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- Dutch architect Dick van Gameren's new book features the findings of 25 years of design practice and research and documents some 40 of Van Gameren's own designs through images, plans, and illuminating texts
- Housing design is one of the core building tasks and arguably the most important topic in architecture today
- Housing design in the Netherlands has produced distinct new typologies with characteristic qualities
- Dick van Gameren is a partner with the widely acclaimed Dutch firm Mecanoo

Dick van Gameren, a partner with the renowned Dutch architecture firm Mecanoo, has been engaging in housing design for the past 25 years as part of his work as designing architect as well as his research and teaching at TU Delft's Global Housing Study Center. In this book, he presents some 40 of his own projects in this field through concise texts and photographs with explanatory captions as well as through plans and drawings. They're grouped to illustrate seven specific aspects of housing design: Streets and Squares, Courtyards and Patios, Gardens, Halls, the Fireplace, Walls, and Roofs. Together they constitute a multi-faceted catalogue of housing typologies.

In four supplementing essays, van Gameren explores evolutions in residential architecture in the Netherlands. He places his own concepts in context of these developments and expands on what he considers the key factors of good housing design. A particular focus he puts on affordable housing, a pressing issue in so many countries and metropolitan areas around the world.

***Dutch Dwellings*** is an inspiring read for anyone involved in housing design today.

**Dick van Gameren** is an architect and a partner with the internationally acclaimed Delft-based firm Mecanoo. He is also a Professor of Dwelling at and currently serves as Dean of TU Delft's Department of Architecture and the Built Environment. He has won many prizes for his work, such as the 2007 Agha Khan Award and the 2012 BNA Building of the Year award.