## HARD GLAS

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'Hard glas' is Benthem & Crouwel Architecten's contribution to the 'Ongewoon Wonen' (Unusual Living) competition in Almere. This tender was issued by 'De Fantasie' comity, and marked the beginning of the self-building tradition in Almere, the youngest city in the Dutch polder. Octatube was responsible for the steel spaceframes with adjustable supports. The demountable building project was build by the architects Jan Benthem en Mels Crouwel themselves, with the help of colleagues, friends and family. To build an (experimental) own house in Almere is a lot more common thirty years later. Today it is a project like the Fletcher Hotel that causes more stir, also a collaboration between Benthem Crouwel and Octatube.



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