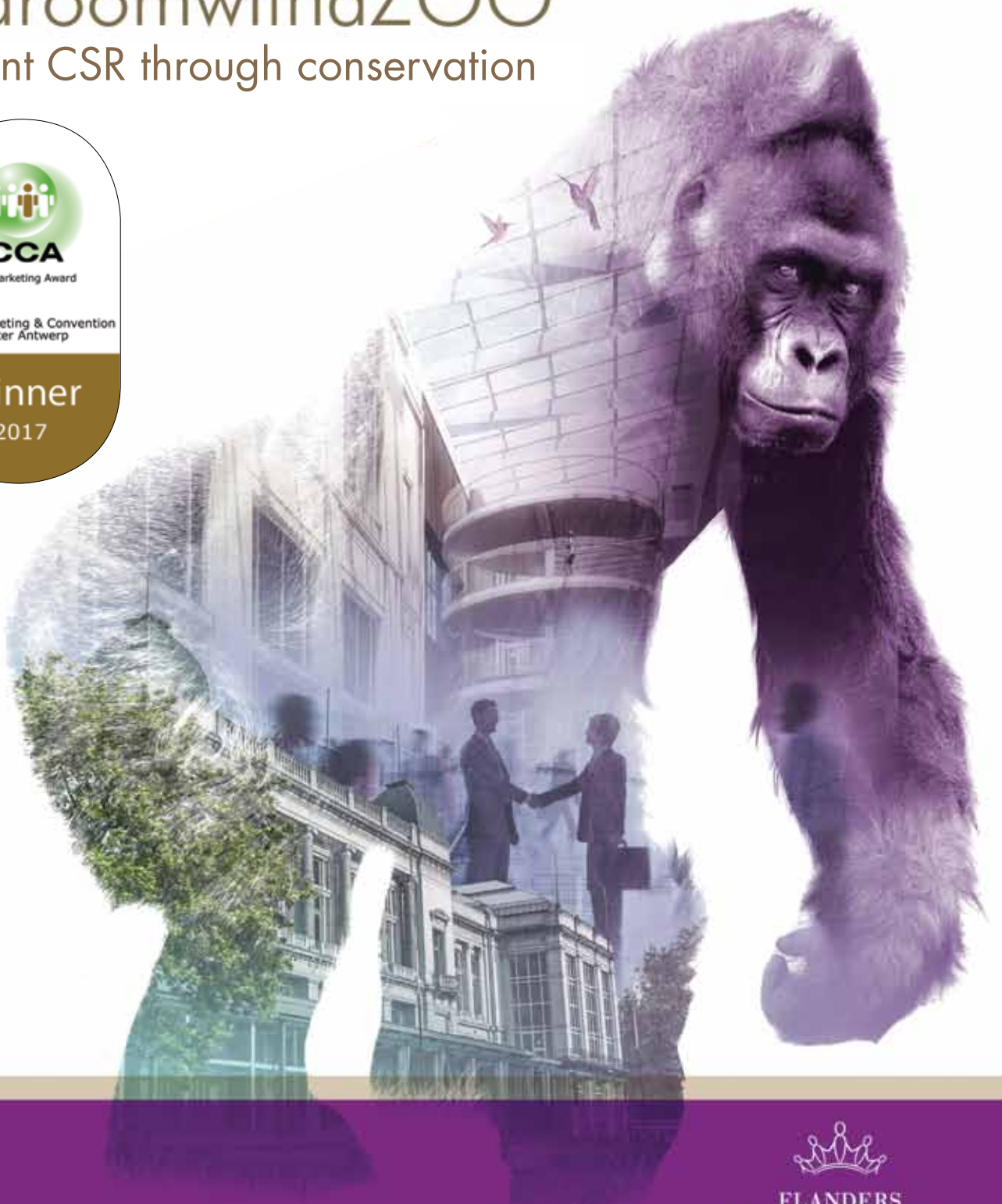


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INTRODUCTION



PROUD TO PRESENT: FLANDERS MEETING & CONVENTION CENTER ANTWERP – A ROOM WITH A ZOO

THE FLANDERS MEETING & CONVENTION CENTER ANTWERP IN BELGIUM (FMCCA) IS A UNIQUE CONVENTION CENTRE, CONVENIENTLY LOCATED IN THE HEART OF THE CITY, IN THE AWARD WINNING 19TH CENTURY ANTWERP ZOO (THE GARDEN OF LIFE).

INSTANT CSR THROUGH CONSERVATION

The **Flanders Meeting & Convention Center Antwerp (FMCCA)** lies in the centre of the Antwerp ZOO, a part of the ZOO Foundation, a place of **animal welfare, nature conservation and science**. A place from which the FMCCA derives its huge and quite remarkable social relevance and anchoring. Anja Stas, Chief Commercial Officer FMCCA: "Every cent spent at our conference centre is managed by the ZOO Foundation and directly contributes to our efforts in the field of animal welfare, heritage, breeding programmes, research and nature conservation. All of this is aimed at the welfare and survival of our zoological friends."

Protection of threatened species and research on fundamental nature conservation is part of our DNA as a founding partner of the European Association of Zoos and Aquaria (EAZA). Scientists are convinced of nature's role in our overall feeling of happiness. Nature nurtures the soul, inspires and connects. That is what the FMCCA offers, **a conference centre surrounded by nature, tropical animals and the most beautiful garden**. After an intensive meeting at the FMCCA you walk into the zoo to savour the sight of lions and giraffes. Imagine what a business meeting could bring under the watchful eyes of the flamingos! How refreshing a morning jog can be among the animals before the start of a busy day! Looking at nature, the animals, the trees and plants empowers and connects. This setting gives a conference or meeting an unequalled boost.



A ROOM WITH A ZOO

CONVENIENTLY LOCATED IN THE CENTRE OF EUROPE, FMCCA IS YOUR PERFECT MEETCENTIVE DESTINATION!

HIGHSPEED CONNECTION TO EUROPE

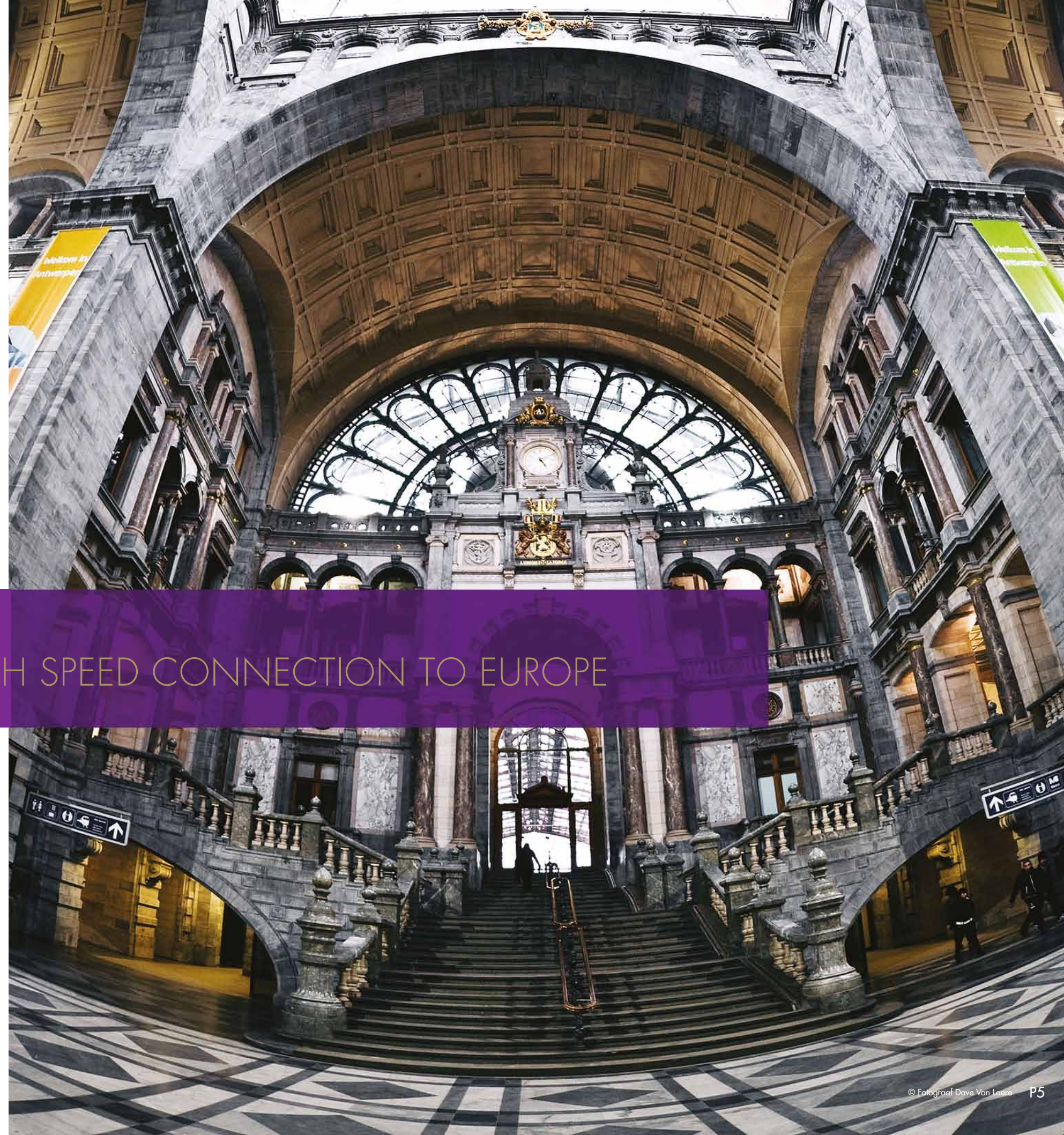
Regardless of how you arrive in Antwerp, the city centre is always within easy reach. Proximity is key – just hop off the train arriving directly from Paris, Amsterdam, London or Cologne and enter our convention centre within a matter of minutes. There is also a direct 34-minute rail connection between Brussels International Airport and Antwerp (44 km/27.7 miles). Together, Brussels & Antwerp International Airports serve 200 destinations with 300 direct flights per day. Conveniently located at the crossroads of European motorways, Antwerp can be easily reached by car and coach.

LOCATION & HIGH SPEED CONNECTION TO EUROPE

As the city with one of the most exciting restaurant scenes, train station and ZOO in the world, Antwerp holds many more trump cards such as Rubens, Plantin, diamonds, chocolate, fashion, museums and Belgian beers.



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ANTWERP ZOO: A PLACE OF PLEASURE AND INSPIRATION.

Alongside the many advantages and opportunities that the Flanders Meeting & Convention Center Antwerp offers its guests, there are the many features of the **Antwerp ZOO**. With its rich fauna and flora and a selection of listed Art Deco buildings, this 19th century zoo is an endless source of inspiration. An architectural steel and glass marvel, the late 19th century Winter Garden is a special asset. Whoever enters this conservatory area, follows in the footsteps of legendary explorers such as Stanley and Livingstone and, during Spring and Summer, they are filled with hundreds of butterflies brightening the walk. The Winter Garden can be exclusively opened for you and your guests after closing time.



A ROOM WITH A ZOO

NATURE NURTURES

Antwerp ZOO is the perfect setting for a relaxing **morning run** or a **walk, during breaks, or in the evening**. Especially at night, you can enjoy the peace and quiet of the most beautiful garden in Antwerp. If you're lucky, you could even spot some sleeping animals that join you during your evening walk. The nightly beauty of our extraordinary garden is the perfect setting to cast all your professional and business concerns away and recharge your batteries for the following day.

We can even offer the opportunity to pay a **backstage group visit** to the ZOO behind the scenes, when you can explore the hidden link running between the ZOO and the Central Station normally closed to visitors. During this exclusive visit discover the backstage of the animal quarters, the impressive underground, infrastructure, the medical operation theatre and the hatcheries. **What other convention centre holds so many surprises?**





MEETING MAGIC - START YOUR DAY WITH THE ANIMALS



- Morning run through the gardens surrounded by the Elephants and Giraffes.
- Yoga stretch nearby the Flamingo Pond
- Breakfast coffee with the cheery, cheeky Penguins
- Tea-break networking, watched over by Gorillas

What your day could look like:

| | |
|---------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 08:00 | Leave London/Paris/... |
| 11:00 | Arrive @ Antwerp |
| 11:00 - 11:02 | Walk to FMCCA |
| 11:15 - 13:00 | Welcome session @ Queen Elisabeth Hall |
| 13:00 - 14:00 | Lunch in the historical rooms of the ZOO |
| 14:00 - 15:30 | Breakout sessions |
| 15:30 - 16:15 | Coffee break between penguins, elephants or giraffes |
| 16:15 - 17:30 | Afternoon sessions |
| 17:30 - 18:30 | Closing concert @ the Queen Elisabeth Hall |
| 18:30 - 20:30 | Check-in @ hotel or stroll in the charming historical centre of Antwerp |
| 20:30 - 23:00 | Dinner @ ZOO Aquarium & magical experience in sleeping ZOO |

Optional:

Morning run or yoga session.
Visit one of the museums (e.g.: MAS, Fashion Museum), shopping
For more information, please visit our website: www.ZOOantwerp.be

A NEW BUILDING WITH A GLORIOUS HISTORY

The large and light flooded *Atrium*, where authenticity meets modernity, is the general meeting venue of the new convention center. This 2100 m² space is the ideal location to register and welcome delegates or to present expositions and exhibitions. The *ZOOgallery*, a kind of 'light street', connects the Atrium with the historically significant *Marble Hall* (415 m²) which boasts twenty impressive marble columns.

This *Marble Hall*, together with the supporting halls of classical beauty form the historical heart of the complex:

- *Darwin Hall*: on the second floor, where the skeleton of a Baleen Whale hangs from the ceiling
- *Verlat Hall*: with an impressive marble staircase
- *Winter Garden*: a unique combination of steel and glass cupolas...plus real butterflies in season!
- *Bugatti Room*: a VIP board-room, with art by the famous sculptor Bugatti (late 19th century)

A number of newly built rooms complement these extraordinary locations, offering a total of 20 rooms or 30 break out rooms.

MEETING ROOMS SUCH AS THE MARBLE HALL AND VERLAT HALL WITHIN THE WORLD'S BEST PRESERVED AND AWARD WINNING 19TH CENTURY ZOO – A LIVING AND BREATHING HISTORICAL MONUMENT.

UNIQUE GATHERING PLACE












The new Flanders Meeting & Convention Center Antwerp combines the best of two worlds. Modern facilities and technology are integrated in the breathtaking façade of the rooms that have been there for decades.

The end of the 19th century saw the opening of 'la Salle des Fêtes' on this very location, exclusively for the entertainment of the upper-middle class. From 1960 onwards and thanks to its large capacity (1880 seats), the hall was home to classical, rock, pop, and world music concerts, as well as to musicals and youth theatre shows.

Flanders Meeting & Convention Center Antwerp was conceived as a truly unique venue. The increased capacity for conferences and ideal logistic solutions, which make the building highly accessible, have turned the place into a magnet for international events. The wonderful location, the stunning design created with sustainable materials and the energy-efficient features are just some of the many plusses.

HISTORICAL
SURROUNDINGS
AND CITY
INNOVATION



| | ROOM CAPACITIES | | | | | | | | | | |
|--------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| |  Surface |  Square feet |  Height |  Daylight |  Theatre |  Classroom |  U-shape/ Boardroom |  Cocktail |  Seated Dinner |  Walking Dinner (seated) |  Walking Dinner (standing) |
| GROUND FLOOR | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Atrium - 6 zones (0.1) | 2,100 | 22,604 | - | Yes | - | - | - | 1,500 | 700 | 560 | 1000 |
| Atrium - zone 1 (0.1.1) | 250 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Atrium - zone 2 (0.1.2) | 780 | - | - | - | 400 | 180 | - | - | - | - | - |
| Atrium - zone 3 (0.1.3) | 440 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Atrium - ZOOgallery (0.1.4) | 615 | - | - | - | - | - | - | 100 | - | - | - |
| Atrium - zone 5 (0.1.5) | 205 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Atrium - zone 6 (0.1.6) | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Winter Garden (0.2) | - | - | - | Yes | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Verlat Hall (0.3) | 184 | 1,981 | 18 | Yes | - | - | - | 80 | - | - | 50 |
| Marble Hall (0.4) | 415 | 4,467 | 9 | Yes | 270 | 128 | 65 | 350 | 200 | 160 | 200 |
| Havana Room (0.5) | 35 | 377 | 3,66 | Yes | - | - | 10 | 20 | - | - | - |
| Okapi Room (0.8) | 545 | 5,867 | 3,30/5,00 | Yes | 380 | 92 | 48 | 400 | 210 | 160 | 210 |
| Okapi room 1 (0.8.1) | 195 | 2,099 | 3,30/5,00 | No | 80 | - | - | 100 | 50 | - | - |
| Okapi room 2 (0.8.2) | 175 | 1,884 | 5,00 | No | 150 | 46 | 24 | 150 | 80 | 60 | 80 |
| Okapi room 3 (0.8.3) | 175 | 1,884 | 5,00 | Yes | 150 | 46 | 24 | 150 | 80 | 60 | 80 |
| FIRST FLOOR | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Queen Elisabeth Hall (1.1) | - | - | - | No | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Parterre | 613 | 6,598 | 2,27 - 18,19 | No | 776 - 957 | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Stage | 326 | 3,509 | 17,48 | No | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Stanley Room (1.2) | 244 | 2,626 | 3,00 | Yes | - | 40 | 28 | 110 | - | - | - |
| Bugatti Room (1.3) | 115 | 1,238 | 7,91/5,20 | Yes | - | - | 16 | 40 | - | - | - |
| Jacques Kets Room (1.4) | 48 | 517 | 4,60 | Yes | - | - | 12 | - | - | - | - |
| Gorilla Room (1.5) | - | - | 4,63 | Yes | - | - | - | 500 | 330 | 270 | 330 |
| Gorilla Room 1 (1.5.1) | 270 | 2,906 | 4,63 | Yes | 250 | 60 | 30 | 300 | 130 | 100 | 130 |
| Gorilla Room 2 (1.5.2) | 50 | 538 | 4,63 | Yes | 35 | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Gorilla Room 3 (1.5.3) | 130 | 1,399 | 4,63 | Yes | 90 | 30 | 16 | 100 | 70 | 50 | 70 |
| Gorilla Room 4 (1.5.4) | 115 | 1,238 | 4,63 | Yes | 80 | 30 | 16 | 90 | 70 | 50 | 70 |
| Gorilla Room 5 (1.5.5) | 110 + 98 | 1,184 | 4,63 | Yes | 80 | 30 | 16 | 85 | 60 | 40 | 60 |
| Racoon Room (1.6) | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Racoon Room (1.6.1) | 10 | 108 | 3,00 | Yes | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Racoon Room (1.6.2) | 10 | 108 | 3,00 | Yes | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| SECOND FLOOR | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Queen Elisabeth Hall Balcony 1 (2.1) | 467 | 5,027 | - | No | 367 - 521 | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Butterfly Hall (2.2) | 169 | 1,819 | 18,00 | Yes | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Darwin Hall (2.3) | 390 | 4,198 | 9,00 | Yes | 250 | 120 | 65 | 320 | - | - | - |
| Galapagos Room (2.4) | 210 | 2,260 | 7,50 | Yes | 65 | 40 | 28 | 110 | - | - | - |
| Peacock Room (2.5) | 55 | 592 | 2,80 | Yes | 35 | - | 12 | 20 | - | - | - |
| Nightingale Room (2.6) | 130 | 1,399 | 2,80 | Yes | 100 | 30 | 32 | 100 | - | - | - |
| Nightingale Room 1 (2.6.1) | 65 | 699 | 2,80 | Yes | 50 | 16 | 16 | - | - | - | - |
| Nightingale Room 2 (2.6.2) | 65 | 699 | 2,80 | Yes | 50 | 16 | 16 | - | - | - | - |
| Toucan Room (2.7) | 115 | 1,238 | 2,80 | Yes | 90 | 30 | 32 | 90 | - | - | - |
| Toucan Room (2.7.1) | 57,5 | 619 | 2,80 | Yes | 45 | 16 | 16 | - | - | - | - |
| Toucan Room (2.7.2) | 57,5 | 619 | 2,80 | Yes | 45 | 16 | 16 | - | - | - | - |
| Pelican Room (2.8) | 110 | 1,184 | 2,80 | Yes | 85 | 30 | 24 | 85 | - | - | - |
| Pelican Room (2.8.1) | 55 | 592 | 2,80 | Yes | 40 | 16 | 12 | - | - | - | - |
| Pelican Room (2.8.2) | 55 | 592 | 2,80 | Yes | 40 | 16 | 12 | - | - | - | - |
| THIRD FLOOR | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Queen Elisabeth Hall Balcony 2 (3.1) | 436 | 4,693 | - | No | 498 - 544 | - | - | - | - | - | - |

THE **QUEEN ELISABETH HALL** IS, WITHOUT DOUBT, THE 'PIECE DE RESISTANCE', THANKS TO THE KNOW-HOW OF KIRKEGAARD ASSOCIATES, THIS HALL HAS **PERFECT ACOUSTICS AND SOUND ENGINEERING**.

The shape of the hall guarantees a perfect resonance of sound due to the following interventions: the absence of a fixed front stage which avoids sound loss, curtain or settings appear from the ceiling, adjustable panels on the ceiling which project the ideal sound and the presence of a performance grade sound system.

National and international conferences will be able to welcome their delegates in superb contemporary surroundings. According to Kirkegaard, the acoustics of the new Queen Elisabeth Hall scores 9.3 out of 10, which is, academically speaking, an excellent score!

ADDED VALUE:

- Plenty of **technical options and possibilities** offering the highest comfort to conference delegates and meeting participants, accommodating all their audio-visual needs.
- **Multi-functionality** with a **fast rotation** thanks to a minimal turnover time (production set-up and take-down). Lightning and scenery are located above the auditorium ceiling allowing for the combination of an academic plenary session in the afternoon followed by a classical concert at night.
- **An extensive logistics** area including press rooms, storage space and elevators providing disabled access to each hall.



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ELISABETH CATERING



LET US ADD A UNIQUE DIMENSION TO THE SPECIAL EXPERIENCE OF WELCOMING AND ENTERTAINING YOUR GUESTS IN **THE FLANDERS MEETING & CONVENTION CENTER ANTWERP**, WHETHER IT IS FOR A MEDICAL CONVENTION, AN IMPORTANT CONFERENCE OR A VITAL MEETING. HOSPITALITY IS IN OUR DNA.

As icing on your meeting cake, our professional in-house catering, Elisabeth Catering offers a choice of high-end dinners, standing buffets, lunches and drinks receptions.

The seminar catering options are available from 50 people onwards with optional coffee.

In addition, our catering is fully aligned with the company's **sustainability policy**, and our menus include vegetarian and gluten-free alternatives to our starters, mains, and desserts.

THE ICING ON YOUR MEETING CAKE

NEW: Under water dining with your guests amidst coral reefs, tropical fish, and azure blue waves. Does this sound like the perfect magical setting for your corporate event? Dive into the atmosphere of Antwerp ZOO's renovated Aquarium with your clients or employees, for a completely unique experience which includes an evening stroll through the softly lit and sleeping nocturnal ZOO.



ANTWERP: TOP DESTINATION FOR MEETINGS AND CONVENTIONS

THANKS TO ITS CENTRAL LOCATION IN EUROPE AND THE SHORT CONNECTION TIMES TO DIFFERENT CITIES, THE VIBRANT CITY OF ANTWERP IS A POPULAR CONFERENCE DESTINATION IN FLANDERS, LOCATED IN THE NORTHERN PART OF BELGIUM. AS A CONSEQUENCE, TRAVELING TIMES ARE SHORT AND COMFORTABLE AND THE CITY BOASTS AN EXTREMELY RICH HISTORIC ECONOMIC, SOCIAL, AND CULTURAL PAST AND IS ESTABLISHED AS A CONTEMPORARY CITY OF CONSTANT INNOVATION.

Antwerp is one of Belgium's most important cities for conferences and events. No less than 25% of the total number of overnight stays in Antwerp are linked to a conference or event. Because of the fast growth of conference tourism in Flanders, this figure is set to rise even further in the future. Antwerp offers over 4400 hotel rooms, many only a short walking distance from the Flanders Meeting & Convention Center Antwerp. The choice of accommodation ranges from 4 star international chains to small boutique hotels.

FMCCA – A TEN MINUTE WALK FROM THE HISTORIC 'VILLAGE'.

If you're looking for an attractive social programme, here is a sample of what Antwerp has to offer:

- **Rubens' hometown:** the city and the painter are eternally linked to the city of Antwerp, much like Andy Warhol and New York. Discover Rubens' home and studio, and see his artwork on display in fine museums and in the famous Cathedral of Our Lady.

ANTWERP: A CITY THAT FEELS LIKE A VILLAGE BUT OFFERS THE WORLD

- **Fashion in Antwerp:** thanks to the Fashion Museum, the prestigious Fashion Academy and many trendy fashion stores, Antwerp is one of the international capitals of fashion.
- **Antwerp Cut, Antwerp Quality:** Antwerp is the most important diamond-trading center in the world.
- **Maritime Metropolis:** the port of Antwerp is Europe's second biggest port and the world's second largest petrochemical center.
- **Antwerpers love to eat and drink:** the city's atmosphere is defined by the many terraces and culinary events throughout the city, as well as the regional specialties such as Belgian beer and Belgian chocolate.

Contact *Visit Antwerpen* for the most up-to-date tourist information and for activity ideas before, during or after your meeting/convention.

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"WHO CANNOT LOVE A PLACE WITH SUCH GREAT CHOCOLATE AND BEER?" – BARACK OBAMA 2014

STRIVING TOWARDS THE OPTIMAL USE OF OUR ENERGY RESOURCES

Flanders Meeting & Convention Center Antwerp has a green roof. The green vegetation of sedum and moss stores heat and prevents reflection, which increases the insulating capability considerably. Rainwater is recovered in tanks under the welcoming square of the ZOO. This water is used for the toilet facilities of both the Flanders Meeting & Convention Center Antwerp and Antwerp ZOO to water plants and trees and for maintenance, such as the cleaning of the flamingo pond.

THE **UNIQUE LOCATION** OF THE **FLANDERS MEETING & CONVENTION CENTER ANTWERP** GUARANTEES:

Excellent accessibility to and from the city centre:

- **High speed train connections** (Eurostar and Thalys) from Amsterdam, Paris, Lille, London, and Cologne to Antwerp Central Station, located just 100 metres from the **Flanders Meeting & Convention Center Antwerp**.
- **Brussels International Airport** is only 34 minutes away by train, thanks to the direct Diabolo connection between the airport and Antwerp Central Station.
- Antwerp International Airport is only 15 minutes away by taxi.
- A dense motorway network connects Europe to the **Flanders Meeting & Convention Center Antwerp**, just a couple of kilometres from the Antwerp Ring Road.
- **Ample parking space can be found** in the vicinity of the conference centre.

A huge selection of hotels: book a room in one of the international hotel chains or in one of the many **charming boutique hotels located nearby**.

A unique mix of **fine dining restaurants** (the world on your plate), **bars** (world famous Belgian beers) plus **attractions and cinemas within walking distance**.

Last but not least: the most beautiful ZOO in the country, an exotic oasis of tranquillity, found next door to the conference centre.

ROUND-UP & CONTACT DETAILS

Lift your business to a higher level:

- Situated in the heart of Antwerp (Belgium)
- Next to the Central Station (international connections)
- About 25,000m²
- Brand new auditorium with 1,880 seats
- Excellent acoustics
- Data projector and screen provided in 6 of our conference rooms, and on request on the other rooms.
- All rooms equipped with WIFI
- Most of the rooms are equipped with air conditioning
- All rooms are wheelchair accessible
- Large logistics zone
- Several parking zones within walking distance
- Several hotels (3 and 4 stars) within walking distance
- Optional ZOO stroll during meeting breaks
- Highly recommended: fascinating evening walk
- All rooms – except for the Marble Hall and the Galapagos Room – can be darkened on request.



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