

Biography Marcel Wanders

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Marcel Wanders (born in 1963) grew up in Boxtel, the Netherlands, and graduated cum laude from the School of the Arts Arnhem in 1988. In 1996 he opened his own studio Wanders Wonders, and in 2001 the studio of Marcel Wanders moved to Amsterdam. His fame started with his iconic 'Knotted Chair', which he produced for Droog Design in 1996. Furthermore, he designed for leading international companies such as Alessi, Baccarat, Bisazza, Christofle, Kosé Corporation/Decorté, Fendi Casa, Flos, KLM, Hyatt Hotels Corporation, LH&E Group, Louis Vuitton, Miramar Group, Morgans Hotel Group, Starbucks Reserve, Puma among scores of others. In 2001 Marcel Wanders co-founded the successful lifestyle & design brand Moooi, of which he is owner and creative director. In 2022, the studio of Marcel Wanders ceased operations in Amsterdam.

Additionally, Marcel Wanders worked on architectural and interior design projects, such as the Andaz Amsterdam Prinsengracht in Amsterdam (2012) operated by Hyatt Hotel, the Kameha Grand hotel in Zurich (2015) and Bonn (2010) in partnership with LH&E Group, Iberostar Grand Portals Nous (2017) in partnership with Iberostar, the Mira Moon Hotel in Hong Kong (2013), Oh! residencies in Quito and Hyde in Panama - all three in partnership with property development brand YOO -, the Mondrian South Beach in Miami (2008) and the Mondrian Doha in Qatar (2017) both in partnership with global hospitality brand sbe, the Villa Moda Flagship store in Bahrain (2008), as well as private residences in Amsterdam, London, Cannes and Mallorca. The redesign of the Schiphol VIP Centre finished in 2021 and for the Bayerische Staatsoper a new restaurant was designed (2021). Besides many hospitality projects, an exhibitions space for AUDI (2021) was created and a total new office space in Viertel Zwei - Vienna (2021) has been opened. The newest hotel was the 5* hotel Kimpton BEM Budapest (2024) and with YOO a residential project in Brasil for Cyrela was launched in 2025.

Many of Marcel Wanders' designs have been included in the most important design collections and exhibitions in the world and featured in leading magazines. In 2006, Marcel Wanders was elected 'International Designer of the Year' by Elle Decoration and in 2018 he was inducted into the Interior Design Hall of Fame by US magazine Interior Design.

Marcel Wanders' first solo-exhibition, 'Daydreams' featured in the Philadelphia Museum of Art in 2009. His first major museum retrospective took place in 2014 at the Stedelijk Museum in Amsterdam. His major solo gallery exhibition 'Portraits' was on view at Friedman Benda in New York in 2016.

Marcel Wanders by others

- "A Genius of Design", **Elle Décor Spain, 2018**
- "The boldest off-road driver of the world of design", **Whitewall, US, 2017**
- "Saying Marcel Wanders is a devil is not an exaggeration. Marcel is a designer philosopher", **Esquire, TW, 2017**

- "Marcel Wanders the It Boy of design", **Maison & Décoration**, GR, 2017
- "Marcel L'Enchanteur", **L'Officiel**, 2016
- "Dutch Design Superstar", **Gulf News Tabloid!**, 2016
- "Paradise Bird of Design", **Süddeutsche Zeitung**, 2016
- "Prince of Dutch Design", **Prof. Ryu Niimi**, 2016
- "One of the Most Famous Designers Worldwide", **Die Zeit**, 2015
- "The Rockstar of Dutch design", **Design & Art Magazine**, 2014
- "Marcel Wanders- ein Popstar der Designer. Der Holländer erzählt Geschichten in Objekten. Handwerk und Tradition sind ihm wichtig – ein Virtuose in Form und Farbe". **Rolf Brockschmidt, Der Tagespiegel**, October 2014
- "Marcel Wanders is like the Lady Gaga of the design world: a constant font of ideas and energy who is nearly impossible to ignore." **The New York Times (US)** March 2011
- Elected "Designer of the Year 2005/2006", **Elle Decoration International Design Awards**
- Listed as "Virtuoso", **Time Style& Design 100**, 2007
- "Marcel Wanders and the Moooi company he co-owns have made contemporary Dutch design synonymous with exuberant creativity", **Financial Times (US)** October 2007
- Selected among the World's 50 design icons, **Identity (AE)** November 2007
- "Marcel Wanders' studio is one of the most inspiring powerhouses of multi-disciplinary design active today", **The Observer (UK)** September 18, 2005
- "Marcel Wanders, the design world's favorite star", **Washington Post (US)** April 2003
- Selected among Europe's 25 leaders of change "The Stars of Europe", **Business Week (US)** July 2002
- "Marcel Wanders – the new star of design", **La Expansion (FR)**

PRACTICE: (selection)

2025

- Launch Lady Amherst lounge for HC28 maison
- Launch Ancient Memories textile collection for Fischbacher1819
- Launch Magnifico Mirror collection for FIAM
- Launch KAY Sake spirit

2024

- Launch New Antique 260th Anniversary collection for Baccarat
- Opening 5*-hotel Kimpton BEM Budapest
- Tryptich in Andaz hotel Amsterdam

2023

- Launch of furniture company BASTA; it is their vision to transform the way we live and consume, with their future-proof sofas.

- Opening flagship store for ALO Diamonds in Prague

2021

- An Office Space for Value One, interior design Marcel Wanders, in Viertel Zwei of Vienna
- For AUDI, exhibition design for their AUDI City Lab during Salone 2021 in Milano
- Ludwig Zwei Restaurant at Bayerische Staatsoper in Munich, interior design Marcel Wanders
- Marcel Wanders redesigns Schiphol VIP Centre Part II

2020

- Marcel Wanders redesigns Schiphol VIP Centre Part I
- Decorté Flagship Store in Shanghai and Tokyo, art direction and interior design by Marcel Wanders

2019

- The studio of Marcel Wanders relocates to the Nieuwe Herengracht 119 in Amsterdam

2017

- Mondrian Doha in Qatar, by global hospitality company sbe, interior design Marcel Wanders and SWA Architects
- Iberostar Grand Portals Nous, operated by Iberostar, interior design Marcel Wanders

2013

- Speaker at the World Bank's Alcantara Dialogues/Connect4Climate initiative: Re-Think, Re-Design, Re-New. Co-hosted panel discussions with the 100% carbon-neutral company Alcantara at the Temporary Museum for New Design during Milan Design Week 2013.

2012 – 2016

- Co-owner of Andaz Amsterdam Prinsengracht, interior design Marcel Wanders
- The Mind's Eye, Video Art collection, a partnership of Marcel Wanders and Paul Geertman

2011 – Present

- Founding board member of THNK, Amsterdam School for Creative leadership.

2008 – 2017 Westerhuis

- Marcel Wanders entered into a partnership with Aedes Real Estate for the development and commercial exploitation of a former school in Amsterdam's Jordaan district. From 2008 to 2017, the building housed the studio of Marcel Wanders. With a surface area of approximately 5,500 sqm, the building grew into a cultural platform, with a mixture of art and culture forms. In addition to a unique meeting place for the creative industry, the building was a place of inspiration.

2008- Present

- Partnership with YOO, London

2001 – Present

- Director and owner of Marcel Wanders, Amsterdam
- Creative Director and owner of Moooi, Amsterdam

1995 – June 2001

- Director of Wanders Wonders, Amsterdam

1992 – 1995

- Partner WAAC's Design & Consults, Rotterdam.

October 1991

- Design and execution of the installation "And on the eighth day men started to lie" in the Kunst passage, The Hague

1990 – 1992

- Industrial product designer in Landmark Design & Consult b.v. Rotterdam

July 1988 – Present

- Independent industrial product designer

PROJECTS: PRODUCT DESIGN (selection)

Alessi (IT): 'Dressed' (2011) 'Dressed Pots & Pans' (2011) 'Dressed for Christmas' (2016) 'Dressed Breakfast & Dressed in Wood' (2015) 'Circus collection' (2016) 'The Five Seasons' (2017)

Apple Europe (CH): routing system for an Apple symposium

Baccarat (FR): 'Forest of the United Crystals' (2010) 'New Antique' (2014, 2016) 'Le Roi Soleil' (2016) Jeux de Cristal (2019) 'Harcourt Collection' (2021), New Antique 260th Anniversary collection (2024)

Bardelli (IT): Carmen, Iris (1) and (2), Minoo, Eve and Sofia collections (2016) Tile's collection

Barovier&Toso (IT): Perseus (2015-17), Lust (2015-17), Adonis (2019), Polarities (2022)

B&B (IT): Haikus plates, Couple pillows, Still Life ceramics (2005, 2007)

Bijenkorf (NL): 'Three Queens' (2008)

Bisazza (IT): 'Frozen Garden' tiles (2004-2015), 'The Wanders Collection' (2005) 'Quadro' bathroom collection (2015), 'Pebbles' (2004-2019)

BN Walls (NL): Neo Royal Wallpaper Collection (2016)

Boffi (IT): Gobi bathtub and sink, Pipe shower, Wall storage system (2000-2001)

Bombay Sapphire (USA and NL): Bottle and glasses design (2007)

Bonomi (IT): 'Aqua Jewels' Bathroom Fixtures (2008)

Cacharel (FR): perfume design

Cappellini (IT): 'Knotted Chair' (1996), 'New Antiques' (2006), the Nomad carpet 'Big Shadow Collection' (1996), 'Airborne Snotty' vases and Wood Table

Ceramica Bardelli (IT): Ceramic Tile Collection (2016)

Christofle (FR): 'Jardin d'Eden' collection, incl. exceptional silverware pieces (2007- to the present), 'Jardin d'Eden' Lighting collection (2017) Seven Deadly Sins (2021)

City of Amsterdam (NL): street furniture and design of Gas and Energy Houses

Colombo via Della Spiga (IT): Gift Collection (2015)

Colorline (NL): World Carpet, Tartar floor tiles

Cybex (DE): 'Parents' (2016)

Devon & Devon (IT): 'Secret Gardens' a collection of coverings, furniture and accessories (2022)

Droog Design (NL): Tableau Vivant

Element4 (NL): 'Architect Series' with fireplaces (2021)

FENDI Casa (IT): Furniture Collection (2022), Headboard (2024), Accessory table Sofa Five (2024)

Fiam (IT): Pop Mirror Collection (2017) Echo Cabinets (2020), Cristaline tables (2022), Echo bed side table (2024), Echo Cabinets new pattern (2024), Magnifico Mirrors (2025)

Fischbacher1819 (IT): Ancient Memories (2025)

Flos (IT): 'B.L.O.' (2000), 'Zeppelin' (2005), 'Skygarden' (2007), Skynest (2022 + 2023)

FPM (IT): 'Saint Jacques' suitcase collection (2011)

Gamma & Bross (DE): Lady Jane (2021)

Google (USA): Artist theme

Graham & Brown (UK): 'Couture' (2008), 'Illusions' and 'Whispers' (2014)

Harbour (USA): Outdoor Collections (2022)

Hans Boodt (NL): 'Ready to Wear' (2016)

HC28 maison (CN): Lady Amherst lounger (2025)

HE (NL): 'Pandora' 'Mathilda' 'Merlin' 'Carrie' 'Domino' 'Theatre' 'Wave TV' 'Framed' (2008) collection of home electronic appliances

Innovaders (NL): Wattcher, (2009) product monitoring domestic electricity use

Kartell (IT): Stone Stool (2007)

KEF (UK): 'Nocturne' (2017)

Kettal (ES): Atmosphere (2008) outdoor furniture collection

KLM Airlines (NL): Dinner tableware for the World Business Class Service and the European, Japanese and Indonesian In-Flight Services (2011- to the present)

KOSÉ / DECORTÉ (JP): 'AQMW' skincare collection, 'Vice and Virtue' perfume, 'Marcel Wanders' collection (2011- to the present), 'Maison Decorté' (2017)

KOSÉ / DECORTÉ (JP) + **Baccarat** (FR): AQ Meliority Intensive Cream - Baccarat Edition (2021)

Laufen (CH): 'The New Classic' collection (2018), Decall extensions (2023), Accessories The New Classic (2024)

Leblon Delienne: One Minute Mickey and One Minute Minnie (2018) One Minute Mickey and One Minute Minnie, 60cm version (2021), 'Spirits of Nature' 2021

LG (KR): 'The Ornamental Universe' (2015) wallpaper collection and booth exhibition

Lladró (ES): 'Nightbloom' (2019)

Londonart (IT): 'Wanderlust' (2019)

Louis Vuitton (FR): 'Chaise Longue' (2015), 'Rocking Chair', 'Diamond Screen' (2017), 'Lune Chair', 'Diamond Mirror', 'Diamond Sofa' (2019), 'Diamond Façade (2021), 'Capeline' (2023)

M.A.C. Cosmetics (USA): line of make-up products (2010)

Magis (IT): 'Sparkling Chair' (2010), 'Cyborg' 'Troy' collections (2010 to the present)

Mandarina Duck (IT): (2008) Interior Design | Retail

Marks & Spencer (UK): Marcel Wanders Collection (2010 – 2015)

Ministry of External Affairs (NL): 'candle-vases' gift; of Internal Affairs (NL): card case; of Finance (NL): jubilee-coin

Mooodi (NL): creative director and many furniture designs (2011- to the present)

Moroso (IT): diverse design projects (Print)

Natuzzi (IT): 'Agronomist' (2018), 'Oceanographer' (2018), 'Dandy' (2019) collections, 'Eufolia Sofa' (2021), 'Adam' Collection (2022)

O2Today (AU): Anti-Pollution Mask (2016)

Olivari (IT): Dolce Vita (2014)

Organon Teknika (NL): pregnancy tester, mobile heart-rhythm disorder analyzer

Philips (NL): Marcel Wanders & Senseo

Poliform (IT) Gentleman collection (2019), Mad Out collection (2023)

Ramun (SK): Bella Plissé lamps (2019)

RANDSTAD (NL): relational gifts, award collection (1997- to the present)

Roche Bobois (FR): The Globe Trotter (2018)

Royal PTT Post (NL): relational gifts

Royal Leerdam Crystal (NL): Dialogues (2006), Liquid Experiments (2007), Orange Vase (2014)

Royal Tichelaar Makkum (NL): 'Patchwork' plates (2003)

Safilo (IT): 'Unseen Collection' (2016)

Sahrai (IT): 'Kaleido of Life' rug collection (2022 + 2023)

Slide (IT) Chubby, Chubby Low, Bacchus (2008)

Starbucks (US): 'The Illusion of Time' (2018)

Swarovski (AU) & **Flos** (IT): Pirouette lamp (2003)

Swarovski (AU): 'Aqua Jewels' – Crystal Shower and Crystal Mosaic (2008)

Target (USA): Christmas collection and in-store decoration (2012)

Timbart (HUN): Daimond Wallcover (2024)

Up2You Anthology (IT): Bouquet and New Classic Bags (2022)

Vista Alegre (IT): 'Blue Ming' collection (2016) 'Containers' (2020)

Vondom (ES): 'Suave' furniture collection (2018)

Walters (US): 'Reverie' outdoor collection (2020)

Wonderglass (UK): 'Calliope' lighting collection (2017)

PROJECTS: INTERIOR DESIGN (selection)

Cyrela by Wanders&YOO (2025)

Kimpton BEM Hotel, operated by IHG Hotels & Resorts in Budapest (HUN) – hospitality interior design (2024)

ALO Diamonds Flagship Store in Prague (CZ) – retail interior design (2023)

Enlightening the Future for Audi (DE) – exhibition design (2021)

Viertel Zwei for Value One (AUS) – office design (2021)

Ludwig Zwei Restaurant at Bayerische Staatsoper (DE) – interior design (2021)

Schiphol VIP Centre Part II (NL) – interior design (2021)

Decorté Flagship Store in Shanghai (CN) and Tokyo (JP) – art direction and interior design (2020)

Schiphol VIP Centre Part I (NL) – interior design (2020)

Private Residence in London (UK) – interior design (2018)

Hyde Panama by Wanders&YOO (2018)

Barkli Gallery by Wanders&YOO (RU) (2017)

Mondrian Doha, operated by SBE (UAE) - hospitality interior design (2017)

The Donna Portals Nous, operated by The Donna (ES) – hospitality interior design (2017)

Maison Decorté (JP) – retail interior design (2017)

Oh! Quito by Wanders&YOO (2016)

Quasar Residencies Istanbul (TR) - interior design (2015)

Kameha Grand Zurich hotel (CH) - hospitality interior design (2015)

Private Residence in Cannes (FR) – interior design (2014)

Andaz Amsterdam Prinsengracht (NL) – hospitality interior design (2013)

Mira Moon Hong Kong (CN) – Wanders & Yoo interior design (2013)

Cosme Decorte stores (JP) - interior design (2012)

Kameha Grand Bonn hotel (DE) – hospitality interior design (2010)

Ministerie van Buitenlandse Zaken / Foreign Affairs (NL) Interior of the Dutch Embassy in Berlin (2009)

Private residences in Mallorca (ES) - interior design (2009)

Mondrian South Beach, Miami (USA) – hospitality interior design (2008)

Private residence in Amsterdam (NL) – interior design (2008)

Private residence in Jakarta (ID) – architectural and interior design (2008)

Villa Moda, Flagship store in Bahrain, Kuwait, retail interior design (2008)

Westerhuis Amsterdam (NL) (2008)

Bisazza (IT) design of the Milan fair stand (2005), a table, a car and several other projects

Blits (NL) - art direction of the interior of restaurant in Rotterdam (2005)

LUTE SUITES (NL), Art Direction for the interiors of apartments and hotel suites in Amsterdam (2005)

Hotel on Rivington (NY, USA), interior of public areas (2003)

Interpolis (NL) Stone house, interior project for an insurance company, consisting of organic meeting rooms within the headquarters (2002)

Mandarina Duck (IT) interior design of WanderDuck the flagship store in London (2002)

World Expo Hannover (DE) design of the VIP room in the Dutch pavilion (2000)

EXHIBITIONS (selection)

2025

Framed: an unjustifiable collection of shattered self-reflection at Emma Scully Gallery with Friedman Benda, New York – Prism Collapse mirror

Pirouette: Turning Points in Design at The Museum of Modern Art, New York - Knotted Chair

100 Years, 60 Designers & 1 Future at The Pottery Museum in Stoke-on-Trent (UK) – Monster Plate

COULEURS! Chefs-d'oeuvre du Centre Pompidou" at Grimaldi Forum Monaco – Zeppelin chandelier

2024

Salone del Mobile, IT, Double Signature, special Big Shadow in bronze

BlowUp Art Den Haag (NL) – Silver Eggs Installation

2023-2024

Exhibition Stoel Neemt Stelling in Centraal Museum Utrecht (NL) – Knotted Chair

2023

Salone del Mobile, Milan, IT. Droog30 and for clients (Louis Vuitton, Laufen, Poliform, Flos, Fiam, Sahrai and Moooi)

2022-2023

A Chair and You, an exhibition in MUDAC Lausanne (CH). Knotted Chair Red Limited Edition showcased.

2022

Salone del Mobile, Milan, IT (for clients FENDI Casa, Queeboo, Devon&Devon, Sahrai, Up2You Anthology, Natuzzi, Fiam, FLOS).

2021

Salone del Mobile, Milan, IT (for clients AUDI, Natuzzi).

2019

Salone del Mobile, Milan, IT (for clients Barovier&Toso, Bisazza, Lladró, Londonart, Louis Vuitton, Magis, MOOOI, NATUZZI ITALIA, Poliform, Starbucks Reserve, and Vondom). Special projects include the participation in the Leonardo Horse Project at the Ippodromo in Milano, and in the Guiltless Plastic exhibition organized by Rossana Orlandi.

At Mediateca Santa Teresa, a special film programme organized by Marcel Wanders together with Milano Film Festival pays tribute to Alessandro Mendini.

2018

Design and Wondrous, curated by Centre Pompidou and Marie-Ange Brayer, Centre Pompidou in Saint-Etienne (FR)

Salone del Mobile, Milan, IT (for clients Alessi, Laufen Bathrooms, Louis Vuitton, MOOOI, Natuzzi Italia, Roche Bobois, Symo, Vondom)

2017

Salone del Mobile, Milan, IT (for clients Alessi, Barovier&Toso, Christofle, FIAM, Louis Vuitton, Magis, MOOOI, Poliform and Wonderglass)

2016

Cher(e)s Ami(e)s: Hommage aux donateurs des collections contemporaines, Centre Pompidou in Paris (FR)
Portraits (solo gallery exhibition) at Friedman Benda in New York (US)

Salone del Mobile, Milan, IT (for clients Baccarat, Barovier&Toso, Cybex, Queeboo, Hans Boodt, Magis, MOOOI, Poliform and Safilo)

2015

Museum of Craft and Design, Design Derby, Belgium, the Netherlands, curated by Frank Huygens and Mienke Simo Thomas, Design Museum Gent (BE)

The Eurasian Garden, Oita Prefectural Art Museum (OPAM), Oita (JP)

Design Show Shanghai (CN)

Salone del Mobile, Milan, IT (for clients Alessi, Barovier&Toso, Cappellini, Magis, MOOOI, Olivari, Poliform, LG Hausys and Very Wood).

2014

Marcel Wanders: Pinned Up. 25 Years of Design, curated by Ingeborg de Roode, Stedelijk Museum Amsterdam, NL

Salone del Mobile, Milan, IT (for clients Moooi, Magis, Gufram, Olivari, Very Wood, Barovier & Toso)

Untold, curated by Rossana Orlandi, Museo Bagatti Valsecchi, IT

2013

Stedelijk presents at the Capital Museum, Beijing, CH

Salon/Kant, Amsterdam, NL

Salone del Mobile, Milan, IT (for clients Moooi, Alessi, Cappellini, Magis, FRM, Poliform)

SALON/Kant, Amsterdam, NL

2009

Philadelphia Museum of Art, Daydreams, USA

Lumas Gallery, Berlin, DE

2008

Vivid Witzhausen Gallery, Amsterdam, NL

Salone del Mobile, Milan, IT

2008/2007

Tools Galerie, Paris, FR

2007

Salone del Mobile, Milan, IT

Taste Gallery, Geneva, CH

Business of Design Week, Hong Kong, HK

Liberty PLC, London, UK

Studio Aandacht, Amsterdam, NL

Inside Design Amsterdam, Amsterdam, NL

VIVID Gallery, Rotterdam, NL

Dundee Contemporary Arts, Dundee, UK

Designmai, Berlin, DE

Gallery Phoebus, Rotterdam, NL

2006

Salone del Mobile, Milan, IT

Acme Gallery, Los Angeles, USA

Blender, Amsterdam, NL

Tools Galerie, Paris, FR

Premsele, Amsterdam, NL

Vessel Gallery, London, UK

2005

Salone del Mobile, Milan, IT
Hong Kong Electronics Fair, Hong Kong, HK
Fabienne Sivera, Paris, FR
'Touch me', V&A, London, UK
'Nest', Stedelijk Museum, Amsterdam, NL
'Simply Droog', Gemeentemuseum Den Haag, NL
Museum at FIT, New York, USA (October)

2004

Passagen, Koln, DE
Stockholm Furniture fair, Stockholm, SE
Reality Machines, Parochial Kirche, Berlin, DE
Interior Design Show, Toronto, CA
Salone del Mobile, Milan, IT
Design Lab Nike, Portland, USA
ICFF presentation at Moss, New York, USA
100% Rotterdam, Rotterdam, NL
Stedelijk Museum, Amsterdam, NL, several times with a.o.: Cans of Gold, Airborne Snotties.
Bulthaupt Center, Design Gallery, St Petersburg, RU
100% design, London, UK
Creativity Observatory, Genova 2004, curated by Alessandro and Francesco Mendini, IT
Woonrai, Amsterdam, NL
"Via Milano 04", Amsterdam, NL
Designers Present, Eindhoven, NL: one-minute-sculptures
Cibone, Tokyo, JP: special Container Table covers
"The foreign affairs of Dutch Design", BNO traveling exhibition, NL: Pipe, Airborne Snotty Vase, Mandarina Duck

2003

Kunst Woont "in 24 uur" VIP chair and Knotted chair, Groningen, NL
Can of Gold project London at Noel Hennesy Furniture, UK
"Stoelendans" public vote contest for a new classic chair, nominated VIP chair and Knotted chair, Eindhoven, NL
Woonbeurs Amsterdam RAI, Via Milano, highlights of Salone del Mobili, Amsterdam, NL
Museum Boijmans van Beuningen, Exhibition "het ontstaan der Dingen", Rotterdam, NL
Salone del Mobili, presentation of light installation 'Pirouette' for Swarovski Crystal Palace, Milan, IT
Salone del Mobili (a.o. Cappellini, Moooi, Magis, Flos, Droog Design, Goods), Milan, IT

Reality Machines, Netherlands Architecture Institute (NAI), Rotterdam, NL

2002

The Design Center at Philadelphia University, USA

Body Design, San Francisco Museum of Modern Art (SFMOMA), USA

Strangely Familiar: Design and Everyday Life, Walker Art Center, Minneapolis, USA

Skin: Surface, Substance + Design, Cooper-Hewitt, New York, USA

Prototypes, Nieuwe Brabantse Kunst Stichting, NL

Kunstpaviljoen, Nieuw Rhoden, Groningen, NL

Via Milano, Baby, NL

Milan in a Van – one designer show, Victoria & Albert Museum, London, UK

River Deep, Mountain High, Het Glazen Huis/the Glass House, Amsterdam Amstelpark, NL

Opening new showroom of Moooi in Breda, NL

Prototypes, Museum Waterland, Purmerend, NL

Salone del Mobile (a.o. Cappellini, Moooi, Magis, Mandarina Duck, Droog Design), IT

Apartment Zero, Washington, USA

Home Made Holland, Crafts Council Gallery, London, UK

2001

Limn (design interior shop), San Francisco, USA

'Marcel Wanders, Moooi in Amstelveen', wooncentrum Co van der Horst, Amstelveen, NL

Works of Moooi in't Arsenaal, Grave (NL), the newest store of Jan des Bouvrie

'Van A tot Zit', the fishnet chair appeared in this exhibition amongst other chairs, Stedelijk Museum

Roermond, NL

Salone del Mobile (a.O. Cappellini, Moooi, Magis, Mandarina Duck, Droog Design, Goods), IT

2000

Mutazioni dilumingioia, Padua, IT

Search for Art exhibition, Milan, IT

Hitec-Lotec exhibition, traveling through England until 2002, UK

'Dutch Design', in Ozone, Living Design Centre, Tokyo, JP

Wanders Wanted expo, in Gallery Material Connection, NY, USA

'Design World' in Taideteollisuus Museum, Helsinki, FI

Droog design exhibition traveling through USA

Droog Design exhibition, Israel Museum, IL

1999

"Design for a New Age," in Het Kruithuis Museum of Contemporary Art, May – June 1999, s'Hertogenbosch, NL

'Wanders Wonders expo' in Gallery TZ Art, New York, USA

1998

'Material innovation gallery' in Material Connexion, New York USA

'Materials in design' in Österreichisches

Institut für Formgebung, Vienna, AT

IAA, int. Automobil Ausstellung, Frankfurt, DE

New Metropolis, Amsterdam, NL

Euromat 1998, Lissabon, PT

Hannover Messe, Hannover, DE

De Witte Dame, Eindhoven, NL

Batibouw, Parc des expositions, Brussels, BE

1997

'The Ecology Series 1 Glamour' in Material Connexion, New York, USA

'Mutant Materials in contemporary design' in Groninger Museum, Groningen, NL

'Ava Ceramic Award' in Princessenhof, Leeuwarden, NL

'Droog Design' in Taideteolisuuseum, Helsinki, FI

Kulturbrauerei, Zentrum für Kultur, Politik und Ökologie, DE

Centraal Museum, Utrecht, NL

Stillwerk Design Center GmbH, Hamburg, DE

'Materials in design' in Tekniska Mässan, Stockholm, SE

Industrial Technology Congress, Toulouse, FR

The Institute of Materials, London, UK

'Salone di Mobile' in Magazzini Cappellini, Milan, IT

1996

'Nominations Rotterdam Design Prize', Kunsthal, Rotterdam, NL

'Scanning' in Stedelijk Museum, Amsterdam, NL

'Thresholds' in MOMA, New York, USA

'Dry tech' in Droog Design, Milan, Italy

'Mentalitäten' in Design Zentrum, Stuttgart, DE

1995

'Mentalitäten' in Securitas Gallery, Bremen, DE

1993

'An art collection of combs' in Mikimoto, Ginza, Tokio, JP

'Made in Holland' in Museum für angewandte Kunst, Köln, DE

'World-expo' in World Expo, Taipé, Taiwan

'Droog Design, selection of Dutch design' in Pastoe showroom, Milan, IT

1992

'Materiaal, stof voor vormgeving' in Stedelijk Museum, Amsterdam, NL

'Dutch Design' in ITB, Bandung, ID

1990

'Embarrassment of riches' in EEG congress, Avignon, FR

CHARITY

A Flame for Research

From participating in an initiative by Mingardo comes a fixture that lights the way toward fighting cancer. In 2020, Marcel designed the single piece Cu-Cou candelabra, a timeless piece that is part of an auction that includes only 10 designers whose candle holders will be bid by Christie's, with all the proceeds going entirely to the Instituto Mario Negri for Pharmacological Research IRCCS.

KIKA

In 2018 Marcel donated a limited edition of 'Rijks, Masters of the Golden Age' to the Kika Foundation. Kika organized a special campaign together with Marktplaats to raise money.

The campaign 'Ruim op voor Kika' reached out to people to place their belongings on Marktplaats and donate the revenue to Kika.

The Rijks book was bought for 7.000,- EUR and the buyer immediately returned the book to Kika to be auctioned during their Art Auction Evening in May 2018. A double donation.

<https://www.kika.nl/ruim-op-voor-kika>

STOP AIDS NOW!

Dinner for Friends is a fundraising project organised by [De Grote Onderneming](#) (The Big Company) in celebration of their 20th anniversary. Designed and produced by Marcel, a special box was created for a fundraising dinner. It contains decorative items in order to set up a fundraising dinner for eight to ten friends in your own home. All proceeds of the box went to the Aids Foundation and STOP AIDS NOW!

Stedelijk Museum

In 2012, Marcel made a major donation to the Stedelijk Museum in Amsterdam, with the aim of connecting local residents as well as international visitors to the arts and culture of the city.

La Source

In 2009 Marcel created a special piece in collaboration with Baccarat for the La Source charity auction in the Palais de Tokyo in Paris. The Source association tries to fight against children's social exclusion.

Paperlove

In 2008 Luminaire once again held a charity auction for the University of Miami Sylvester Comprehensive Cancer Centre to fund cancer research. This time the artists were asked to design an object using paper. 'Death is my Friend' was Marcel's contribution; a skull and patterned motif laser cut from corrugated cardboard.

Heart & Design

In 2008 Marcel donated an architectural model to the Heart & Design Organization for a charity auction. All profits raised for Heart & Design were donated to the Royal Brompton & Harefield NHS Trust for a CT scanner.

Kika Award: The KiKa Organization, Amstelveen (NL) funds research for children with cancer. Every year a person or company that has committed itself to the KiKa vision receives the KiKa Award. Marcel Wanders designed the award, a porcelain bear.

Kika Tablecloth:

In 2005, Marcel Wanders designed a tablecloth for a charity auction for the KiKa Organization, Amstelveen (NL) that funds research for children with cancer.

MAD:

In 2007, Marcel donated several pieces to the Museum of Arts & Design (MAD) of New York charity auction whose proceeds will support the exhibitions and education programs of the museum.

Visionaries! On November 14, 2007, a gala event and charity auction took place with to honor Marcel as one of 2007's Visionaries. The Visionaries! Award exemplifies excellence and innovation in the recipient's field and annually celebrates extraordinary artists and designers who have advanced the fields of art, craft and design. Proceeds supported the exhibitions and education programs of the museum.

Gap:

In the Fall of 2007, Marcel was featured in Gap's Campaign "Classics Redefined" photographed by Annie Leibovitz. The total proceeds have been donated by Marcel to the educational programs for children of the Museum of Art and Design of New York.

Art Bag:

The Art Bag was designed by Marcel for Stop Aids Now! an organization which focuses on activities that provide information, support and treatment to people living with and affected by HIV and AIDS.

Can of Gold: Founded in 2001, the Can of Gold project travels around the world. The proceeds from each project go towards the homeless and disadvantaged in the communities in which the project is held.

Participating cities include:

2007 Bruges, Belgium

2006 Mexico

2003 London

2003 Sydney

2002 Washington

2001 Hamburg

Art Basel Miami (USA) 2007, charity event hosted by Luminaire, design and donation of the 'Courage Puppy Love'. 100% of the proceeds from the auction go to the University of Miami Sylvester Comprehensive Cancer Centre to fund cancer research.

AWARDS

2025

- Marcel Wanders wins Design Award for Lifetime Achievement by Falstaff Living Magazine
- AQ Perfume, designed for Decorté, wins the Red Dot Design Award
- Ancient Memories collection, designed for Fischbacher1819, wins Livingetc Style Awards 2025

2023

- The Blossom wallpaper, designed for Devon&Devon, wins the 2023 Archiproducts Design Award in the Finishes category

2022

- Bella Plissé lamp for Atelier Mendini / Ramun, wins The Best Lamp of the Year by The Chicago Athenaeum: Museum of Architecture and Design

2020

- Gentleman armchair for Poliform, Best Flashback, Wallpaper* Design Awards 2020

2019

- Bella Plissé lamp for Atelier Mendini / Ramun, wins Global Design Price 2019
- Nighbloom for Lladró wins European Design Award 2019 in the category Home Interior Products
- Suave outdoor collection for Vondom wins German Design Award 2019 - Excellent Product Design
- The New Classic Faucets for Laufen wins red dot design award 2019 - Product Design
- The New Classic bathroom fittings and fixture, IF Product design award 2019

2018

- AW Architektur & Wohnen, Designer of the Year 2018 (DE)
- Interior Design Hall of Fame, Interior Design Magazine (US)
- The New Classic by Marcel Wanders studio for Laufen wins Elle Russia Award

2017

- Alessi Circus, Good Design Award, The Chicago Athenaeum / Europe (US)

2016

- Cosme Decorte AQMW Skincare Series, Kose Corporation, Pentawards Gold Award, Worldwide Packaging Design Competition Luxury products

2016

- Cybex Hausschwein, Red Dot Award 2016
- Luxury Award, Mint Luxury Conference org. Hindustan Times newspaper and Liberatum (IN)

2014

- Andaz Amsterdam Prinsengracht, Best of the Best hotel, Best Design category, Jetsetter

2013

- Asia Pacific Hotel Awards, Best Hotel Interior, Hong Kong 2013-2014, Hotel Mira Moon
- Quasar Residences Istanbul, Winner 2013 International Property Awards "Best Leisure Architecture", "Best Apartment" and " Best Development Multiple Units".
- Quasar Residences Istanbul, Winner First prize in European Property Awards in the fields of "Best High-Rise Architecture", "Best Leisure Development", " Best Residential High-Rise Development", and "Best Mixed-Use Architecture".
- Quasar Residences Istanbul, Cityscape Global Awards, "Best Commercial & Mixed-Use Project (Future)"
- Andaz Amsterdam Prinsengracht is winner of the GaultMillau Award 2014 for 'Hotel of the Year', Condé Nast Traveler Hot List: The World's Best New Hotels and Travel + Leisure It List: The Best New Hotels.

2012

- Haiku collection, Geesa, Winner iF Product Design Award 2012

2011

- Schlummer Atlas Hotel of the Year 2011, Kameha Grand Bonn
- AQMW, Winner Japan Packaging Competition Award
- Best Consumer product, Heracleum for Moooi, Dutch Design Awards 2011, (Design Bertjan Pot, technique Marcel Wanders)
- Kameha Grand Bonn, Diners Club Magazine Award, "Hotel of the Year - worldwide"

2010

- Kameha Grand Bonn hotel is winner of the MIPIM Awards 2010 in the category Hotels. The MIPIM Awards recognize excellence and innovation in the real estate arena.
- Wallpaper Best Business Hotels 2010, Kameha Grand Bonn
- Top Ten Hotel, Tablet 10, Kameha Grand Bonn
- International Property Award 2010, Kameha Grand Bonn
- Winner ICT Milieu Award 2010: Wattcher

2009

- Collab, the Philadelphia Museum of Art's modern design collaborative awarded Marcel the Design Excellence Award 2009 for his significant contribution to the field of Design
- Winner of the International Hotel/ Motel Restaurant Show Gold Key Award for Best Lounge/Bar at the Mondrian South Beach Hotel (USA)
- Gold Key Award for Excellence in Hospitality Design, Lounge/Bar Mondrian Miami

2007

- Visionary! Award for artists of the Museum of Arts and Design (NY, USA)
- Winner of the Elle Decoration International Design Award for Skygarden designed for Flos

2006

- Winner of the Elle Decoration International Design Awards 'Designer of the Year'
- Awarded 'Designer of the Year 2006' by Italian magazine Gioia Casa
- Awarded 'Best interior professional' for Moooi, Dutch Woonawards 2006

2005

- Winner of the Elle Decoration International Design Awards for 'Carbon chair', design by Bertjan Pot and Marcel Wanders for Moooi

2004

- Winner of the Löberschütz design competition in Munich (DE) with design and brand of a new water bottle

2003

- Selected amongst Europe's 25 Leaders of Change by Business Week (USA)
- Winner of Elle Decoration International Design Award 2003 for 'Patchwork Plates', ceramic tableware series
- Winner of Vredeman de Vries Vormgevingsprijs 2003 for 'Patchwork Plates', ceramic tableware series
- FX award for Moooi Collection; 'best furniture or lighting for residential interiors'

2002

- Man of the Year, MAN (Dutch magazine)

2000

- George Nelson Award, Interiors Magazine
- Alterpoint Design Award 2000, Milano, IT

1998

- Winner of the 'Woonbeurspin', NL
- Honorable mention in the 'Compasso d'Oro', IT

1996

- 'Kho Liang le' consolation prize, NL

1990

- 3rd prize design contest 'Staande indoor lamp', Amsterdam, NL

1989

- 1st prize design contest 'Verzamelband', iON Rotterdam, NL

1986

- 1st prize in the design contest, 'Olympic Design 1992', USA
- 1st prize in the design contest, 'Café Modern' (Nescafé), NL

AWARD NOMINATIONS

2010

- The Sparkling Chair designed for Magis is nominated for 9th edition of the Elle Decoration International Design Awards.

2009

- Nominated for the Great Indoors award for the interior design of Mondrian South Beach hotel in the Relax & Consume Category
- Nominated for the Condé Nast Traveller Innovation and Design Awards 2009 for the interior design of Villa Moda in the Retail category

2006

- 'Best Interior Product' nomination for Moooi Boutique, Dutch Woonawards

2005

- Lensvelt Architecure award nomination, Lute Suites
- Dutch Design Award, best product design and best interior design, nomination

2004

- 'Designer of the Year', Blueprint Magazine, nomination
- World Technology Award by The World Technology Network, in association with Nasdaq, Microsoft, Time Magazine and Science Magazine, nomination

2003

- Elle Deco International Design Awards 2002; designer of the year, nomination
- Elle Deco International Design Awards 2002; bath product of the year with the whole range of bath products for Boffi, nomination
- Dedalus prize, nomination (one of the 5 finalists)

2001

- 'Designer of the Year' category in WIRED Magazine's 2001 WIRED Rave Awards, nomination

2000

- Rotterdam Design Prize, nomination
- Best bathroom-design in the Benelux, nomination

1999

- Double nomination Rotterdam Design Prize

1997

- Ava Ceramic Award, nomination

1993

- Rotterdam Design Prize, nomination

EDUCATION

2013 – 2015

Insead Campus - The business School for the World - in Fontainebleau, France
Global Executive MBA Program

1985–1988

Hogeschool voor de Kunsten, Arnhem, the Netherlands, 1988 Cum Laude Certificate

1983–1985

Academie voor Schone kunsten, Hasselt (Belgium)

1982–1985

Academie voor Toegepaste kunsten, Maastricht, the Netherlands

1981–1982

Academie voor Industriële Vormgeving (now called the Design Academy) Eindhoven, the Netherlands

ADDITIONAL EDUCATION

2001

Seminar by Anthony Robbins (Leadership in Effective Management)

2000

Seminar by Anthony Robbins (Wealth Mastery)

1997

Seminar by Anthony Robbins (Wealth Mastery & Date with Destiny)

1996

Seminar by Anthony Robbins (Life Mastery & UPW; Unleash the Power Within)

1995

Personal training by Richard Greene
NLP practitioner training
Seminar by Anthony Robbins