## Heritage \& Architecture

MSc1 Heritage and Architecture Design Studio Revitalising Heritage: Westvest 9


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The building Westvest 9 from 1865 was located at the far western border of medieval Delf. It was built as a Learning Villa for the Polytechnic School, one of the predecessors of Delft University of Technology. In 1875 the twin building Westvest 5 was built next to it. In 1877 an extension at the backside of Westvest 9 was created for a chemistry laboratory. The faculty of chemistry continued using the building until 1946. After accommodating different functions and related renovations and various extensions, the building became vacant in 2018.

Westvest 9 , located between the city centre and the station, is not only a perfect spot for housing, but also to activate the Westvest and extending the centre of Delft towards the station.

The design assignment is to bring new life into the building by developing it into a small residential community with different types of residents and lively public activities, and to re-connect the building
with the urban tissue. This will require adapting the building to make the homes comply with current regulations and make it sustainable
The significance of both buildings Westvest 9 and Westvest 5 for TU Deft is obvious. For Delft it marks the dismantling of the fortifications and the arrival of the railway station. The front facade has remained largely untouched, but due to the different users over time, the interior has changed a lot.

What are the valuable features of the building? How can this building adapt to new functions and where can parts of the building be modified and where not? How can we create new life in the building and its surroundings by utilizing the qualities of the building?

There is a strong relation between the Heritage \& Architecture Architectural design studio and the Building Engineering studio (AR1A080).

