



Woningbouw, winkels en kantoren ABBT (Apon, Van den Berg, Ter Braak, Tromp)

1974-1979

Dwellings, Shops and Offices
Marktgracht, Almere

125 woningen en 40 winkels en kantoren
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Almere-Haven was built as a collection of neighbourhoods separated by green buffer zones. The urban plan for the centre was consciously designed to an old-fashioned template that is reminiscent of Amsterdam. Canals and a car-free pedestrian area were the starting points. New residents, primarily drawn from Amsterdam, had to quickly feel at home in this new town without a history.

The historic look of the urban plan was emphasised by ABBT's architecture. The maximum construction height permitted was four storeys, within which ABBT designed attic spaces that were also inhabitable. The dwellings are set above shops and are accessed from street level via portico stairways and short galleries. The stairways to the dwellings are not only accessible from the pedestrian zone to the front but also from the deliveries side of the shops. There are also parking spaces and storerooms to the rear. Within the total of 125 dwellings there is a big variation in housing types distinctive in size as well as floor plan. There are one-, two-, three-, four- and five-room dwellings, but also seven-room dwellings and a number of flats for the elderly.

