



Citadel, a floating apartment building in The Netherlands

Living in Water

Dutch Architect Koen Olthuis in Manila

Koen Olthuis, founder of architectural firm Waterstudio.NL based in the Netherlands, is coming to Manila to discuss his signature floating architecture. The talk will be held on Sunday, April 13, at the SMX Convention Center.

According to Olthuis, today's architects and designers who belong to the "climate change generation" must think of the built environment much more dynamically, and envision solutions such as structures built on water, not just on land. His "City Apps," floating urban components that make use of water as building ground, are envisioned to relieve land of population and building density and introduce a level of flexibility to mitigate the effects of climate change and urbanization.

Olthuis was number 122 on Time Magazine's Most Influential People in 2007, reflecting the world's increasing interest in water developments. ■

OLTHUIS IN NUMBERS

2005

The year Dutch Docklands, a design firm that specializes in floating developments and infrastructure, was founded, with entrepreneur Paul Van de Camp

60

Number of units in Olthuis' Citadel project, a floating apartment building



Top and bottom: Villa 'De Hoef,' one of Waterstudio.NL's residential projects

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