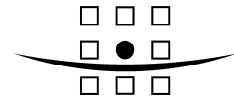


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Royal Haskoning Architects designs a villa on the moon!

For the February issue of the popular-scientific Dutch Quest magazine Royal Haskoning Architects has given their vision on the design of a villa on the moon.

The villa is a spherical mini biotope on the moon. It is metaphorical reference to the earth. The villa forms a contrast with the rough and dark moon landscape. A smooth and transparent sphere with a green living environment inside.

The thinking beyond borders leads to innovative solutions and typologies. The villa is designed to provide the energy, water, food and oxygen it needs, since there is nothing available on the moon. It isn't a traditional house with rooms and walls, but a continuous space without walls. House and garden are one. Only the spaces which ask for privacy, like bedrooms and bathrooms, are placed in closed smaller spheres.

Interesting detail is the "split level" principle. Between the different floors there is a height difference of 1, 20 meters. Because the gravity on the moon is only 1/6 of the gravity on earth, the different levels are accessible without any staircases.

The following team worked on the vision: Dennis Hauer, Rob Pascha, Kevin Brandau, Frans Blok (VHP) and Erik Tober (Building Services).

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