

PLAYING WITH MATERIALS

A perfect symbiosis between oak and HIMACS



Inside this home, in the famous city of Gouda, Netherlands, an elegant blend of materials – oak and HIMACS – turns the different elements of the kitchen into a cohesive design, in perfect harmony with the rest of the space.

The company Format was there at the start of construction; from the division of space, to the design and production of all interior components, including the kitchen.

Both functional and stylish, the kitchen's design plays with the materials. The amazing island stretches around 4 metres in length, and with its worktop and sides made entirely of HIMACS Alpine White, the built-in natural oak shelf provides a spectacular contrast, while teaming with the smoked oak features in the background.

Because HIMACS can be worked like wood, but with the sturdiness of stone, the two materials pair perfectly together, both functionally and aesthetically. In addition, the non-porous surface and seamless assembly of HIMACS make it durable and hygienic, perfect for a kitchen environment.

As the finishing touch, the delicate bevelled, natural oak trimming connects the countertop to the base, creating an air of sophistication. At the end of the island, a dining area completes this functional island with space to sit, eat and chat.

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PROJECT INFORMATION

Location: Gouda, The Netherlands

Project: Format Kitchen

Design: Format

Production: Format | HIMACS distributor: Baars & Bloemhoff

Façades and countertops: HIMACS Alpine White S028 www.himacs.eu

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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 manifold 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 for the Solid Surface history since its inception in 1967. Now, **HIMACS Intense Ultra**, combining 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 manufactured using a new generation technology, the **thermal cure**. The temperature reached during the manufacturing process sets HIMACS apart from other solid surfaces and creates a denser, even more homogeneous, sturdy, durable surface – with a better resistance and superior thermoforming performance.

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

Countless internationally recognized 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 Alpine White S728 colour. Furthermore, HIMACS has obtained the French **QB certification** and **CSTB ATec “Avis Technique”** for facade applications.

HIMACS offers a 15-year warranty for products fabricated by a Quality Club Member.



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