

# ATELIER ECRU

'PRAGMATIC SCULPTURES'

BRAM VANDERBEKE

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Bram Vanderbeke creates Architectural Objects: monumental designs with a distinctive materiality and aesthetic. In doing so, Bram suggests considering the status of these works as intermediate. Not so much to declare them unfinished, but rather as an accentuation of their intrinsic potential – their capacity to vary and alter, according to the circumstances they may once become part of. The works introduce an interaction between space and object and between architecture and function.

### **'Pragmatic Sculptures'**

In arranging his works for 'Pragmatic Sculptures' at Atelier Ecrú in Ghent, Bram Vanderbeke shares a vision of an anachronistic city landscape. Featuring both shimmering and dark high-rise volumes, combined with denser, stacked bodies – alluding as much to today as to the excavation of future ruins and the reconstruction of forgone foundations. A dynamic yet substantial composition that presented itself as if by coincidence, emerging spontaneously, as the works organised and reorganised themselves in his atelier, claiming their place during the vital labour of his process. It therefore represents his practice thoroughly, relating the variety of shapes and sizes to the consistency of his idiom. Wherein the slender, sculptural beams, labelled as 'Inside/Outside Columns', interact materially with the more recent 'Alucasts', which in turn approach the signature 'Brick Benches', 'Stools' and 'Side Tables'. A coherence that suggests that Bram Vanderbeke aims for an oeuvre but is rather the outcome of a forthright and authentic vigour, whereby the desire to create and the impetus of the production flow, set the tone.

Bram Vanderbeke's drive and determination become even more evident when one moves between the works and explores the landscape up close. How they are contained in the often brutish textures and the bold massiveness, in the honest rhythms of the moulded bricks and the echoes of a grinding wheel. They even provide an explanation for the title of his show: 'Pragmatic Sculptures'. For although the works each have their own function, that function only rarely precedes the work. More often, the pragmatic nature of the designs is a consequence of how the sculptural and architectural solids ultimately manifest themselves, their usability as such a fluid fact emerging from hindsight and interpretation. Even in the 'Layered' series, which appear neat and well-considered and in which the accumulation and layout of the coated plywood components are carefully sketched in advance, it is first and foremost the shape that appears.

Which also leads us to the context in which this exhibition takes place, even to the position Bram Vanderbeke occupies within the contemporary design field. A borderland between arts and design where the autonomy of the artistic expression does not shun but is neither limited by its usability.

(text: Jonas Lescrauwaet)

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Bram Vanderbeke

Alucast Wallpiece

unique work (2021)

23 x 8 x H 5,5 cm

Casted aluminium

price: 750 euro





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Bram Vanderbeke

Alucast Wallpiece

unique work (2021)

5,5 x 8 x H 43 cm

Casted aluminium

price: 1050 euro



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Bram Vanderbeke

Alucast Wallpiece

unique work (2021)  
24,5 x 7,5 x H 5,5 cm  
Casted aluminium

price: 800 euro

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Bram Vanderbeke

Alucast Wallpiece

unique work (2021)  
14 x 15 x H 12,5 cm  
Casted aluminium

price: 800 euro

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Bram Vanderbeke

Alucast Wallpiece

unique work (2021)

12 x 12 x H 12 cm

Casted aluminium

price: 700 euro



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Bram Vanderbeke

Alucast Wallpiece

unique work (2021)  
5,5 x 8,5 x H 43 cm  
Casted aluminium

price: 1000 euro





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Bram Vanderbeke

Alucast Wallpiece

unique work (2021)

22 x 18 x H 11 cm

Casted aluminium

price: 1050 euro







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Bram Vanderbeke

Brick Casts

unique work (2021)

33 x 33 x H 30 cm

Waxed concrete

price: 850 euro

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Brick Casts

unique work (2021)

33 x 33 x H 40 cm

Waxed concrete

price: 950 euro



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Bram Vanderbeke

Brick Casts

unique work (2021)

33 x 33 x H 45 cm

Waxed concrete

price: 1000 euro







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Bram Vanderbeke

Brick Bench II

unique work (2021)  
123 x 24 x H 40 cm  
Waxed concrete

price: 2700 euro





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Alucast I

unique work (2020)  
25 x 23 x H 66 cm  
Casted aluminium

price: 3900 euro

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Bram Vanderbeke

Alucast II

unique work (2020)  
49 x 23 x H 44 cm  
Casted aluminium

price: 3900 euro









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Layered II

Edition of 2 + 1 AP (2021)

47 x 40 x H 200 cm

Coated Pine plywood

price: 4700 euro





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Layered III

Edition of 2 + 1 AP (2021)

31,5 x 40 x H 85 cm

Coated Pine plywood

price: 1700 euro

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Inside/Outside Column

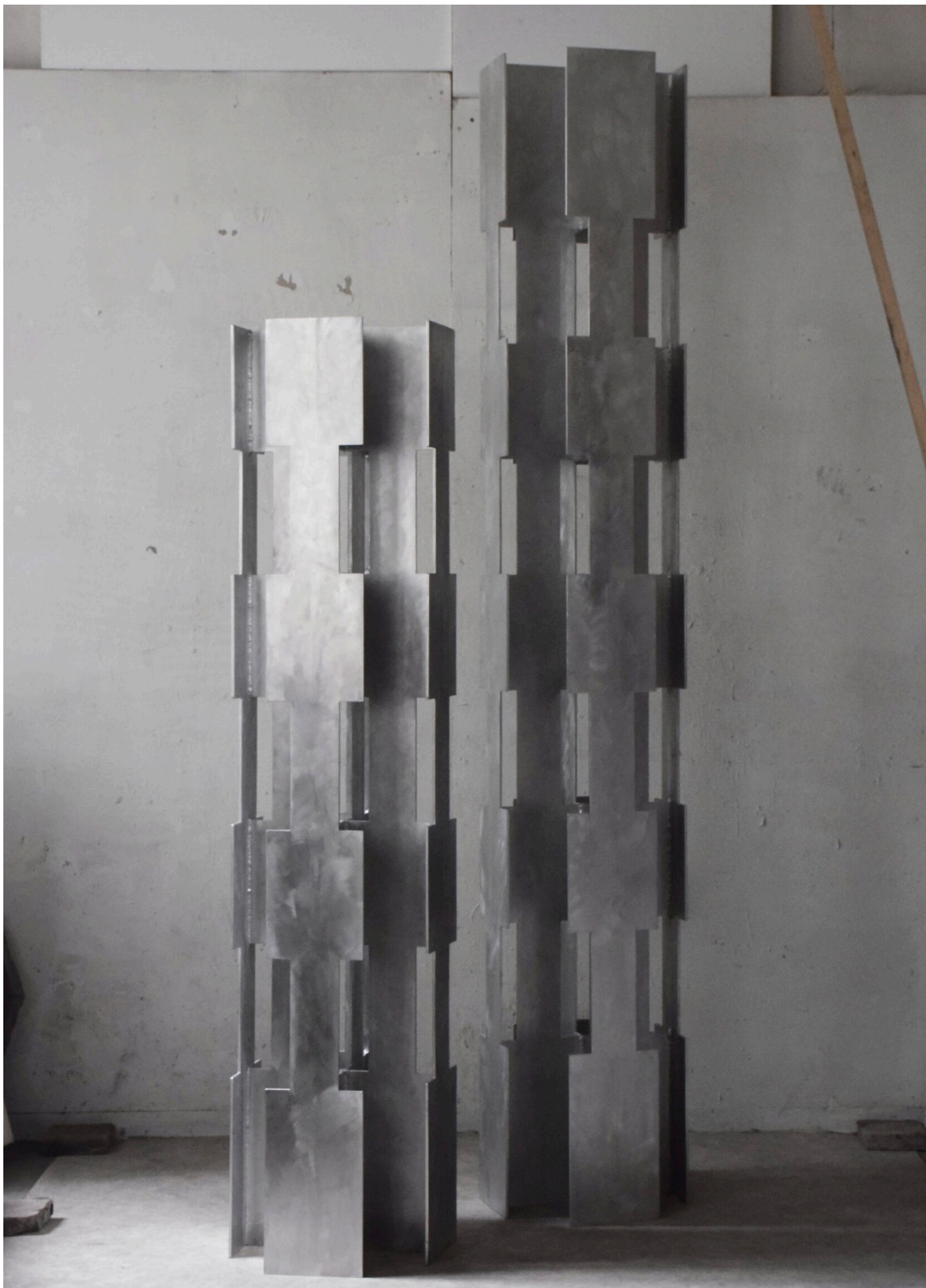
Edition of 6 + 2 AP (2020)

41,5 x 41,5 x H 245 cm

Welded aluminium

price: 5200 euro







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Bram Vanderbeke

Inside/Outside Column

Edition of 6 + 2 AP (2020)

42 x 42 x H 185 cm

Welded aluminium

price: 4000 euro

## Bram Vanderbeke lives and works in Belgium (BE)

2020

FAR 2020 Brassless, Nilufar Gallery, Milan (IT)  
Kleureyck Design Museum Ghent, Scenography, Ghent (BE)  
Collectible Brut Collective, Brussels (BE)  
Alert Objects Galerija Vartai, Vilnius (LIT)

2019

Moving Traces Atelier Ecrû, Ghent (BE)  
Inside/Outside Architectural Objects, Artecetera, Tielrode (BE) (solo)  
MDR Gallery, London Craft Week, London (UK)  
FAR Nilufar Gallery, Milan Design Week, Milan (IT)  
Dutch Invertuals Circle, Milan Design Week, Milan (IT)  
Brut Bodem, Milan Design Week, Milan (IT)  
Turn on me Now Side Gallery, Barcelona (ES)  
Collectible Brussels (BE) Atelier Jespers Architectural objects, Brussels (BE) (solo)  
Henry van de Velde Awards Brut Collective, Young Talent, Brussels (BE)

2018

Young Talents Dutch Design Week, Eindhoven (NL)  
Baars & Bloemhof Dutch Design Week, Eindhoven (NL)  
Brut Interieur Biennale, Kortrijk (BE)  
Kanal Centre Pompidou, Brussel (BE)  
Maison & Objet Milk Decoration stand, Paris (FR)  
Influence Biennale du textile contemporain, Oloron St Marie (FR)  
Brut St Vincents, Antwerpen (BE)  
Frozen Fountain Amsterdam (NL)  
Brut Milan Design Week, Milan (IT)  
Poème Brut Design Museum Gent, Gent (BE)  
Collectible Brussel (BE)  
Tools Galerie Paris (FR)

2017

Fundamentals Dutch Invertuals, Eindhoven (NL)  
Envisions Dutch Design Week, Eindhoven (NL)  
Hardcore Exhibition Dutch Design Week, Eindhoven (NL)  
Week van Ontwerpen Kortrijk (BE)  
London Design Festival Harvest, Dutch Invertuals, London (UK)  
Carpenters Workshop Gallery The Graduate(s), London (UK)  
Musée des Arts Harvest, Dutch Invertuals, Paris (FR)  
Harvest Dutch Invertuals, Milan (IT)

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