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Colour creates character for Amsterdam housing

The Hyde Park project aims to create a cohesive community across 400 new homes in Amsterdam, the Netherlands.

Work is underway to develop a 400-home scheme in the Hyde Park district of Amsterdam, that is expected to be completed in 2022.

With a master plan for the suburb produced by MVRDV, architecture firm Manuelle Gautrand is developing a scheme that features nine thematic buildings organised around a landscaped core.

Each individual house has a different architectural design, in its colour, materials, height and volumes, yet the cohesive scheme aims to create a harmonious village.

The Big Bite building is created from white bricks, with glazed bricks making up the circulation spaces, while the Stripes and Playful House is covered with large metal and coloured panels.

In the Big Loggias House, the facades are covered with large glazed panels, like gigantic windows. They complete the large wooden loggias arranged around the building, giving outdoor spaces to the occupants.

The Long Terraces House is primarily made of red bricks, reminiscent of traditional buildings in the region. Each unit has a long and wide blue metal terrace, reflecting the colours of the sky.

Meanwhile, the black corner building is designed as a sculpture, flanked by large cantilevered metal terraces.

These terraces sparkle in the sun and add to the expressive effect, to the volumes changing according to the angles and the moments of the day of the building.

A further three buildings are created from red, green, white and black colours, before the final house – called In the Garden – breaks with the relative alignment of the buildings and comes to arrange an opening from the streets.

This vast concrete slab forms several green terraces, overlooking the inner courtyard.

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