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The shape of the unusual annex resembles that of a butterfly. The floor-to-ceiling glazing and delicate profiles open the annex to its surroundings.

Staff building with cafeteria in Burgerveen, NL

A striking building on stilts provides employees of the Dutch family business Looije with an appealing recreational area. The Amsterdam architecture firm ZZDP Architecten developed the storehouse annex, which is visible from far away and surrounded by glass greenhouses.

Expansive greenhouses dominate the premises of vegetable grower Looije, which cultivates tomatoes on a total area of 16 hectares. A light-flooded staff and reception building with a circumferential balcony was recently built for the company's employees. The striking building with its projecting roof, delicate balustrade and its curved facade with round glazing is reminiscent of the architectural style of the 1950s. The staff building was connected to the plain distribution hall and elevated four meters above the freight vehicle delivery area. This provides the pavilion with a sweeping view of the Dutch polder landscape and the seemingly endless sky with its often amazing cloud formations. Achieving this view was the purpose of the design from ZZDP Architecten, and their unusual ground plan reminds one of a butterfly. The kitchen and dressing rooms can be found on the upper floor of the hall while the reception and the restaurant area are housed in the attractive new building. A centrally located, glazed patio offers a second exterior room with a view that is protected from the wind. This space is also used as a rest area for drivers as their freight vehicles are being loaded.

Building owner: Looije Tomaten, Naaldwijk/Burgerveen, NL Architect: ZZDP Architecten, Amsterdam, NL Location: Venneperweg, Burgerveen, NL Sto products: Facade insulation system (StoTherm Classic) Applicator: Bouwbedrijf Mulckhuyse, GH Nieuw-Vennep, NL Gebroeders Bisschops, Sassenheim, NL Photos: Ronald Tilleman Photography, Rotterdam, NL