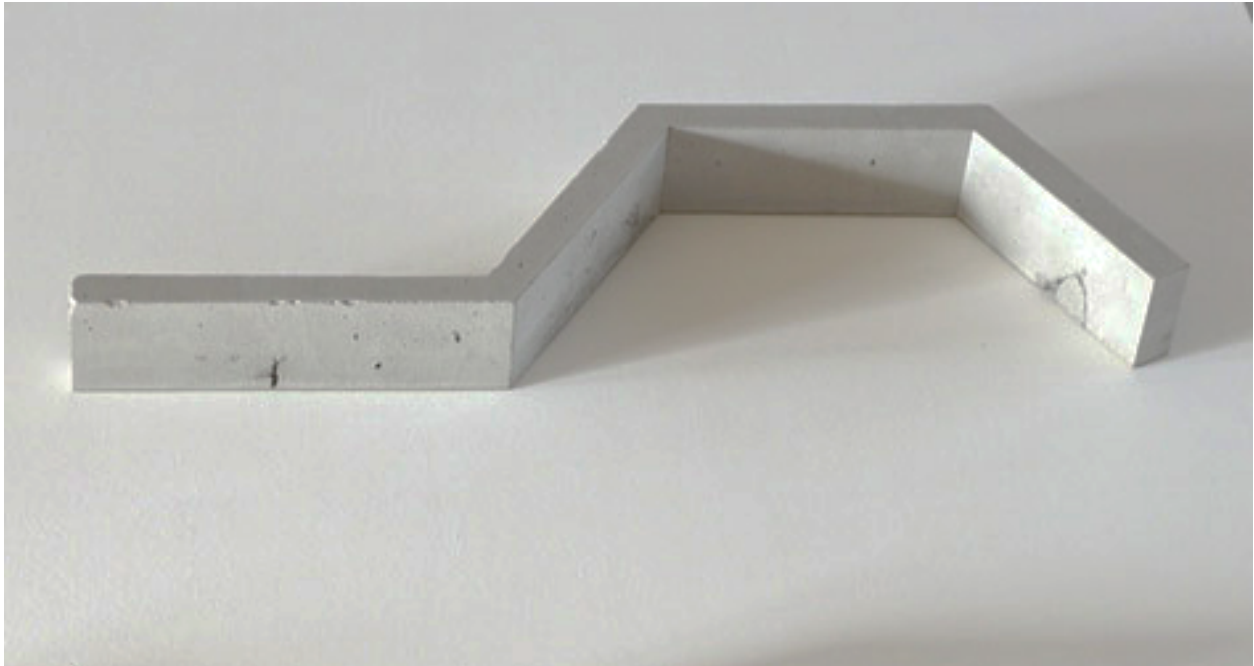


NL ARCHITECTS



NL Architects: *Kleiburg Model*, 2015/2017.

- cast concrete
- edition: 1/8, size: 70x35x8 cm
- price: 525,- (inc 6% btw)

NL Architects was founded in 1997 by Pieter Bannenberg (1959), Walter van Dijk (1962), Kamiel Klaasse (1967) and Mark Linneman (1963), who left the office in 2003.

In the view of 'NL' architecture today cannot be separated from urban issues and strategies, which is their key to develop innovative and forward-looking devices and arrangements. Architecture is presented as a field of experimental activity, at the crossroads of economic, programmatic, technical and environmental thinking. The city is perceived as an ecosystem, an environment where logical systems of urban growth and natural factors, consumption and production, flux and stasis are balanced; and where recycling is set up as a method of stable and sustainable functioning, whether it has to do with waste, energy, materials or even architecture

NL Architects realized a large number of buildings in the Netherlands and abroad, a.o: Groninger Forum (Groningen, 2006 – 2018), Funen Blok K (Amsterdam, 2010), Loop House (Korea, 2006), A8ernA (Zaanstad, 2006), Basket Bar (Utrecht, 2003), WOS 8 (Utrecht, 1997) and they participated in many exhibitions around the world, a.o: Out There, Architecture Biennale Venice (Venice, 2008), New Trends of Architecture in Europe and Asia-Pasific (Shanghai, 2007), Sign as Surface, Fresh Facts, Biennale Venice (Venice, 2002).

Kleiburg Model. For the Cityscapes Builders Selection 2018 we selected the minimalist, concrete sculpture/model of the 'Klussenflat', their award winning project for the renovation of the XXL housing building Kleiburg in the Bijlmermeer; Amsterdam's (in)famous modernist, high-rise new town, build around 1970. While most of the typical 8 story flats in the Bijlmermeer are demolished and replaced by low-rise housing, the Kleiburg flat survived and got a new life and a new name: the 'Klussenflat'. NL Architects won the prestigious Mies van der Rohe Award for the precious and dedicated way they renovated the monumental building, maintaining its original strength and austere beauty. This austere quality is also expressed in the minimalist yet handsome Kleiburg Model, that features the same concrete and the same functionalist sobriety as its XXL counterpart.