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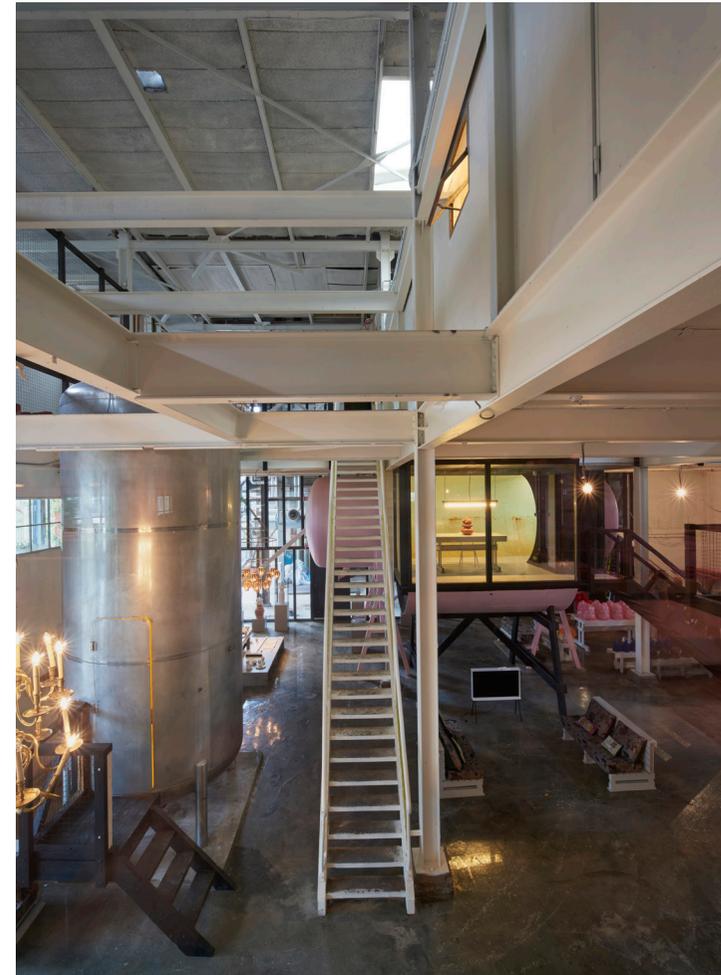
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A number of existing steel towers, former industrial boilers, vessels and/or silos, are maintained and transformed into workspaces. The large building will remain unheated but the smaller workspaces can be individually heated. As such, the big open space becomes a kind of 'inside-outside space'. The first plans looked simple on paper but were radical in practical terms. After further examination it was discovered that the existing stairways could just as well, or perhaps even better, stay where they are.

The plan is very simple because the building is so large. As many different kinds of users will take up residence in the building it is essential that visitors and users should immediately be able to see how the building works. Instead of a slow, organic growth with smaller tenants gradually using more and more of the building, as is so often the case with this kind of property, we have decided to make one significant change after which the same process can take place but then from one central space and concept, without putting obstacles in the way.

In order to create the central space we have removed two existing brickwork facades that face each other and replaced these with wooden beam glass walls with large beam entrance doors. Wooden floor sections of different levels in the building are removed from top to bottom. The result is a large space in which everyone can come into contact with each other and where small businesses and activities can find and create their own space – a social work centre.



BEFORE



AFTER



parts of the floor have been removed and the existing silo's have been transformed into workspaces





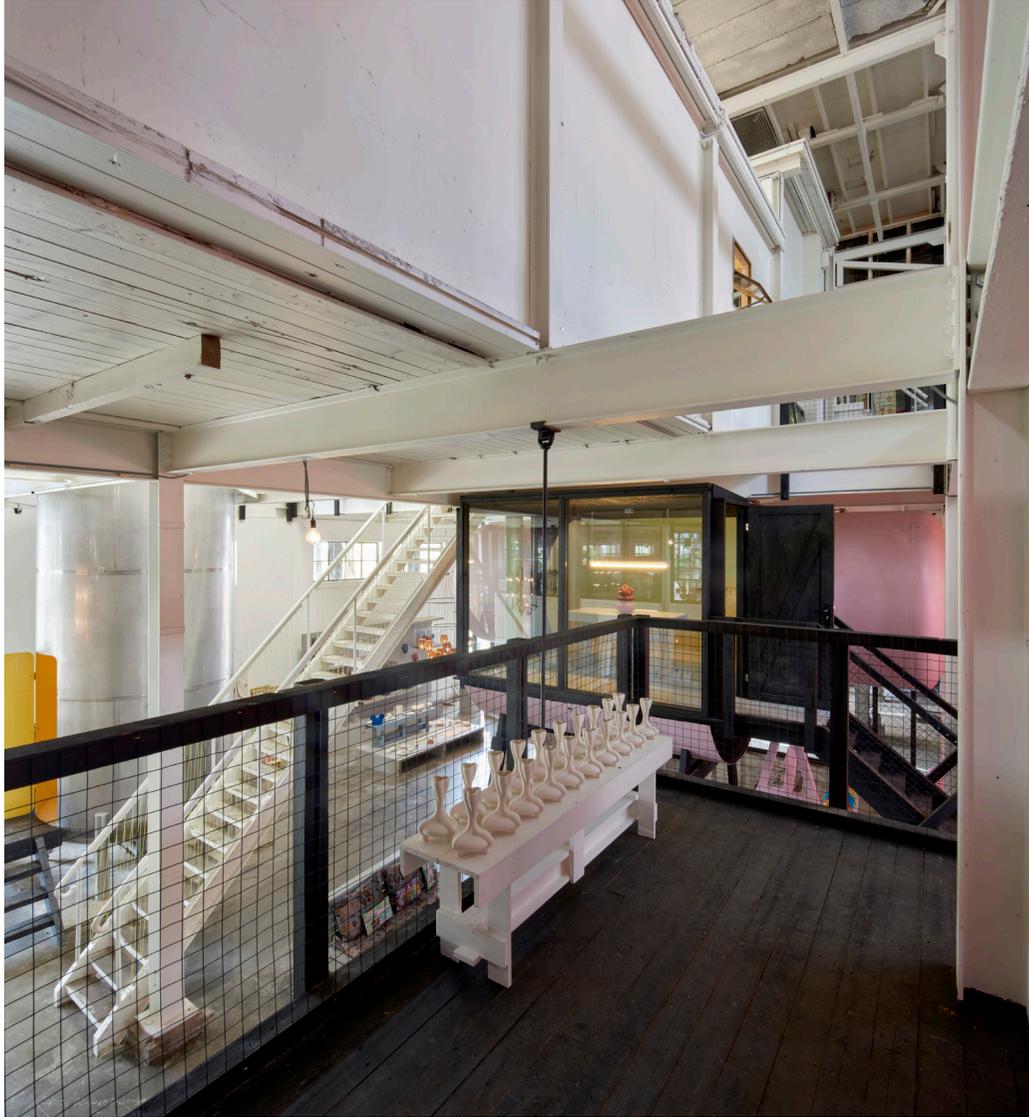
WORKSILO 1



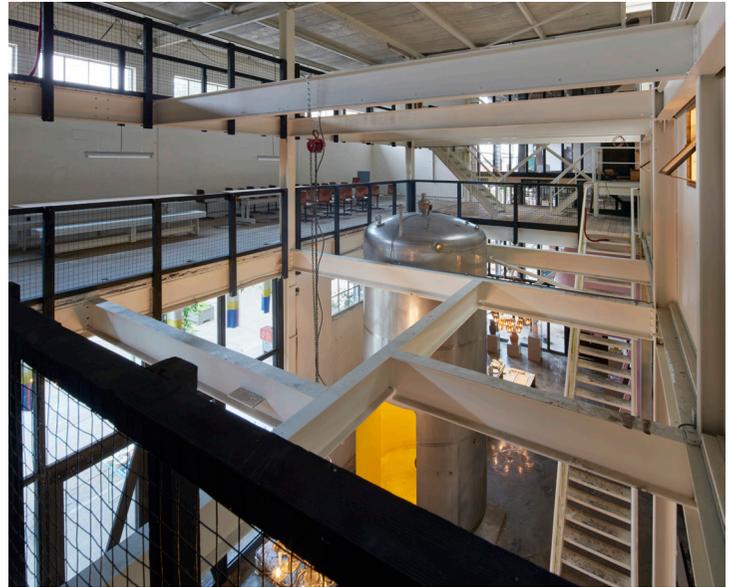


WORKSILO 2





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ENTRANCE



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