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**A kitchen uses HIMACS
to connect the past and the present**
Design & Meer



There are some projects that are particularly deserving of special attention, as they reflect a desire to preserve heritage while adapting it to the present day. Design & Meer's renovation of this 1850 barn, which was initially destined for the wrecking ball, is a wonderful example of perfect symbiosis between innovative materials, like HIMACS, and traditional materials.

For the owners, a young couple with a passion for design, the original idea was to combine the old barn with a modern kitchen, without marring the structure's charm.

Given the available space and volume, the kitchen was deliberately designed to be spacious, with plenty of storage options, but minimising the use of upper cabinets, so as not to block any of the room's natural lighting, which was already limited by the small number of windows.

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LET THERE BE LIGHT

Long, uninterrupted lines serve to visually accentuate the length of the kitchen and, to maximise its brightness, the large window on the southern wall of the house was given a matte finish to prevent it from reflecting light like a mirror, instead diffusing it through the room.



The choice of colour – white – not only emphasises that brightness but also enhances the wall tiles that catch the eye. A few black touches break the monotony and intensify the sense of perspective, expanding the perception of space.

To create clean lines, incorporating the central beam without compromising the kitchen's design, a seamless material with perfect finishes was needed for the countertops and the sides of the island. *“For that reason, we chose HIMACS, because it gave us that smooth, even surface, and the material itself is simply fantastic to work with. In addition, it is easy to clean, because any marks are only superficial, making it perfect for use as a kitchen countertop,”* explains Design & Meer.

The sink, likewise made of HIMACS, fits flawlessly and seamlessly into the countertop, creating that perfect finish and also guaranteeing good hygiene because it is so easy to maintain.

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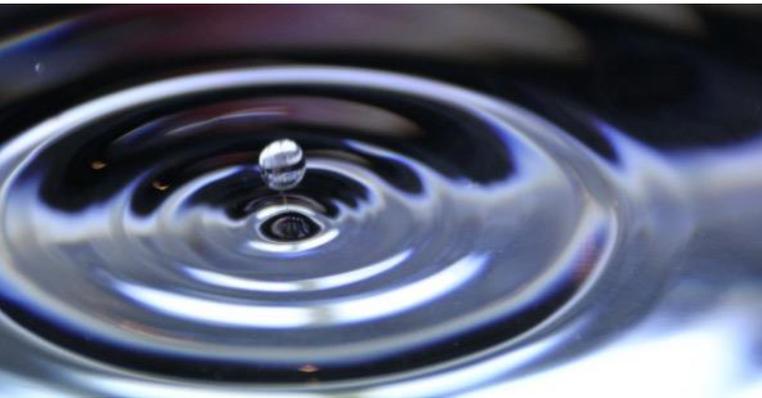
The kitchen island extends into a bar, which needed to be robust enough for the chosen design but also the same thickness as the rest of the worktop.



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A BACKSPLASH LIKE A REFLECTING POOL

One of the most eye-catching parts of this renovation project was the tiled wall, extending more than 4 metres in length, which intrigues visitors, draws them in and makes them want to reach out and touch it. Made by Studio Doorbakken, which takes everyday objects and transforms them into something unique and personal, it is a 3D model of a photograph of a falling drop of water, a picture taken by the owner, with water symbolising purity and cleanliness.



“As a company, we love to push the limits and see how we can transcend design. I always say that, ‘the material and physics permitting, we can do anything.’ In this case, HIMACS gave us the chance to get the client a little out of their comfort zone, to make this project something truly special and unique, a homey space where family and friends will enjoy spending time together.”

PROJECT INFORMATION

LOCATION: Nieuwe Wetering, Netherlands

DESIGN AND PRODUCTION: Design & Meer

HIMACS SUPPLIER: Baars & Bloemhoff

HIMACS ELEMENTS: HIMACS Alpine White for countertops, sink and sides of the kitchen island

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HIMACS Natural Acrylic Stone

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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.

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