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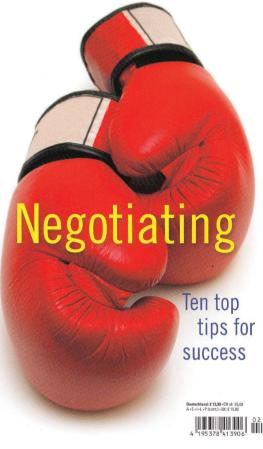
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Intercultural Working with the Netherlands

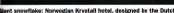
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Official name: Kingdom of the Neth-

Government: Constitutional monarchy Capital: Amsterdam 1.6 million (November 2014)*

Other main urban areas: Rotterdam 1.0 million; The <u>Hague</u> (seat of government) 663,000 (November

Recently, Dutch firms have carried their control over the sea one further, pioneering floating buildings and cities as a solution to rising sea levels. One of them is the <u>developer</u> Dutch Docklands, which describes itself as having "learned to live with the water instead of fighting it". It works closely with the firm of ar-chitects Waterstudio, run by awardwinning architect Koen Olthuis.

"The climate change generation is no longer interested in iconic archithe tonger interested in coin a characteristic solutions," says Olthuis. "It is not the result of the individual architect that counts, but the effect on society." Perhaps their most futuristic work is the Krystall hotel, which will open at the end of 2016. Designed to look like a giant floating snowflake, it is being built in the icy seas near the city of Tromsø, in Norway. The hote will have glass roofs so guests can watch the Northern Lights. Its hallways will be lined with futuristic blue

shapes and fireplaces will be covered in transparent blocks to look like ice.
"We call it a scarless development. If you take it away after 100 years or so, it will not leave any you take it away after 100 years or so, it will not leave any physical foot-print," explains Olthuis, who says that the Dutch attitude is: where there is nothing, anything is possible. "The Dutch created Holland out of the sea, and that mentality is in our DNA, forcing us to be creative in sit-uations where there seem to be no obvious solutions. Some of the innovations that were born of necessity soon show potential for worldwide use."