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A secondary school turned into a technology campus with HIMACS at the meeting point



Dutch businessman Barry Verdel's dream was to take his technology company Verdel Digitaal Partner to the next level. With the goal of building an inspiring space for the business as well as the employees; Design & Meer the studio responsible for the design and production, together with VRP architects, took on the project to convert an old secondary school into a workplace and campus dedicated to information and communications technology. The project thus aimed to include high-quality materials, such as HIMACS, and to renovate a building to be used both for the company's offices as well as a limited amount of housing where younger employees would be able to stay for up to seven years.

The original building, a secondary school located in the Netherlands, consisted of various spaces such as classrooms, a gymnasium, auditorium, etc., and it was precisely this characteristic layout that won the owner over. *'We wanted our company to be a school, too. At the end of the day, you work in a classroom and the corridors are where you meet with other colleagues to chat or make calls,'* points out Verdel. This property was so ideal that the school's original colours (yellow, red, blue) and other elements, such as the rings from the old gymnasium that hang above the current reception area, have been maintained in the new project.

The building's entrance, also intended as a coffee and meeting area, is home to a large counter made from HIMACS solid surface material. Designed in the Urban Concrete shade of HIMACS, the choice of this greyish colour sought to keep the tones of the original building

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while creating the perfect match for the corporate green of the company that owns the project, as well as the wooden elements incorporated to add warmth to the spaces.



Measuring a substantial 10 metres long, the counter has an eye-catching, clean, robust look, while the large worktop allows this HIMACS piece to be used both as a reception space and an employee meeting point. *'Many people have wondered how we managed to fit such a huge counter into the space, and it's precisely because HIMACS allows different parts to be joined together without any visible seams,'* explains Design & Meer studio.

This special attribute of the material – which for this project made it possible to work with 35 pieces and be able to join them together to create a unique counter with a totally uniform design – rounds off HIMACS' outstanding hygienic properties: the entire counter surface is non-porous and smooth, preventing any unwanted build-up of dirt, bacteria and viruses. It is for this very reason that this solid surface material is ideal for projects subject to high everyday traffic.

'We'd done a fair number of projects with HIMACS before, and it continues to be a fantastic material to work with. Thanks to the ability to seamlessly join the material, we can create exceptionally beautiful projects both for individuals and companies, in spaces where we would never have been able to do this given their size. In this project, once again, we've created a real gem,' add the heads of Design & Meer.

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PROJECT INFORMATION

Project name: Tech Campus

Design: Design & Meer and VRP architects

Fabrication: Design & Meer

HIMACS supplier: Baars & Bloemhoff

Material: HIMACS G554 Urban Concrete - [lxhausys.com/eu](https://www.lxhausys.com/eu) - [@himacseurope](https://www.instagram.com/himacseurope)

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HIMACS Solid Surface

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HIMACS is a solid surface material that can be moulded into any shape. It is widely used for architectural and interior applications, such as sculptural and high-performance wall cladding or kitchen, bathroom and furniture surfaces, in commercial, residential and public space projects. It is composed of minerals, acrylic and natural pigments that come together to provide a smooth, non-porous and visually seamless surface which meets the highest standards for quality, aesthetics, fabrication, functionality and hygiene – offering many advantages over conventional materials.

HIMACS provides limitless possibilities for surfacing solutions and inspires creative minds from all over the world. **Zaha Hadid, Jean Nouvel, Rafael Moneo, Karim Rashid, Marcel Wanders** and **David Chipperfield**, among others, have completed fabulous projects using HIMACS.

At the forefront of innovation as always, LX Hausys recently introduced two new products. First, **HIMACS Ultra-Thermoforming**, an innovative formula that pushes the boundaries of solid surface shaping to a whole new level, with 30% more thermoplastic capabilities - the biggest innovation in the history of Solid Surface since its inception in 1967. And now, **HIMACS Intense Ultra** combines the characteristics from two disparate worlds: **Intense Colour Technology** and **Ultra-Thermoforming**.

HIMACS uses a simple heating process to give three-dimensional thermoplastic forming capabilities, allows visually seamless designs, offers a virtually limitless range of colours and – for some shades – exhibits a special translucency when exposed to light. Although HIMACS is almost as robust as stone, it can be worked in a similar way as wood: it can be sawn, routed, drilled or sanded.

HIMACS is made using a next-generation technology, the **thermal cure**. The temperature reached during the manufacturing process sets HIMACS apart from other solid surfaces and creates a denser surface that is even sturdier, more homogeneous and more durable, and with better resistance and superior thermoforming results.

HIMACS does not absorb humidity, is highly resistant to stains and is easy to clean, maintain and repair.

Countless internationally recognised certificates attest to the quality of HIMACS in terms of ecological commitment, hygiene and fire resistance – being the first Solid Surface in the market to receive the official **European Technical Approval (ETA) for façades** – for the Alpine White S728 colour.

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