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investment promotion agency

WHY

to assist you in setting up your office in Antwerp

WHO

2 founding partners:

City of Antwerp

Chamber of Commerce & Industry Antwerpen-Waasland

23 professional partners:

Anker 18, Arcadis, Banimmo, Besix-Vanhout, BNP Paribas Fortis
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Lonely Planet's "Best in Travel 2009"

**ANTWERP, YOUR
PRIME BUSINESS
DESTINATION!**



Antwerp has been a major link in the chain of international trade for over four and a half centuries. Today, that legacy lives on in a city that combines a healthy appreciation for the good life with all the ingredients necessary for successful enterprise on a global scale.

Gateway to Europe

Boasting the world's fifth largest port and a highly advanced multi-modal transport system, Antwerp offers the accessibility and connectivity you would expect of a genuine business capital. 60% of the EU's purchasing power also lies within a 500km radius of the city, making Antwerp an ideal base for companies across a wide variety of sectors.

Hive of economy activity

Antwerp provides the infrastructure, support services and market reach for a remarkably diverse range of industries. From Europe's largest chemicals cluster to the world's most important diamond exchange, and everything in between, Antwerp profits from a rich web of synergies and a diversity of talent to match.

Future oriented

Antwerp also offers room to move and room to grow for dynamic businesses with an eye on the future. Recent years have seen a marked growth in high-quality commercial real estate in prime locations throughout the city, with several other groundbreaking projects in the pipeline.

Hip, trendy, now

Above all else, Antwerp is cool and "in"! With its unique mix of historic and contemporary architecture, flourishing art and fashion scene, vibrant population and passion for the good things in life, Antwerp is a place where you can develop and express yourself to the fullest.





**ANTWERP,
A BOOMING
BUSINESS CITY!**



COMMERCIAL REAL ESTATE IN ANTWERP

Antwerp's commercial real estate market offers stability coupled with enormous potential for growth. With a number of large, high-profile projects in the pipeline, the outlook is bright in a city where local government supports and stimulates development. The goal over the next 10 years is to offer an additional 600 000 m² of high-quality office space at prime locations in and around the city centre. In order to achieve this, Antwerp is designating and developing new locations while stimulating constant improvements in facilities, finishing, architecture, comfort, energy efficiency and the use of public spaces in general.

Antwerp's commercial real estate market booked an exceptional year in 2008 with a 26% increase in transactions on the annual average over the past 5 years. This was undoubtedly the result of a highly dynamic and rapidly growing rental market. The combination of such evolutions in the market, the latter's latent growth potential and the proven commitment of local government has ensured that more and more investors are finding their way to the Antwerp property market.



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INTERNATIONAL TOP LOCATIONS IN ANTWERP

1. *Antwerp Docklands*
2. *Antwerp Diamond District*
3. *Antwerp Berchem*
4. *Antwerp West Park*

ANTWERP DOCKLANDS

At the northern edge of the city centre, Antwerp Docklands fuses the convenience of the city and the dynamism of the port within a new urban concept. Bridging the old and the new, Antwerp Docklands is rapidly becoming the prime development for a city on the move.

A unique mix

Once the logistical engine of the city, the waterfront warehouses of Antwerp Docklands have given way to contemporary offices, trendy lofts and some of the city's leading entertainment facilities.

City within the city

Set amongst waterways and parklands, Antwerp Docklands comprise an authentic mix of cultural attractions, hospitality and shopping coupled with outstanding commercial real estate opportunities. Just 10 minutes from the old town, it is also an ideal base for discovering the city's many highlights.

New urban environment

Professional and urban life come together like never before. A symbol of Antwerp's spirit of progress and innovation, Antwerp Docklands stands for high-quality infrastructure and excellent connectivity within an exciting new urban environment.

- Linking the old town and the port
- Authentic mix of residential and commercial real estate
- Over 400ha with state-of-the-art amenities
- Trendy hospitality and cultural attractions
- Well connected via road, rail and tram
- Easy access to the city centre



“Antwerp’s dockside becomes chic”
International Herald Tribune 08/01/2009





“Antwerp Central is the 4th most beautiful train station in the world”

Newsweek, 19/01/2009

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ANTWERP DIAMOND DISTRICT

Antwerp may be renowned for its diamonds but its Diamond District is just as famous for its dynamic, international vibe, excellent shopping and alternative night life. And with Antwerp Central Station at its midpoint, it is just a short journey to any of Europe's other major business centres.

The heartbeat of the city

Antwerp Diamond District has its finger on the pulse of business, right in the heart of the city. Here Antwerp's tallest and newest office buildings form a stimulating contrast with some of its oldest, creating a crossroads of economic and cultural exchange.

High-speed connections

The recently renovated and extended Antwerp Central Station offers efficient, high-speed rail links to other major centres such as Amsterdam, Brussels, Dusseldorf, Paris and London. With several thousand commuters daily, the station is also a commercial centre in its own right, connecting new developments on the Kievit Square with the old town.

Stimulating business environment

Antwerp Diamond District is home to some 160 nationalities. This vibrant, diverse urban landscape offers the best the city has to offer, including upmarket boutiques, authentic local stores, Antwerp University and of course the diamond exchange.

- Prime location in the city centre
- Contemporary facilities in an historic setting
- High speed rail connections to other major centres in Europe
- A melting pot of cultures, experience and expertise
- The best restaurants and shopping at your doorstep
- A stone's throw from Antwerp University

ANTWERP BERCHEM

Boasting fast, efficient connections to the rest of Europe via road, rail or air, Antwerp Berchem offers companies a genuine foot in the door on the continental market. Enjoy a stimulating mix of old-world charm, state-of-the-art infrastructure and contemporary living at Antwerp Berchem.

International visibility

Located on the axis of six international motorways, over 200 000 vehicles pass by Antwerp Berchem every day. This high-profile location at the edge of the city centre also offers outstanding connectivity for you, your employees and your clients.

Optimum accessibility

As well as its own high speed train station, Antwerp Berchem is just minutes away from Antwerp Deurne business airport and 30 minutes by car or train from Brussels Airport. Whatever your destination, Antwerp Berchem offers lightning fast international connections to the rest of Europe and beyond.

Where the old meets the new

Centuries-old buildings form an organic unity with contemporary facilities and some of Antwerp's best international cuisine. Add to that the area's renowned international schools and it is easy to see why Antwerp Berchem is a popular choice for companies oriented towards the Benelux market.

- Proximity to six international motorways
- Close to the airport and high speed rail network
- High-profile location at the gateway to the city
- Celebrated architectural heritage
- Neighbouring international schools and exclusive residential areas
- Renowned café and restaurant scene

“Antwerp offers everything an international business city should offer. Antwerp is a great place to live and work.”

Director Corporate Affairs, Philip Morris Benelux





“Antwerp West Park offers our company a triple A office location that is well connected in all directions”

Managing Director, Concentra Media



- New development on the left bank of the Scheldt
- Over 10 000m² of retail and 40 000m² of office space
- High visibility along the western gateway to the city
- Campus-style living and working in green surrounds
- Just 10 minutes from the city centre

ANTWERP WEST PARK

Get the Antwerp experience from the other side. The brand-new Antwerp West Park development on the left bank of the River Scheldt offers quality space for living, working, playing and evolving.

New urban phenomenon

Antwerp's newest urban zone comprises some 1500 residential properties and over 50 000m² of commercial real estate, harmoniously integrated within picturesque, modern surrounds.

A unique perspective

Antwerp West Park forms the western gateway to the city, just a few kilometres from the city centre with magnificent views from across the water. The ideal location for seeing and being seen.

The campus lifestyle

Set amongst wide boulevards and extensive parklands, Antwerp West Park embodies a new take on the work-life balance. Enjoy the comfort and style of contemporary facilities and untold room to move.

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