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Q-railing solution gives tower a rooftop like a glass balcony

A landmark tower in Amsterdam has been transformed into a multi-functional building with the addition of a rooftop terrace surrounded by a Q-railing glass balcony balustrade.

Amsterdam, the flourishing capital of the Netherlands, is renowned for its smart solutions and liveability. In fact, on April 2016, the European Commission awarded it the title of 2016 European Capital of Innovation in recognition of the city's highly original take on four areas of urban life: governance, economics, social inclusion, and quality of life.

The renovation of the A'DAM Tower, formerly known as Toren Overhoeks or the Shell Tower, is a perfect example of this visionary approach. A well-known landmark, the building rises to almost 100 metres, offering spectacular views over the whole city. Its transformation involved adding a glass balcony balustrade around the rooftop terrace.



The average height of a building in Amsterdam is just 30 metres, so the 22-storey A'DAM Tower soars above the surrounding cityscape. The original structure was designed by architect Arthur Staal in response to a commission by Royal Dutch Shell, and was home to the company from 1971 until 2009.

After a renovation lasting several years, the A'DAM Tower was reopened in May 2016. It has been transformed into a multifunctional tower that features offices, cafés, a hotel, a rotating restaurant and an observation deck where thrill seekers can swing back and forth over the edge of the tower with a 100-metre drop below their feet.



During the tender process, Q-railing discussed its Easy Glass Max system with architect OeverZaijer Architecture (OZ). A high-grade glass balcony railing solution that can cope with line loads in excess of 5 kN/m, it offers modern looks and maximum

transparency. The OZ team were immediately convinced that Easy Glass Max was a perfect fit for the rooftop terrace of the A'DAM Tower. In total, around 110 metres of railing were installed.

Q-railing supported the architect, the contractor and the installer, Van Pommeren Las en Montagebedrijf, throughout the whole process.

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