

Timeless and sophisticated design Penthouse in Antwerp, made with HI-MACS®



Photography: Frederik Vercruysse

This timeless and sophisticated penthouse is located in the historic harbour area of Antwerp - Het Eilandje. The owner uses the spacious house not only as a residence, but also for his business. The classy and timeless interior exudes charm and elegance and is finished with the highest quality materials: natural Oak wood and HI-MACS® Solid Surface.

Since the loft has an unconventional layout with a curved façade, the challenge was to make a fluid transition between kitchen and dining room for the designer Joke Holvoet from Elft bvba. The entire apartment is flooded with natural light, which is emphasised by the choice of light colours for the furniture .

The highlight of this contemporary house is undoubtedly the sleekly designed kitchen, and the extensive use of HI-MACS® in all areas, a specific request from the owner who wanted to achieve an eye-catcher and innovative design.

It was a challenge to integrate the living room, dining room and kitchen in a natural way creating a big and spacious open space. The asymmetrical shape of the kitchen island works as a perfect transition and link between those areas.

Eye-catching kitchen

The island seems to float around the glass base and working with a bevelled-shaped surface nicely solves the transition to the lower dining area. The entire kitchen, as well as the TV-cabinet, is in HI-MACS® Solid Surface.



Thanks to HI-MACS® properties, every join is seamless, allowing the kitchen to have a monolithic shape. The column cabinets are completed with dark Oak wood.

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The island had to be fabricated in two pieces, to be able to transport it, since the apartment is situated on the 5th floor. The parts are then joined, being glued and sanded on-site.



The left part of the tv-cabinet acts as the bottom part of the floating staircase. The HI-MACS® was polished to achieve a satin finishing.



The bathroom looks very futuristic and full of light thanks to the combination of materials and lighting. The Furniture with integrated RGB LED lighting and walls are made from HI-MACS® Alpine White, flooring is from HI-MACS® Cima. The ceiling is made of a translucent stretch ceiling with TL lighting, to create an illusion of daylight.

Location:

Antwerp, Belgium

Designer:

Joke Holvoet, for Elft bvba

Fabrication:

Elft bvba
www.elft.be

Material:

HI-MACS® Alpine White, Cima
www.himacs.eu

Surface:

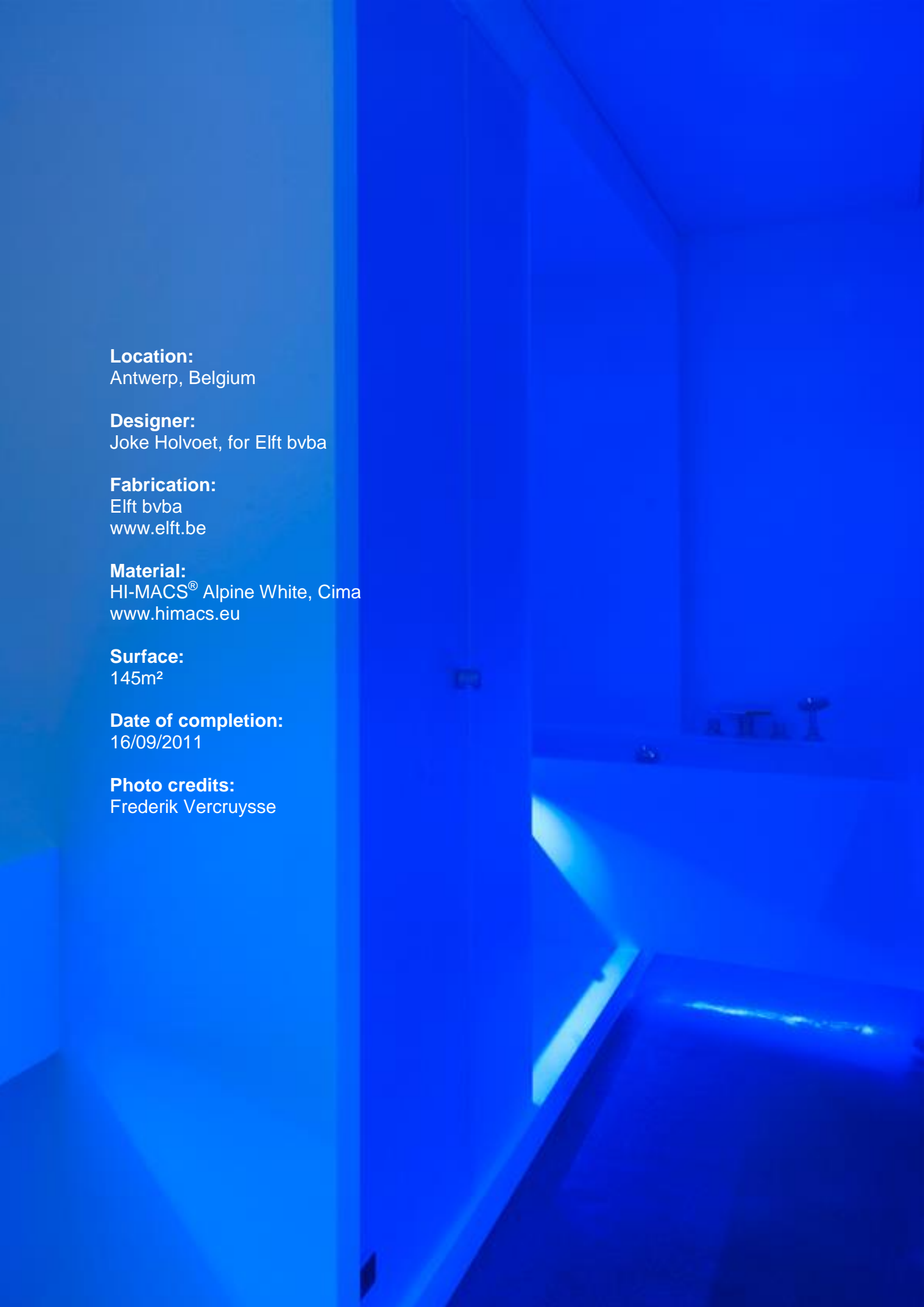
145m²

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HI-MACS® Natural Acrylic Stone

HI-MACS® is the ***New Generation*** of solid surface. It is composed of 70% natural stone powder derived from bauxite, 25% high quality acrylic resin and 5% natural pigments. Designed and produced by **LG HAUSYS**, a world technology leader, it is distributed across Europe from **LG Hausys Europe** headquarters in Geneva.

It is a product of highest quality, and is inert and ecological. Its versatility allows users to mould and transform their ideas into reality with possibilities far beyond those offered by materials traditionally used in the world of architecture and design.

The most prestigious groups have adopted this product which adapts to the most demanding needs with its extraordinary characteristics; it is completely non-porous, has the highest level of durability and thus does not lose its colouring. It also has uniform thickness, allowing for perfectly imperceptible joints!

Easy to fabricate, **HI-MACS®**, with its excellent thermoformability properties, lets you adapt the material to the desired shapes and to create a range of designs that is nearly infinite.

HI-MACS® is used by the most prestigious companies, and many well-known architects and designers such as **Zaha Hadid, Jean Nouvel, David Chipperfield, Ron Arad, Marc Newson, Elke Delugan Meissl** and **Joaquín Torres**. Some of the most notable projects made out of **HI-MACS®** include the **Prado Museum** and the **Hotel Puerta América** in Spain, **Leonardo Glass Cube** and the **Porsche Museum** in Germany and the **Zara** flagship store in the Westfield Shopping Complex in London, UK.

HI-MACS® is available in 100 colours, comprised of the following ranges: **Solids, Granite, Sand, Pearl & Quartz, Volcanics, Lucent, Galaxy, Marmo**, and the new recycled range of colours **HI-MACS® Eden**. Eden is **GREENGUARD** Certified for indoor air quality as a “**Low Emitting Product**” which can help your projects achieve **LEED® credits** in sustainable design, under the Green Building Rating System managed by the **U.S. Green Building Council (USGBC)** – A clear benefit for constructing sustainable buildings.

HI-MACS® is manufactured in 3, 6, 9 and 12 mm thicknesses. Furthermore a wide range of sinks and bowls is available.

HI-MACS® is synonymous with the very best quality thanks to a production process that it is one of the world's most innovative, sourcing the finest materials that result in a harder, flatter more resistant product. Many international certifications backup the outstanding quality of **HI-MACS®** concerning environment, hygiene, fire resistance and processes as ISO 9001 and 14001, Greenguard, NSF, LGA and IMO MED (Module B and D), among others.

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