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CALENDAR 2017

REPUBLIC OF KOREA	10 > 16 June 2017
IVORY COAST	mid-October 2017

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HRH PRINCESS ASTRID OF BELGIUM

REPRESENTATIVE OF HIS MAJESTY THE KING

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Her Royal Highness Princess Astrid, Princess of Belgium, was born in Brussels on 5 June 1962. She is the second child of King Albert II and Queen Paola.

After her secondary education in Brussels, Princess Astrid studied art history for a year at Leiden in the Netherlands. She completed her education in Geneva, at the Institute of European Studies and in Michigan in the United States.

In Brussels on 22 September 1984, Princess Astrid married Lorenz, Archduke of Austria-Este, who became Prince of Belgium in 1995.

The couple have five children, all born in Belgium: Amedeo (21 February 1986), Maria Laura (26 August 1988), Joachim (9 December 1991), Luisa Maria (11 October 1995) and Laetitia Maria (23 April 2003).

Princess Astrid has always shown particular concern for those in society who risk falling through the net. She supports initiatives that assist the disadvantaged, in particular single mothers and people lacking in education and skills.

In late June 2009, the International Paralympic Committee (IPC) Governing Board ratified the appointment of Princess Astrid as a member of the IPC Honorary Board.

In January 2010, the charity Action Damien/ Damiaanactie announced that Princess Astrid had agreed to take over from HM Queen Fabiola as Honorary President of the organization.

As Honorary President of the Queen Elisabeth Medical Foundation (QEMF) and the King Baudouin Foundation's Scientific and Medical Funds, Princess Astrid lends her support to fundamental medical research. She is involved in the fight against epidemics and pandemics, including from 2007 until 2015 as Special Representative of the Roll Back Malaria (RBM) Partnership. The Princess is also committed to championing the victims of violence, most notably in efforts to combat antipersonnel mines.

On 20 June 2013, the Secretariat of the Ottawa Anti-Personnel Mine Ban Convention announced that Princess Astrid - as Special Envoy of the Convention - would be part of a working group tasked with promoting the treaty at a diplomatic level in states that had not yet joined.

Princess Astrid joined the Belgian Armed Forces on 22 May 1997. She is a colonel in the Medical Unit.

The Princess is involved in the public activities of the Royal Family.

Princess Astrid represented the King at his request during the trade missions to Angola & South Africa and to India in 2013, to the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia & the Sultanate of Oman, to Colombia & Peru and to Malaysia & Singapore in 2014, to Qatar & the United Arab Emirates and to Western Canada in 2015 and to Indonesia in 2016.

HE DIDIER REYNDERS

FEDERAL DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER
MINISTER OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS
AND EUROPEAN AFFAIRS

Born in Liège on August 6th, 1958
Married - 4 children

GOVERNMENT POSITIONS

- Minister of Finance (1999 - 2011)
- Chairman of the Eurogroup (January - December 2001)
- President of the Ecofin (July - December 2001 / July 2010 - December 2010)
- Member of the G7 in 2001
- Chairman of the G10, which is the meeting of the main creditor States, in 2002
- Minister in charge of the Belgian Buildings Agency (2003 - 2011)
- Deputy Prime Minister since 18 July 2004
- Minister of Institutional Reforms (2004 - 2011)
- Minister in charge of the National Lottery, the Federal Holding and Investment Company (FHIC)
- and the insurance companies (2007 - 2011)
- Minister of Foreign Affairs, Foreign Trade and European Affairs (2011 - 2014)
- Minister of Foreign Affairs and European Affairs, in charge of Beliris and Federal Cultural Institutions since 11 October 2014

ACADEMICAL FUNCTIONS

- Lecturer at the Hautes Ecoles commerciales of Liège
- Staff member of the Public Law Department at the University of Liège
- Guest lecturer at the Université catholique de Louvain (Louvain business school (UCL))

POLITICAL ACTIVITIES

- Chief of staff of the Deputy Prime Minister, Minister of Justice and Institutional Reforms, Jean Gol (1987 - 1988)
- Member of the Liège Town Council (1988 - 2012)
- Leader of the MR Group of the Liège Town Council (1995 - 2012)
- Deputy Chairman of the MR (1992 - 2004)
- Member of Parliament since 1992
- Chairman of the PRL-FDF Group (1995 - 1999)
- Chairman of the Provincial and District MR Federation (1995-2004)
- Member of the Bureau and Deputy Chairman of the Liberal International (2005 - 2011)
- Chairman of the Mouvement Réformateur (2004 - 2011)
- Member and Leader of the MR Group of the Uccle Town Council (since 3 December 2012)
- Chairman of the Brussels MR Federation (since 12 January 2013)

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

- Lawyer (1981 - 1985)
- Director General of the Local Authorities Department of the Ministry of the Walloon Region (1985 - 1988)
- Chairman of the National Railway Company of Belgium (1986 - 1991)
- Chairman of the National Society of Airways (1991 - 1993)

HE GEERT BOURGEOIS

MINISTER-PRESIDENT OF THE GOVERNMENT OF FLANDERS

FLEMISH MINISTER FOR FOREIGN POLICY AND IMMOVABLE HERITAGE

PERSONALIA

- °Roeselare, July 6th 1951
- Master in Law, Ghent University

POLITICAL CAREER

Starting out his professional career as a lawyer and solicitor, Geert Bourgeois first acceded to politics in 1977, after having spent more than ten years at the service of the 'Vlaamse Beweging' (Flemish movement). He was first elected local councillor for the Volksunie party in Izegem before moving on to become alderman in this town. In 1995, he entered the Belgian House of Representatives, where he distinguished himself as a legal specialist.

In 2000 he came at the helm of the Volksunie. After the break-up of this party, he founded the Nieuw-Vlaamse Alliantie (N-VA) in 2001 and became the party's first leader.

Geert Bourgeois is Minister-President of the Government of Flanders, in which he is also competent for foreign policy and immovable heritage.

Geert has been a minister in the Government of Flanders since 2004. Over the years, his portfolio has included local and provincial government, public governance, foreign policy, civic integration, media, tourism, immovable heritage and the 'Vlaamse Rand' (ring of Flemish municipalities around the capital Brussels). In 2009, he became Vice-Minister-President. He has been Minister-president of the Government of Flanders since 2014.

HE JEAN-CLAUDE MARCOURT

VICE-PRESIDENT AND MINISTER OF ECONOMY, INDUSTRY, INNOVATION AND NEW TECHNOLOGIES OF THE WALLOON GOVERNMENT

VICE-PRESIDENT AND MINISTER OF HIGHER EDUCATION, RESEARCH AND MEDIA OF THE WALLONIA-BRUSSELS FEDERATION

Born in Awans on October 16th, 1956
Married - 2 children

- **1974 - 1979**
  University of Liege - Juris Doctor in Law

PROFESSIONAL EXPERTISE

- **Since 1979**
  Attorney and member of the Liege Bar (on leave since 1992)

- **1992 - 1994**
  Director of Cabinet of the Walloon Regional Minister for Internal Affairs

- **1994 - 1995**
  Director of Cabinet of the Walloon Regional Minister for Internal Affairs, Civil Service and Budget

- **1995 - 1997**
  Director of Cabinet of the Walloon Regional Minister for Budget, Finance, Employment and Formation

  Minister of the Wallonia-Brussels Federation for Budget, Finance and Civil Service

- **1998 - 1999**
  Director of Cabinet of the Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Economy and Telecommunications

- **1999 - 2003**
  Director of Cabinet of the Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Employment of the Federal Government of Belgium

- **2003 - 2004**
  Director of Cabinet of the Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Justice of the Federal Government of Belgium

- **2004 - 2009**
  Minister of Economy, Employment, Foreign Trade and Heritage of the Walloon Regional Government

- **2009 - 2014**
  Vice-President and Minister of Economy, SME, Foreign Trade and New Technologies of the Wallonia Region Government

  Minister of Higher Education of the Wallonia-Brussels Federation

- **Since 2014**
  Vice-President and Minister of Economy, Industry, Innovation and New Technologies of the Walloon Government

  Vice-President and Minister of Higher Education, Research and Media of the Wallonia-Brussels Federation

HE PIETER DE CREM

FEDERAL SECRETARY OF STATE FOR FOREIGN TRADE

Born on 22 July 1962 in Aalter

Married to Caroline Bergez and father of Constantijn, Alicia and Victoria

EDUCATION

- Master of Romanic Philology at KU Leuven – Katholieke Universiteit Leuven (Dutch-speaking Catholic University of Leuven)
- Master of European and international Law at VUB – Vrije Universiteit Brussel (Dutch-speaking Free University of Brussels)

PROFESSIONAL EXPERTISE

- **1987 - 1989**
  Assistant in Roularta Media Group
- **1989 - 1995**
  Chairman of the youth CVP (Christelijke Volkspartij - Christian People's Party) Section Ghent–Eeklo
- **1989 - 1992**
  Attaché at the private office of Prime Minister Wilfried Martens
- **1992 - 1993**
  Attaché at the private office of Minister of Defense Leo Delcroix
- **1993 - 1994**
  Adviser in "De fabrieken van de Gebroeders De Beukelaar"
- **Since 1995**
  Mayor of Aalter, re-elected in 2000, 2006 and 2012.
- **1995**
  CVP Member of Parliament of the constituency for Ghent-Eeklo, re-elected in 1999
- **Since 2003**
  CD&V Member of Parliament of the constituency for Oost-Vlaanderen (East – Flanders), re-elected in 2007
- **31 May 2003 - 21 December 2007**
  Chairman of CD&V parliamentary party at the House of Representatives
- **10 June 2007 - 21 December 2007**
  Chairman of the Commission for the Interior at the House of Representatives
- Member of the Parliamentary Assembly of the OSCE
- **21 December 2007 - 10 October 2014**
  Minister of Defense
- **5 March 2013 - 10 October 2014**
  Deputy Prime Minister
- **Since 10 October 2014**
  Federal Secretary of State for Foreign Trade
- Commander in the Order of Leopold

LANGUAGE PROFICIENCY

Pieter De Crem is Dutch native speaker. He speaks and writes fluently in French, English, German, Spanish, Italian and Portuguese. He also has a basic knowledge of Russian

HE CÉCILE JODOGNE

SECRETARY OF STATE FOR FOREIGN TRADE & INVESTMENT FOR THE BRUSSELS-CAPITAL REGION

MINISTER OF THE FRENCH COMMUNITY COMMISSION IN CHARGE OF CIVIL SERVICE AND HEALTH POLICY

Born on 1st April 1964 in Leuven

- Master's degree in Geographic sciences (UCL)
- Master's degree in Economic sciences (UCL)
- Secretary of State for the Brussels-Capital Region, in charge of Foreign Trade and Firefighting and Emergency Medical Assistance
- Minister, Member of the Board of the French Community Commission (COCOF), in charge of Civil Service and Health Policy
- Deputy Mayor of Schaerbeek (Brussels)

PROFESSIONAL CAREER

- **1989 - 1991**
  Research and Teaching Assistant at Catholic University of Louvain-la-Neuve (UCL)
- **1992 - 1995**
  Advisor for the Secretary of State for the Brussels-Capital Region in charge of Monuments and Sites.
- **1995 - 2000**
  Director – Cabinet of Deputy Mayor of Schaerbeek Bernard Clerfayt
- **2001 - 2006**
  Local Councillor – Schaerbeek
- **2001 - 2003**
  Project & Communication Manager at M-Brussels Village (the Brussels ICT Business Centre)
- **2004 - 2006**
  Director of « Maison Autrique », the first striking building designed by Victor Horta
- **Since 2006**
  Deputy Mayor in charge of spatial planning, urbanism, environment, tourism and property
- **2008 - December 2011**
  Mayor of Schaerbeek
- **Since 2008**
  Teaching assistant at University of Brussels (ULB) – architecture faculty
- **2009 - 2014**
  Member of the Parliament of the Brussels-Capital Region
- **Since 2014**
  Secretary of State for the Brussels-Capital Region, in charge of Foreign Trade & Investment, Firefighting and Emergency Medical Assistance

  Minister, Member of the Board of the French Community Commission (COCOF), in charge of Civil Service and Health Policy

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PORTS

ANTWERP PORT AUTHORITY

The Port of Antwerp is the 2nd largest seaport in Europe. Located right in the middle of Europe, it offers optimal connections: a vast network of roads, railway and inland waterways guarantee a smooth throughput to all of the major European industrial and consumer areas.

Antwerp is a multifunctional port, where all types of cargo (containers, break bulk, dry bulk, liquid bulk) are loaded, unloaded, stored and handled in a most efficient way.

With direct services to over 1400 ports worldwide, the Port of Antwerp offers a wide variety of regular seaborne and short sea maritime services to all destinations worldwide including for the largest existing vessels.

The Port of Antwerp offers a unique blend of cargo handling, industrial activity and logistics operations. It has Europe's largest production and distribution center for chemicals and plastics.

The Antwerp Port Authority determines the strategic options for the port and sets the long-term policy guidelines. It manages and develops the port infrastructure and prepares the port for a sustainable future.

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PORT OF GHENT

The port of Ghent is a congestion-free logistical and industrial seaport specializing in the handling and storage of dry, liquid and agribulk, automotive and distribution. Typical commodities are agricultural products, vegetable oils, fertilizers, biomass, steel, coal, ores, construction materials, forest products, chemical and petroleum products, cars and trucks with 300 companies active.

The port can easily be accessed through the Ghent-Terneuzen Canal and can accommodate vessels up to Panamax size. Ghent port comprises 28 km of quay length and has 660 hectares of industrial greenfield sites readily available. It has excellent hinterland connections to the whole of Europe. Last year, Ghent handled a volume of 46.5 million tons of waterborne cargo.

Ghent Port Company, limited liability company under public law, manages the port of Ghent. It sees to it that the necessary and adequate infrastructure is present for a smooth handling of shipping and cargo traffic. It also makes sure that a favorable social and economic climate is created for the companies that are active in the port or wish to establish themselves there.

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COMPANIES

ALLIED RELIABILITY GROUP EMEA

ARG delivers the following services:

- Condition Monitoring: Assists customers in monitoring and analyzing equipment to detect a developing failure so that repairs can be scheduled and performed.
- Consulting & Training: Assesses a customer's existing maintenance & reliability programs and develops plans to improve their systems and processes over time.
- Products & Software: Complements service offering with products and software including (1) product distribution, (2) reliability management software and (3) self-assessment tools.
- Electrical Service: Provider of specialized electrical services such as arc flash hazard analysis, infrared, thermography, service & repairs, equipment studies and certifications.
- Talent Acquisition: Identifying, screening and hiring qualified maintenance & reliability professionals.

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Altair Global provides a full range of global mobility and relocation services to smooth the way for your mobile employees, so they can get back to their first priority – working for you.

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Our main areas are:

- The automotive and tier 1 suppliers.
- The food industries (beverages, cheese…).

Our inventions for the Industry 4.0:

- Our Robomould® patented rotational moulding system.
- The 4D-gaming industries.
- Our logistic handling solutions for mixed palletizing and airport handling.

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APHESA

APHESA is an electronic design company specializing on custom camera designs for industrial, medical, scientific, oil&gas, automotive and security applications. Example applications are pipe quality inspection (2D and 3D), oil and gas wells inspection, medical slice scanning, parcel sorting, endoscopy and scientific imaging.

Our cameras can operate in high temperature or harsh environment and usually have special form factors due to the specific customer application. Some camera have very high frame rates, high embedded processing capability, active cooling, precise triggering, complex mechanical housing, high dynamic range modes or multispectral features.

The company is also a member of the EMVA1288 standard committee and provides EMVA1288 test equipment, EMVA1288 measurement services and other types of camera testing equipment and services.

Aside from the products development, Aphesa also provides system level, camera and image sensor consulting and training, including consulting in custom image sensor development.

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APPLITEK

AppliTek is a specialist manufacturer of on-line (automatic) analyzers and monitoring systems for various industries and customers. AppliTek's analytical technology allows automatic and continuous monitoring of the quality and chemistry of liquids including wastewater, surface water, drinking water, steam generation, refineries, petrochem, oil&gas industry.

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Asco Industries NV is a family owned Belgian company with headquarters in Zaventem and production facilities in Zaventem, Germany, Canada and the US.

It is a recognized developer and manufacturer of complex structural components for the aerospace, such as high lift devices, landing gear attachments, bulkheads, wing ribs and other.

Its products are incorporated in Airbus, Boeing, Bombardier, Embraer, Gulfstream, Dassault and Lockheed platforms.

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ASEPTIC TECHNOLOGIES

Aseptic Technologies develops and manufactures innovative aseptic production equipment and devices for the Biopharmaceutical industry.

Designed to provide better sterility assurance during liquid aseptic filling operations, the AT-Closed Vial Technology is used in biotech area, and more and more in field of Immunotherapies.

The AT-Closed Vial is provided ready-to-fill: closed, clean and gamma-irradiated.

The filling is performed by piercing the stopper by a special needle. The stopper is immediately heat-resealed by a laser.

The technology is widely used in the Regenerative Medicine area since it offers uncompromising container closure integrity even during storage at cryogenic temperature (-196°C), security during whole supply chain, better cells viability.

Aseptic Technologies SA also develops optimal and easy systems of aseptic liquid transfer and manufactures ready-to-use filling-kits for aseptic filling operations.

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ASEPTIC TECHNOLOGIES

AVALON AUTOMATION

Avalon Automation realizes industrial automation projects for the process industry.

Focusing on the BLS or Bulk Liquid Storage segment, we have gained tremendous experience in storage tank automation projects.

Avalon's range of activities encompass engineering, electrical & instrumentation, automation, manufacturing execution systems, EPC-contracting, project management and custom software development.

We excel through our hands-on expertise, deep process knowledge, flexibility, independence and complete vertical integration. Avalon Automation is a true one-stopshop for tank automation projects.

Our customers benefit from - among other - our performance guarantees, respect for deadlines, an increase in overall safety, and a substantial reduction in risks.

Operating from our Belgian headquarters we serve customers globally.

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BARCO

Barco (NYSE Euronext Brussels: BAR), is a global leading technology company that designs, develops and manufactures state-of-the-art networked visualization products for selected professional markets: Entertainment, Enterprise and Healthcare.

In these markets, Barco leads by innovation through its projection & display technology, image processing capabilities and collaboration connectivity solutions.

Within the entertainment market, Barco is the global technology leader in cinema having equipped over 65000 screens with digital cinema projectors. Barco's strength in cinema is being illustrated by its technology partnerships with leading cinema players such as IMAX, Cinemark, Cinepolis, CFG and Kinepolis. Recently Barco successfully launched its laser projector portfolio pushing the boundaries in image quality and establishing a new reference in the viewing experience.

Beyond cinema, Barco also plays a vital role in the entertainment market with networked visualization for live events and major landmark installations around the world In the Enterprise market Barco delivers top level control rooms-solutions, virtual reality systems and triggered a real turnaround in in the meeting room market with its revolutionary ClickShare product. Since the release of ClickShare 3 years ago the product has been installed in nearly 200,000 meeting rooms worldwide.

In the Healthcare segment, Barco teams up with leading healthcare players such Philips, Agfa, General Electric delivering critical technology components and solutions for Diagnostic and Surgical imaging.

Barco is headquartered in Belgium and has its own facilities for Sales & Marketing, Customer Support, R&D and Manufacturing in Europe, North America and APAC. The company is operating in more than 90 countries with more than 3300 employees. The last 5 consecutive years Barco posted sales of over 1 billion €.

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BECARV

Becarv is a Belgian company specialized in process engineering and the design and manufacture of clean room equipment for containment, incubation, bio-decontamination, and sterile processes.

Becarv is active in the biotechnology and pharmaceutical sector, and supplies:

- Incubators.
- Isolators.
- Laminar Air Flow (LAF) equipment.
- Biosafety cabinets.
- Bio-decontamination locks/pass-boxes.
- Weight booths.
- Hoods.
- Custom made GMP-compliant equipment.

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BELGIAN CORPORATION FOR INTERNATIONAL INVESTMENT (BMI/SBI)

BMI/SBI is an investment company whose objective is the medium to long term cofinancing of foreign investments by Belgian companies worldwide. The Federal Investment & Participation company (SFPI/FPIM) is the majority shareholder together with the National Bank of Belgium and private shareholders such as BNP Paribas Fortis, ING and Electrabel.

Created in 1971 BMI/SBI has invested in over 300 projects in more than 50 countries, incl. the US which is one of our most important markets. BMI/SBI's activities are oriented towards the creation and financing of foreign subsidiaries or joint ventures by Belgian companies, both greenfield projects as well as acquisitions or the development of existing companies.

BMI/SBI offers flexible, attractive financing packages as well as services/added value based on its long-time experience in foreign investment. Minority equity participations and/or quasi-equity can be offered on a term between 5 to 10 years and with financing amounts ranging between € 0.5 to € 5 million.

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BELGIAN VOLITION (VOLITIONRX)

Volition is a life science company focused on developing blood-based diagnostic test for cancer. Volition's proprietary Nucleosomics® employs a range of simple Nu.Q™ immunoassays that allow to identify and measure circulating nucleosomes, which are chromosome fragments consisting of short DNA strands wrapped around histone proteins, for the presence of epigenetic cancer signal within blood or other bodily fluid.

We are now proving the efficacy of our Nu.Q™ blood tests to detect cancer at early stages in a number of clinical trials being carried out worldwide. Volition announced in September 2016 that a Nu.Q™ blood test developed at Volition's laboratories in Namur, Belgium has demonstrated the potential to reduce the number of unnecessary colonoscopies performed by 25% while maintaining almost 97% detection of colorectal cancer when combined with the faecal immunochemical test (FIT) score. Volition expects to receive CE marking on its Nu.Q™ Colorectal Cancer Screening Triage Test in late 2016 and aims to market it through Europe in 2017.

VolitionRx Limited is listed on the NYSE MKT, under the symbol VNRX.

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BESIX

BESIX Group is the largest Belgian group, operating in the construction of buildings, infratstructure, environmental projects and roads. BESIX is also active in the production of raw materials, facility management, real estate development and concessions. It profiles itself as a multi-services group, from client idea to realization and operation.

The Group was founded in 1909 and has grown steadily and impressively ever since.

N.V. BESIX S.A., its biggest subsidiary, is active in practically every field of construction.

In addition to the activities of BESIX and its other subsidiaries (Cobelba, Jacques Delens, Socogetra, Vanhout, Wust, Franki Foundations Belgium, BESIX Park, Lux TP, West Construct) in Benelux and France, the Group is active in Europe, North and Cnetral Africa and the Middle East (via Six Construct) and in Central Asia.

In 2015, the Group achieved revenues of EUR 2.20 billion. BESIX Group has about 15,000 employees active in 21 countries on 5 different continents.

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BLOOMINGFELD BELGIUM

Bloomingfeld is a full-service EHSQ support provider. As an engineering and technical consulting firm we assist companies in interpreting and complying with local, national and international regulations in the field of environmental management, quality, health and safety and energy.

Our solutions make enterprises run more efficiently, leading to immediate operational overhead savings and a faster process flow.

We help our clients create a safer and compliant workplace, reduce their environmental impact and help them benefit from improved energy management.

Today we serve both multinational and SME clients.

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BNP PARIBAS FORTIS

BNP Paribas Fortis offers the market a comprehensive package of financial services for private and professional clients, wealthy individuals, corporate clients, public entities and financial institutions.

The bank supports its clients abroad with a unique BNP Paribas network in 75 countries.

BNP Paribas has been present in the United States since the late 1800s.

In the USA, it offers its clients a full range of services from investment and retail banking to asset management services through Corporate & Institutional Banking, providing capital markets, securities services, financing, treasury and advisory solutions, and Retail Banking including both branch networks of Bank of the West and a range of other specialized financial services.

Bank of the West and First Hawaiian Bank serve nearly 3.5 million household and business accounts through over 650 retail branch locations and dozens of commercial banking offices in 20 Western and Midwestern states and overseas in Guam and Saipan.

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Brouwerij de Halve Maan is a family owned brewery based in Bruges. 6 generations of the brewing family Maes-Vanneste have been running this brewery since 1856.

The brewery has 2 famous beer brands: Brugse Zot and Straffe Hendrik, that they successfully export to more than 30 countries worldwide.

The beers have been awarded in the last years on many prestigious and international competitions.

Over the last years, the brewery has probably been one of the fastest growing breweries in Belgium, having an annually double digit growth.

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Since its recapitalization in 2015 (25 million EUR), Certi-Fed, subsidiary of SFPI-FPIM, is active in the co-financing of business ventures by Belgian private companies abroad in cooperation with the Belgian Corporation for International Investment (SBI-BMI).

Last year Certi-Fed decided to provide subordinated loans to 4 Belgian SMEs for an amount of 8 million EUR in order to help them to expand their activities abroad.

Certi-Fed can offer financial products like equity, quasi-equity and medium- and longterm loans to Belgian SMEs (up to 5 million EUR).

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In Belgium, Chevron Phillips Chemicals International NV coordinates the sales and marketing in its EMEA headquarters in Diegem. It also owns and operates a chemical plant in Tessenderlo which produces organic sulfurcompounds, and a plant for the production of polyalphaolefins in Beringen.

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In 2006 Chrisal became known by the greater public through the introduction of its unique probiotic cleaning products, which reached the media often. This probiotic cleaning, PIP (Probiotics In Progress), is a true world revolution in durable cleaning and hygiene. It's the solution for different problems due to the overuse of chemical cleaning products and disinfectants.

After building a strong reputation in its own country, Chrisal started expanding internationally thanks to the success of the PIP products. Momentarily Chrisal is exporting to over 50 countries and production units have been established in the United States of America and South-Africa.

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Chronic diseases such as diabetes, cardiovascular disease, chronic renal failure, cancer or viral infections such as HIV-AIDS and chronic hepatitis are associated with high morbidity and mortality and contribute to a very important part of health expenditure in Europe.

The prevalence of chronic diseases is increasing and optimizing the monitoring of patients with chronic diseases is a major challenge for Europe. Recently, the important role of primary healthcare, integrated into the community, providing the necessary link with the more specialized services of hospitals was emphasized. The development of structures nearby, centered around the patient and creating new links with hospitals for a continuum of care should therefore contribute to a better quality of life for patients, better prevention of complications related to chronic diseases and a greater mastery of re-hospitalizations.

Our project is based on the release of new structures, called city-labs, integrating the innovation of laboratory medicine, point of care testing and mobile health.

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The Group has almost 175 years of experience in its core dredging and land reclamation activities and hydraulic engineering and executed major works of marine engineering infrastructure such as new ports, waterways, airports, artificial islands, residential and recreational areas, industrial areas, roads, bridges etc. on all continents.

Thanks to its multidisciplinary capabilities, the synergies in many projects, and its integrated corporate structure, DEME has become a global solutions provider.

Today, the company is active in over 90 different countries and has a permanent workforce of 4,500 dedicated people.

DEME companies can rely on a dredging fleet consisting of 90 main vessels backed by a broad range of auxiliary equipment.

In 2014 at Group level a turnover amounting to 2.58 billion EUR was generated.

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Through the banner of EGS, two ex-classmates, Habib TAYEFEH and Frédéric GEERTS, are willing 'Belgian finest food and beverage' products to get introduced on the US market through an original and unexpected chain of concept stores where the first shop is foreseen to be opened in Dallas.

Habib TAYEFEH has been relocated to Dallas-Texas in 1996 by Alcatel Belgium to expand Alcatel's semiconductor business in US. Working today at Texas Instrument, Habib has been mainly working on the semiconductors field during last 20 years in US.

Frédéric GEERTS is, since 1999, the owner/Managing Director of EGS; a Belgian one man company mainly active in multi-disciplinary engineering activities for worldwide projects in Offshore Wind farms, Oil & Gas, Power plants, and many other sectors.

Convinced by their brand new original concept, both Habib and Frédéric are strongly willing to fully understand their new business challenges by meeting locally investors, producers, import/export experts and distributors.

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Back home things really started to take off. First he started up a business counting two employees and 450 horses. Then, Christophe picked up a new degree as master blacksmith and finally he sold his business and started his very own forging workshop: 'European Farriers'. Since 2011 European Farriers has custom made lamps, tables, doors, windows, fireplaces and chairs for over 200 customers.

And now, it's time for a new adventure.

The next step is a start-up in Houston, Texas, where we want to introduce our Belgian style forging in the American houses. We're still looking for (interior) architects, design shops, construction companies, roofers…

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Having over three decades of trading experience, EXMAR maintains a high leadership profile with the industry's largest players through continuous innovation. EXMAR continues to transition from pure shipping to a provider of a full value chain of infrastructure and integrated logistics to address the industry's need for environmentally friendly and competitively priced energy solutions.

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Present across Europe, the group is developing a cross-border infrastructure backbone linking gas sources to markets, bridging the markets and gas trading places, and providing security of supply.

Besides its pipeline, storage and LNG terminalling assets in Belgium, Fluxys' partnerships include ownership in an LNG bunkering ship with home port Zeebrugge, Belgium (to be commissioned 2016), the Interconnector and BBL pipelines linking the UK with mainland Europe, the Dunkirk LNG terminal to be commissioned shortly in France, the NEL and TENP pipelines in Germany, the Transitgas pipeline in Switzerland, the Swedegas transmission and storage infrastructure in Sweden and the TAP pipeline under construction from Turkey to Italy to bring gas coming from Azerbaijan and potentially other sources to Europe.

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In 1968, Guillaume Magermans (nicknamed Guy) founded Guy Magermans & Co., establishing its offices in Marche-en-Famenne, his home. Its transport and relocation services were to flourish in this golden sixties era, rapidly gaining recognition.

Following his father's untimely death in 1978, Guillaume Magerman's son then stepped in to take the reins of the company. His entrepreneurial spirit and business acumen in the transport sector combined with unparalleled expertise in corporate and high-value item relocation helped to establish Guy Magermans & Co. as a truly reliable and diligent service provider.

In the nineties, the business experienced a real boom and in 1997 Guy Magermans was able to build a warehouse spanning over 1000 square metres in size on the Marloie industrial estate, a stone's throw from Marche-en-Famenne and strategically situated in between Brussels and Luxembourg. This enabled the company to further increase its role as a true logistics partner, integral in the production and administration of its clients' stocks.

On its fourth generation of relocation and international transport experts, Guy Magermans & Co. represents a key partner in the domestic and corporate relocation sector, with its specific expertise in transporting and handling lab equipment for multinational corporations and specialized in the international transport of medical and pharmaceutical products.

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IDELUX is an economic development and business investment agency for province of Luxembourg, Wallonia, Belgium. IDELUX operates Novalis, a world-class science and technology park with emerging technology business incubator-accelerator facilities and services.

IDELUX is uniquely partnered with The Research Valley Partnership (RVP) in Bryan-College Station, Texas to assist Texan emerging technology companies. Through connecting resources of IDELUX and RVP, we have developed the Venture Virtual Office.

It is a one-stop-shop for Texan companies wishing to expand in Europe. It offers brand new offices plug & play free of charge for six months and a wide array of personalized services based in one of the business center of IDELUX in Marche (Belgium), close to Luxembourg, France and Germany.

The services offered include assistance with practical and logistic matters, legal and fiscal issues and initial prospection in the European market. In addition, the AWEX will also provide an extensive network of Wallonia's trade and investment offices throughout Europe. We also offer, in partnership with the Science Parks of Wallonia (SPOW), a networking with specialized specific clusters (Aerospace, Life Sciences, Agro-food, Mechanical Engineering, Logistics and Clean-technology) with which we collaborate intensively.

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JAN DE NUL

People and global expertise. These are the corner stones of Jan De Nul Group's success. Thanks to its skilled employees and the world's most modern fleet, Jan De Nul Group is a leading expert in dredging and marine construction activities, as well as in specialized services for the offshore industry of oil, gas and renewable energy.

For the offshore industry Jan de Nul Group owns and operates an extensive fleet specialized in rock installation up to 2000 meters of water depth, installation of power cables and umbilical equipment, decommissioning of old platforms, trenching and burying of offshore cables and pipelines and act as an EPCI contractor for the installation of offshore windfarms. The combination with its civil engineering and environmental activities renders the Group complete.

Our professional and innovative solutions are trusted across the industry. Whether it concerns the construction of the new locks in the Panama Canal or a new port complex in Western Australia, together with our customers, we build for further economic development.

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Janssen develops treatments for some of the most devastating disorders and complex medical challenges of our times, including cancer, hepatitis, HIV/AIDS, diabetes, arthritis, dementia, and mental disorders. We focus our research on five strategic pathological areas:

- oncology,
- neurosciences,
- infectious diseases and vaccines,
- immunology,
- cardiovascular and metabolic disorders.

Johnson & Johnson Innovation, JLINX is a multifaceted initiative in Europe designed to identify and nurture early-stage companies who are actively pursuing research with the potential to transform human health.

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KATOEN NATIE CUSTOMS SERVICES

Katoen Natie supplies logistics and semi-industrial services to various industries and port services for the shipping companies.

Sustainable customer relations

Katoen Natie achieves great added value for its customers in the services it provides. The outstanding quality of the service and the continuous cost monitoring form the basis for sustainable customer relations.

Katoen Natie consists of 400 operational units, with 250 terminals and logistics platforms, employing over 14,000 people and active in all parts of the world.

Katoen Natie is a private company and is not listed on the stock exchange so decisions can be made as part of a long-term vision.
Due to the short lines of decision-making, management can very quickly decide in the interests of the customer.

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KBC BANK

Our basic activities are banking and insurance, including asset management. However, we are more than just a bank and an insurance company: we are a bank-insurer, and as such we want to respond in a proactive and holistic way to all our clients' financial needs, in the broadest sense. Our bank-insurance concept offers clients a number of benefits, including a comprehensive one-stop financial service that meets all their banking, asset management and insurance needs.

In the core countries we want to build and deepen sustainable local relationships with private individuals, SMEs and mid-caps. Local responsiveness is very important to us in that regard. It implies that we understand these local clients better, that we pick up signals effectively and respond to them proactively, and that we offer products and services tailored to these local needs. It also means that we focus on the sustainable development of the markets and communities in which we operate.

KBC, New York Branch, established in 1977, focuses on international companies with a presence in the European core markets where it has full service banking operations.

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KUNSTATELIERS SLABBINCK

Established in 1903, Art Studio Slabbinck is a family owned business, currently managed by the fourth generation. It is one of the main manufacturers in the world of church vestments, with dealers in over 40 countries.

In 2002, Slabbinck started diversifying into home lines (bed, table and bath linens) launching the “Mirabel Slabbinck” collection. The production is entirely done in Bruges, Belgium and every order is individually made, within a short delivery time of 3-4 weeks on average. There are no minimum orders. Every order is shipped individually with UPS.

This opens up a wide range of possibilities for bespoke projects, such as villas, boutique hotels, airplanes and yachts.

To foster sales, Slabbinck provides sample books, online creation tools and online order tracking, both for the home linens as for the church vestment lines.

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LICQUID

Licquid is a cloud based Enterprise App Store with an integrated development environment. The platform enables non-technical users to produce highly graphical, complex business applications without any technical knowledge.

Licquid reduces the necessary time to produce functionalities for the business to an absolute minimum. Non-technical business users can produce results 10 times faster than their technical development counterparts. It is the first solution on the market that really eliminates the role of the developer in the software development process.

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LIEGE SPACE CENTER (CSL)

The CSL has existed for 50 years, 20 of which in its current form. Its 110 employees work on over 90 projects. Its dynamism is shown by a growth in turnover targeting €12 million. The CSL has a dual role: it is a university research institute and a world-renowned testing center. Moreover, it has designed, created and tested over 20 instruments which were or are still operational in space.

In order to carry out its activities, the CSL is structured around 3 programs: space environment testing, requiring the creation of extreme temperature and vacuum conditions (including the design and production of testing equipment for space systems), design and development of space instruments and technology partnerships with local and European industries. This expertise is widely used by the ESA (80% of CSL projects are directly or indirectly registered in ESA programs).

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LINGUITEX offers translations of commercial and legal texts, texts of general interest, and also sworn translations of miscellaneous official documents such as acts or diplomas, certificates, patents...

Translation, adaptation and updating of websites and newsletters, general business correspondence.

Text correction and revision by native speakers.

Frieda Depamelaere, the manager of the translation office, has a Master's Degree in Translation (French/English/Dutch) and is also a sworn translator at Belgian courts of justice.

Languages: French - English - Dutch. Other languages on demand.

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LISAM SYSTEMS

Lisam is developing a software called ExESS allowing the chemical industries to comply with the chemical safety regulation called GHS (Global Harmonized Systems).

This software allows the clients to create a chemical inventory of all his products and, for each of them, it computes the content of the legal documents (label, safety data sheet, working safety instruction, transport).

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LR-PHYSICS

FractaTrade: we provide Fractal indicators for Compliance Managers to reduce risks in trading Energy, Commodities and Stock Market.

Our Application can integrate with any Portfolio management tool and can provide a second guess when investment is about to be made.

MashnLearn: we provide Machine Learning (Artificial Intelligence) applications to operate Retail and Commerce organization. Our top app manages large scale Product Catalogs.

We are building our Customer portfolio and looking for private investors for MashnLearn.

EPC Financing: We help companies with large infrastructure to finance Solar Panels and LED relighting. We implement models where investments are refunded through energy savings.

For EPC Financing, we would like to meet local Belgian subsidiaries in US, proposing the model to Anheuser Busch, Carmeuse and Lhoist.

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METALOGIC

METALogic started as a spin-off company of the Department of Materials Engineering of the KULeuven and is a technological "Engineering" company, specialized in offering and developing products/services for monitoring material degradation phenomena in general and corrosion in particular.

METALogic accompanies its customers in all critical stages within the lifecycle of an installation in order to extend the lifetime of such in a safely manner. It does mean full support in the following stages:

a) During development and construction: advice in material selection, corrosion & coating testing.
b) During operation: corrosion study, corrosion monitoring & inspection, electrochemical testing, implementation of Risk Based Inspection programs.
c) After failure occurs: failure analyses, surveys and advice for repair or design.

Within its team of corrosion and material experts, METALogic possesses an ideal combination of industrial and academic knowledge. METALogic provides knowledge services to large and small scale companies and offers for each and every corrosion problem an individual solution.

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Mithra Pharmaceuticals SA, founded in 1999 is a Euronext listed pharmaceutical company (MITRA) focused on Women's Health (WH). Mithra's mission is to improve women's quality of life and aims to become a worldwide leader in WH by developing, manufacturing and commercialising proprietary, innovative and differentiated drugs and complex therapeutical solutions in fertility and contraception, menopause and osteoporosis, gynecological infections and female cancers. Approximate total headcount 85. HQ in Liège, Belgium.

Mithra manages today 3 synergistic innovation streams for R&D, manufacturing or commercial partnering:

1. **Estetrol (E4) based projects:** Estetrol, new chemical entity (NCE), 1st naturally occurring SERM (selective estrogen receptor modulator). Mithra is developing 2 applications in contraception (Estelle®) and menopause (Donesta®), respectively in phase 3 and 2 of clinical development. E4 represents a NCE development portfolio with other potential indications.
2. **Complex Therapeutical solutions:** continued innovation to satisfy unmet needs in drug delivery. Mithra has gained significant experience over the years in longacting drug development and complex formulation. Mithra is developing today Zoreline®, a biodegradable SC implant in oncology and Myring, a vaginal ring in contraception.
3. **Professional services for R&D and manufacturing: Mithra CDMO.** Specialized in Polymeric forms (intra uterine systems, biocompatible rings, and implants), sterile injectables and hormonal tablets the Mithra CDMO technological platform will operate as a unique pharmaceutical ecosystem covering drug development from proof of concept to commercialization. Mithra CDMO open platform is accessible to partners willing to leverage our know-how and capabilities across the drug life-cycle. (from pharmaceutical development to contract manufacturing, logistics).

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MULTITEL

Multitel is an innovation center, located in Mons, Belgium. The center has more than 15 years of history. It was created in 1995 and it became a non-profit independent research center in 1999. The center is supported by a multidisciplinary team of 70 qualified engineers working in 5 different areas: signal processing, optical fiber applications, human-machine interfaces, computer vision, computer network management, electronics and railway certification. Several spin-off companies were created by Multitel: IT-Optics, Acic, Smartwear, Babel (now Acapela)… Multitel has developed strong expertise in the railway signaling tests (ERTMS) and has become a worldwide leader in the field. It owns multiples accredited laboratories for ERTMS (onboard and trackside tests). Multitel continues the diversification of its activities by developing strongly in pumped storage hydroelectricity and Smartcities.

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Nethys SA, a private limited liability company, is a multi-sector industrial group owned and controlled by public shareholders and is active in industrial domains of general interest:

1) Energy: distribution of electricity and gas, production of renewable energy as well as services and consultancy for the rational use of energy.

2) Telecoms & Media:

- Operator of telecoms services providing a four-play offer of digital TV, internet, land-line and mobile phone for the residential market.
- B2B telecoms operator for administrations and businesses.
- Content editor for the daily and weekly press.
- Broadcaster of a pay TV channel, Be TV (formerly Canal+ Belgium).

3) Management of a portfolio of equity interests in businesses involved in the energy, telecoms and media sectors.

The Nethys group currently employs 2,495 people in Wallonia and is a group of reference in Belgium in its areas of activity.

The key figures for the Nethys Group on 30/06/2015 were as follows:

- Value of shareholders' equity: 1.765 billion euros.
- Debt: 654 million euros.
- Consolidated profit: 40 million euros.

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NEUROPATH

NeuroPath is developing a secure software package to autonomously analyze functional mobility and sentiment data to empower patients who may be experiencing symptoms or signs of neurological disease.

The Opportunity

- Connected Self / Internet of Things (IoT).
- Invisible Patient Reported Outcomes (iPROs).
- Knowledge on wearables in health care.

NeuroPath's core algorithms are created and trained from user generated health data through a host of different devices, e.g. Physical, Medical Devices, Body Functions, Emotional, Environmental, Medical Records, Motion Capture.

NeuroPath provides a unique interface to collect, store, analyze health and wellness data to interact directly with patients, health care providers, and medical tech researchers.

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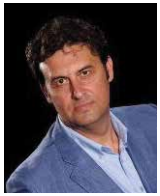

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NOVAEDES INTERNATIONAL

Novaedes is specialized in industrial packing for all types of cargo and mode of transport, in addition we also provide logistic services to ensure that the right cargo will arrive at the right destination, at the right time in good condition.

We have over 30 years of expertise in multiple industrial sectors such as: Oil& Gas, Energy, Industrial projects, Automotive, Aviation, Medical equipment…

Novaedes provides consolidation services for projects including warehousing, stuffing and transport, line item checking, supply chain intelligence (tracking&tracing, EDI), packing and preservation.

Furthermore we provide an easy setup for EDI messages and reporting working in different directions.

Our services apply for every type of supply chain and all kinds of industry from OEM to EPC. We comply with strict SSHE requirements. Novaedes' personal approach and our multilingual staff is a guarantee for an optimal support of your global supply chain and project management.

We provide our services at our own locations in Germany, France, Belgium and The Netherlands. Other locations are served through our flying team and worldwide network of partners.

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OPEN WORLDWIDE INNOVATION NETWORK

OWIN – Open Worldwide Innovation Network:

- Membership Association of Universities, TTOs and Trade Agencies.
- Facilitator of innovation, providing a network of valuable international partners.
- Support and promotes innovative technologies project at international.
- Ease access to resources.

"Explore, create and connect **win-win opportunities** in our members markets".

We emphasize the importance of personal relationships as the strength of OWIN is in our members - AWEX in Wallonia, TTC in Texas, Coway in Beijing and TiQ in Queensland - four regions that have great capabilities to stimulate the creation of innovation and help new technologies access markets faster. More than ever, we are sharing experiences and learning from each other to **encourage a global culture of innovation and entrepreneurship**.

Our solutions?

- Identify the right R&D partner.
- Assess technology entry on the local market through trade missions.
- Provide global access to resources, new ventures financing, business incubators, accelerators, and executive leadership.
- Coordinate joint ventures, strategic partnerships and facilitate foreign market entry.

As a result, OWIN contributed in launching several joint ventures and multi-million dollars commercial contracts.

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ORFIT INDUSTRIES

OTN Systems develops and markets fiber optic networking products dedicated to the Orfit Industries develops and produces Thermoplastic sheet materials and accessories for medical applications.

The products are used to mobilize and immobilize patients in three fields:

1. Low temperature thermoplastics for orthotics in Physical Rehabilitation.
2. Thermoplastic masks for Patient Immobilization in Radiation Oncology.
3. High temperature thermoplastics for prosthetic sockets and for orthoses.

We provide the best possible materials and products to patients in 105 countries around the world through a network of distributors and direct sales organization. We support local clinicians through training and education.

Orfit Industries America provides cancer centers in North America products and training and has distributors in the physical rehab and prosthetic market.

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ORIGIS

Origis is powering the solar revolution by developing, constructing and operating commercial and utility scale solar power projects worldwide. We have activities in 7 countries and offices in 3 countries.

Origis is a Belgian company (privately owned) with most of its current activities in the US and Latin America.

We are among the top 10 developers in the US in 2016 (top 3 in South East) and are growing quickly with the intention to become a top 5 player in the markets we are active in.

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POWERING THE SOLAR REVOLUTION

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OTN Systems develops and markets fiber optic networking products dedicated to the operational telecommunication departments of metros, light rail systems, mainline rail, oil & gas, mining, ITS (intelligent highways, tunnels & bridges), airports, ports, utility companies, public safety & security and industrial campuses.

The company is the designer and supplier of the Open Transport Network (OTN) and XTran (eXcellence in TRANsport). With 25 years of experience, OTN Systems has built a solid reputation deploying cost-effective and reliable communication networks. Thanks to the unique product portfolio, a highly skilled workforce and a partner network that extends to every corner of the world,

OTN Systems has successfully delivered operational telecommunication networks to more than 400 customers around the world.

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The POLLET Company, founded in 1763, has been a family business since eight generations, specialized in the research, manufacturing and marketing of maintenance products for the Hygiene and Cleaning markets.

As a specialist dedicated to professionals of the cleaning, we are experts in biotechnologies, and leader of sustainable development through a massive offer of efficient and eco-certified products. We offer powerful, economic solutions with strong added value which combine durable high-technology products and customized service.

The commitment and the competence of our staff, associated with a powerful production facility and an efficient organization, are the keys to our customers' satisfaction. We attach the most particular attention to Ecology. In 2015, more than 52% of our production was ecological and we are aiming for constant progression in the coming years.

This positioning results in a declination of partnerships with leading companies in the Contract Cleaning Activity in several countries, with aim to serve Industrial and Retail Industries, as well as Collectivities need's.

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PRAGMA came into being from the desire of several accountancy specialists to develop a different approach to their client base. A more personalized, à la carte approach, based on a relationship of trust built over the long term. In short, a carefully thoughtthrough approach that operates as a team, in partnership with our clients.

Expressly designed to be a medium-sized entity, PRAGMA is distinctive for its responsiveness, its ability to adjust and the way it listens attentively to your needs.

Working closely with associate company with COGITAS, we are a multidisciplinary team (chartered accountants, direct and indirect tax specialists, legal advisers, SME specialists, HR experts, etc.) at your service. Each and every one of our team is capable of assisting you in all of your accounting, administrative, legal and fiscal dealings. Our team is constantly seeking to provide the highest quality in its services, which enables it to answer all of your questions: from the simplest query to the most complex issue, from multinationals to the smallest structures.

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From the ASU's in Zwijndrecht and Lillo, Praxair transports also Liquid Gases into Western Europe and to its filling station in Schoten to further distribute gases in cylinders to 10^{ths} of thousand customers in the region. In Oevel, Praxair operates its largest Specialty and Electronic Gases facility in Europe. And in Lommel, another ASU feeds an Oxygen and Nitrogen Pipeline to metals, glass and chemical customers in Limburg.

Praxair has its Benelux HQ in Olen which also houses Praxair's European Engineering center.

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Making our planet more productive

QMINERAL

Accuracy and Tailored Solutions, that is what we stand for at Qmineral.

Qmineral is one of the most reliable oil and natural gas service companies. We provide our clients with a detailed view on the mineralogical, lithological, physical and chemical properties of core samples, cuttings, etc., with a particular focus on clay mineralogy.

Our accurate data allows us, for instance, to choose the right emplacement/spacing for the initiation of fracs, which depend on mineralogy, porosity and lithology.

Thanks to our particular approach and specialized staff, Qmineral was the first fully commercial laboratory to win the Reynolds Cup (aka “the world Championship of Quantitative mineralogy”).

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RENSON VENTILATION

'CREATING HEALTHY SPACES'… that's at the heart of Renson. For this dynamic family business and trendsetter in ventilation, sun protection and terrace coverings, devising healthy and comfortable living and working environments underpins everything they do.

Renson invests heavily in innovation, communication and internationalization, always with the focus on a healthy and comfortable indoor environment in homes, apartments, offices and healthcare facilities. The emphasis is on sustainable overall concepts that respond to needs in the areas of energy efficiency, acoustics and design.

Although it has deep local roots, Renson is also increasingly widening its horizons internationally, witness its strong distribution network which meanwhile extends to the US, Russia, the Middle East, Asia and even Australia.

In this respect, Renson is intensifying its ambition to expand from a Belgian business to a global player in the fields of ventilation, sun protection and outdoor concepts.

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RENSON®
Creating healthy spaces

REVATIS

REVATIS… innovating concepts dedicated to research & development and equine welfare!

REVATIS is a Belgian company dedicated to equine regenerative medicine and cell therapy. This range of health care is rapidly evolving in the equine industry, always looking for new techniques to improve horses' performances and well-being.

REVATIS offers a global concept based on the combination of growth factors, scaffolds and… regenerative stem cells collected by a minimally invasive, safe & painless procedure.

REVATIS's R&D team has developed a unique and innovative biotechnology to isolate and harvest autologous pluripotent mesenchymal stem cells derived from muscular tissues (through a microbiopsy).

The high-quality cultured stem cells are available for immediate autologous therapeutic use or for freezing (biobanking) and later use, to promote tissue repair as well as reduce inflammation and pain.

In horses, mesenchymal stem cells have demonstrated efficacy in tendinopathy and degenerative joint disease. Healing opportunities exist with regard to other pathologies (in ophthalmology, wound healing, reproductive diseases, laminitis, nerve degeneration and chronic inflammation…).

REVATIS also provides investigators with a selection of animal mesenchymal stem cells and other cell lines dedicated to research & development (of equine/canine/porcine origin).

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REYNAERS ALUMINIUM

Reynaers Aluminium was founded in 1965 with the aim to design and provide fabricators with solutions for energy-efficient and qualitative aluminium windows and doors. Our headquarters are located in Duffel, Belgium. Recently, we also opened two local facilities in the USA, situated in Phoenix (AZ) and Charlotte (NC).

Reynaers Aluminium is specialized in the research, development and marketing of innovative and sustainable aluminium building envelope solutions. Products like windows, doors, curtain walling, sliding systems and sun screens. We develop standard systems that meet or exceed industry requirements, but we also develop tailor-made solutions for specific projects on request.

Our high-end solutions can be found in all kinds of projects with different purposes: Airports, residential buildings, hospitals, hotels, museums, sport facilities, custom houses, etc.

We are selling solutions that enable architects, real estate developers, investors, installers and fabricators to turn architectural designs into reality.

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Rodschinson Investment is an international company specialized in mergers & acquisitions of corporate entities and capital raising related to various sectors of activities. Our firm is also strongly involved in large Real Estate projects around the world.

Rodschinson relies on independent partners working in their names which provides a wide range of services worldwide to a substantial and diversified client database including small- and mid-sized businesses, as well as large corporations, investment banks, pension funds, hedge funds and high net-worth individuals.

Rodschinson's business is expanding around the world, as global markets become ever more tightly linked by technology, by breaking down regulatory barriers and by the increasing global needs of our clients.

We bring together organizations that are extraordinary as stand-alone entities, but combined, these independent partner comprise a network that is virtually unmatched in the breadth and depth of resources available to serve you.

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ROMBIT

Rombit (www.rombit.be) has grown from Flanders' Most Promising Startup (VOKA, Trends, JCI) into an experienced IoT service provider. Rombit caters to harbor and industrial companies with in-house solutions that closely integrate with the existing customer infrastructure and tools, leading to low friction and high interoperability.

For its clients Rombit builds solutions on top of its Romcore API framework that integrates the full chain from software to IoT networks, big data processing and analysis and finally a visualization in the form of desktop and mobile applications.

Rombit has developed IoT applications ranging from power management for container ships, medical transport and supply chain management, to smart city systems and employee monitoring and tracking applications.

The Rombit methodology and knack for solving difficult ICT problems have made the company popular within the large industry ecosystem in Flanders and abroad: Rombit has grown to more than 40 employees in just over three years.

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Schréder is a leader in outdoor lighting, present in over 45 countries worldwide. We are innovators in smart lighting solutions for safe, comfortable and sustainable outdoor environments.

Driving the LED & Smart Cities revolution, we offer efficient and intelligent, elegant and long-lasting solutions contributing to the well-being of the urban and rural communities all over the world. We help our customers reducing operations costs, find new revenue streams and connect citizens to their social infrastructure.

Amongst many others San Jose in Silicon Valley, the Grand Place in Brussels, the Champ Elysees in Paris or the Olympic Walk in Rio de Janeiro have been recently equipped with our technologies.

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SEA-Tank Terminal, a daughter company of the SEA-invest group, is a tank storage company operating 2,450,000 m³ in Belgium, France and Senegal. Its terminals are state-of-the-art facilities, offering to each product the specific technical and operational flexibility. Petroleum and petrochemical products belong to our main scope of products. We can offer existing capacity or a new-build tank terminal depending on the needs and wishes of the customer.

In general, the SEA-invest group is a leading stevedoring company in Western Europe and Africa, operating also dry bulk, fruit & food, breakbulk, container and roro. It has an annual tonnage of more than 100 million tons, 5,500 employees and it is active in 25 ports.

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SECUTEC

Secutec was founded by Geert Baudewijns in September 2005. Since then, Secutec has grown from a one-man company to become a significant player on the European market and beyond customized, integrated security solutions for fast, efficient and secure IT.

Secutec achieves this by establishing strong links between security vendors on the one hand, and our customer on the other.

Secutec is much more than simply a go-between. We add significant value to the products of our security vendors by offering specialized complementary services.

These cover every aspect of the security spectrum, from installation to screening & monitoring to problem analysis & solving. Our dedicated and rapid response support team who makes this all happen.

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The Federal Holding and Investment Company (SFPI-FPIM) manages the federal government's shareholdings, cooperates with the government on specific projects (delegated assignment) and pursues its own investment policy in the interests of the Belgian economy.

At the end of 2015, the total balance sheet of SFPI-FPIM reaches 2 billion EUR and 15 billion EUR more with the delegated assignments.

SFPI-FPIM invests also abroad with stakes in investment vehicles in Brazil, China and India but also indirectly via its daughter companies Certi-Fed and SBI-BMI.

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SOFINEX

The SOFINEX: Financial support for exporters

The objective of the Sofinex (Société de financement de l'exportation et de l'internationalisation des entreprises wallonnes) is to help companies to invest abroad and develop their export sales.

Sofinex is the result of operational collaboration between AWEX, SOWALFIN and SRIW. Its aim is to meet the financial needs of Walloon companies associated with' international operations and therefore to remove any obstacles. The Sofinex's support is available for both short-term commercial operations and long-term projects abroad.

Sofinex has a wide range of financial instruments to achieve this: bank credit guarantees, direct financing (loans and/or equity participations) and subsidies (for Emerging Countries).

There are two ways in which the Sofinex can help companies. Firstly, by contributing to the financial needs of companies in relation to export contracts or investments abroad.

Secondly, by supporting exports using financial products similar to grants or subsidies.

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Solidbot plays a leading role in the manufacturing of mobile, autonomous, rapid deployment security solutions specially designed for situations where fast deployment and instant response are required. We engineer, manufacture and assist security-professional clients all over Europe and we are looking to expand our business operations in the United States of America.

The permanent increase of wage costs related to traditional man guarding is generating great interest amongst these security professionals, creating new business models based on hybrid offers that combine physical presence of fewer guards with a permanent support from intelligent technology. It is our role to assist these professionals in shaping the future of the security industry in an ever more threatening world.

Solidbot is the first company to provide full in-house manufacturing, from design to product delivery. Our clients choose to work with us as we provide customized solutions that fit individual needs from individual industries.

Our clients have successfully used our solutions on airports, industrial sites, power plants and nuclear facilities for personal and property protection. National authorities have used our solutions for political gatherings, border patrolling and police interventions.

Solidbot offers a self-powered permanently monitored, tamper proof, customizable solution that accommodates intrusion detection techniques, high resolution video surveillance cameras, wireless data connectivity and full IoT (Internet of Things) compatibility. Our products integrate into exiting environments such of control rooms and leading video management platforms such as Genetec, Milestone and many others.

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SOLVAY

An international chemical and advanced materials company, Solvay assists its customers in innovating, developing and delivering high-value, sustainable products and solutions which consume less energy and reduce CO_2 emissions, optimize the use of resources and improve the quality of life. Solvay serves diversified global end markets, including automotive and aerospace, consumer goods and healthcare, energy and environment, electricity and electronics, building and construction as well as industrial applications. Solvay is headquartered in Brussels with about 30,000 employees spread across 53 countries. It generated pro forma net sales of € 12.4 billion in 2015, with 90 percent made from activities where it ranks among the world's top 3 players.

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SUREST

Surest makes smart, reliable, well-designed smartphone products that store medicines.

The Surest application remembers and reminds people when to take them.

Surest products are designed to make it easier for patients with chronic illnesses, who are equipped with a smartphone to remember when to take their medication AND where to find their medication.

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TAKTIK is a software engineering company. For over ten years now, we have been developing solutions based on innovative and efficient open source technologies, fully adapted to the needs of our clients and integrators. We specialize in managing high volume media flows and IPTV.

- **OZONE:** Enterprise Media Platform to manage high volumes of medias.
- **FLOWR:** Entertainment TV Solution designed for Hospitality and Corporate.
- **ICURE:** Centralized Management Software of patient's medical records.

Our expertise allows us to create professional management applications not only for large businesses, but equally accessible to medium sized businesses.

We are passionate about our work and believe in the added value that our expertise can provide. We strive to provide quality services and become your preferred partner helping you meet future challenges for your business.

TAKTIK is positioned as a software developer and complete solutions provider onto the market with an indirect approach, through a global network of certified partners and integrators.

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TAPESTRY ART

Tapestry Art has a unique collection of contemporary woven art and bespoke.

We transform modern art photography into woven high quality wall-hanging art pieces. The combination of modern contemporary photography with the old Flemish craftsmanship results in an authentic product that is sure to be the eye catcher in any interior, private or corporate.

Using a unique method to transform digital information into weaving loom instructions and our 3D weaving technique we create stunning end results whereby photography art becomes a sophisticated, luxurious experience with a warm and gentle feel in touch as well as in appearance.

These masterpieces are ideal for restaurants, homes, offices, yachts and planes. It is extremely beneficial when in need of light weight, easy transportation, flexible upholstery and/or acoustic qualities.

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TEMPORA

Tempora is a Belgian agency specializing in the design, development, promotion and management of cultural exhibitions and facilities. Founded in 1998, it is one of the leading actors on the European market. The company relies on a multidisciplinary team of 50 people including: project leaders, managers, architects, graphic artists, designers, scenographers, documentalists, multimedia experts, etc.

Tempora has two prominent features:

- Its unique capacity as a lead contractor, which enables it to operate at particular stages or on entire projects up to turnkey service solutions: creation, development and production, promotion, reception and management of visitors.
- Its international experience in Europe, Asia and North America, thanks to the management of large-scale projects, the design and development of international exhibitions and museums, as well as the circulation of exhibitions originally created in Belgium.

The activities include:

- Executive production of self-financed, internally designed and developed exhibitions.
- Travelling exhibitions.
- Responses to (public or private) calls for tenders relative to missions of execution, design and development of museum exhibitions.
- Delegated management of temporary exhibitions or cultural facilities.

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THE BELGIAN CHOCOLATE GROUP

Founded in 1956, The Belgian Chocolate Group (BCG) is a well-established supplier and exporter of premium chocolate products, offering high quality at attractive prices. Our wide range of products, which form a solid base for our brand "The Belgian", include Chocolate Seashells, Cocoa Dusted and Flake Truffles, Pralines, Bars, Hollow Figures and more innovative products like Medaillons, Truffines and Chocolate Donuts. We also carry a No Sugar Added Bar Range.

The company has two plants in Belgium, where the chocolates are made and exported from.

"The Belgian" reflects the traditional chocolate making expertise from Belgium. We work together with exclusive distributors in over 70 countries with a view to creating a clear, unified brand presence. In our constant search for first-rate ingredients, quality is the highest requirement.

Furthermore, BCG follows the international standards and guidelines. In January 2011, BCG was the first Belgian chocolate company to obtain the A star level of the international BRC food standard. This is the highest possible standard to obtain.

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United Airlines and United Express operate an average of 4,500 flights a day to 339 airports across five continents. In 2015, United and United Express operated more than 1.5 million flights carrying more than 140 million customers. United is proud to have the world's most comprehensive route network, including U.S. mainland hubs in Chicago, Denver, Houston, Los Angeles, New York/Newark, San Francisco and Washington, D.C.

United operates more than 720 mainline aircraft, and this year the airline anticipates taking delivery of 21 new Boeing aircraft, including 737 NGs, 787s and 777s.

The airline is a founding member of Star Alliance, which provides service to 192 countries via 28 member airlines. More than 84,000 United employees reside in every U.S. state and in countries around the world.

From Brussels, United operates nonstop flights to New York/Newark, Chicago and Washington, D.C., offering connections to more than 300 destinations across the USA, Canada, Latin & South America and the Caribbean.

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VONDELMOLEN

Spiced cake is a traditional Belgian product made of rye, sugar and spices.

Since 1867 Vondelmolen spoils its customers using traditional family recipes with delicious spiced cake products. Vondelmolen is the market leader of spiced cake in Belgium and a top 5 European player.

The product is 100% natural, low in fat, has 0% cholesterol and is also made without preservatives or pigments. A slice of spiced cake is not only a source of fiber, it also combines fast and slow sugars, making it a good source of immediate and sustained energy. So it is a good, healthy snack for sports, for kids at school and adults at work.

Product goes very well together with coffee or tea and can be consumed throughout the day: breakfast, snack, meal, dessert. Vondelmolen offers you a large range of different products and tastes: classic spiced cake, with honey, with fruit, with Belgian chocolate or with nuts. And this as well for a standard as a premium range with hereby the choice between a range of standard recipes as well as your own adapted recipe.

The products can be offered Halal, standard or on Organic basis.

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WALLONIA BIOTECH COACHING

Wallonia Biotech Coaching (WBC) is an incorporated company launched in September 2006. WBC is an incubator aimed at supporting the development of spin-off, spin-out and start-up biotech companies located in the Belgian Region of Wallonia. More specifically, its mission consists in validating company projects and in giving a continuous support during the growth and maturing of these companies. According to the needs of incubated projects, WBC provides a panel of pre-financed managerial, commercial and financial services. Examples of these services include thorough market studies, analysis of regulatory issues, strategic advices on in/out licensing and on mergers/acquisitions, commercial representations and laboratory equipment leasing plans. The support of WBC is planned for a maximum duration of 6 years. During this period, the evolution of incubated companies is evaluated using management tools proper to WBC and adapted to the specificities of the biotechnology sector.

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WISETREE INVEST

The Belgian investment group formed by WISETREE Invest and 4 FOR CELLS created a joint international venture with INCELL Corporation (San Antonio, Texas) to form a new company, BioTurnKey (www.bioturnkey.com). Integrated business strategies and unique technical capabilities bring together the BioTurnKey BioOptimizer disruptive technologies, connected infrastructure, components, formulas, processes and clinical studies that will accelerate getting personalized and regenerative medicine products to the market at a fraction of the costs. Innovations in flexible and ready options will support a variety of manufacturing models.

These include in-house or outsourced contract manufacturing, as well as packaged options to facilitate delivery from point-of-care, hospitals and clinics. For each year that an experimental medicine of treatment spends in optimization processes, in clinical trails are in regulatory procedures, a year of possible revenues is lost. And now the lifetime of medical products on the market is shortening, it's of vital importance for pharmaceutical companies that they reduce their lab to market time. Progress in medicine doesn't only depends on the ingenious minds of genetics, chemists or molecular biologists. Fundamental science in drug development is, of course, evident, but many forget that when a promising medicine or treatment has come through all the clinical trial phases many hurdles still have to be cleared. Be Right from the start (cGMP), faster to the market and at a fraction of the costs is Bioturnkey's ambition.

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WSL

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GHENT UNIVERSITY

Ghent University consists of 117 departments across 11 faculties and offers high-quality research-based educational programs in virtually every scientific discipline. Ghent University distinguishes itself as a socially committed and pluralistic university in a broad international perspective. The motto of the university is 'Dare to Think'. The university's appeal is growing every year, with about 42,000 students in 2014, of which about 10.5% are international (students, PhD students, exchange students).

Numerous research groups, centers and institutes have been founded over the years, becoming world-renowned in disciplines such as biotechnology, aquaculture and microelectronics.

Ghent University is a Dutch-speaking university but English is widely spoken by both students and staff. Moreover, international students can choose a wide variety of English courses and programs.

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UNIVERSITE DE LIEGE

A university offering a full spectrum of disciplines and excellence in research

ULg - a 200-year-old university- is a French speaking comprehensive university in Europe with 10 Faculties and 1 School, spread over 4 campuses. All faculties offer educational programs at bachelor and master level in all areas of knowledge, as well as research programs. It is fully integrated in the Bologna process and applies the best European standards for Higher Education. The teaching offered to its 23,000 students - 23% of whom come from foreign countries- is well adapted to a changing world and the expectations of the modern job market.

An innovator in terms of techniques as well as engineering, the university has strong expertise in a variety of fields, including environmental studies, life sciences, biotechnologies, Interdisciplinary Cluster of Applied Genoproteomics, Earth sciences, space studies, physics, logistics, agronomy, geology, etc.

More than half the university budget is devoted to research projects where excellence is a must. Interdisciplinarity and internationalization are keywords in the research units.

Ulg has been awarded the EU label HR Excellence in Research.

ULg brings together education, research and professional training, and has helped launch spinoff companies in many fields, making it a driving force of the area's economy.

The University of Liège has a longstanding cooperation with the University of Gadjah Mada (UGM) in Yogyakarta.

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UNIVERSITE LIBRE DE BRUXELLES (ECOLE POLYTECHNIQUE DE BRUXELLES)

Université Libre de Bruxelles (ULB), with its 11 faculties and two schools and institutes, is not only multicultural, but also a comprehensive university covering all disciplines and study cycles.
Four scientific Nobel Prizes (of which the 2013 Prize in Physics), one Fields Medal, three Wolf Prizes, two Marie Curie Prizes, among others, are evidences of ULB longstanding tradition of excellence. ULB is a major university located in the heart of Brussels (25,000 students and 500 research units).

ULB backs its social, societal and scientific responsibilities with a commitment to furthering economic development in the regions where it is located (Brussels and Wallonia) by combining broad access to higher education with high level research. ULB also relies on a teaching hospital (Erasme hospital), a cancer institute (Bordet Institute) and an extensive hospital network.
Founded on the principle of free-thinking, which advocates independent reasoning and rejection of dogma in all of its forms, ULB has remained true to its original ideals – an institution committed to defending democratic and humanist values.
The School of Engineering of the Université libre de Bruxelles has more than one century of excellence. In 1873, the University, aware of the development of engineering institutes in other countries and of the lack of engineers in a country with a fast developing industry, founded the School of Engineering. The objective of the School is to form men and women in the fields of engineering and leadership for a multi-cultural and multi-lingual world. It aims also to serve the society by providing knowledge, innovation and valorization of research.
The School offers 8 masters programs in various fields of engineering. Five of these programs are fully in English and attract a large number of international students. The School develops a research and development activity in close collaboration with the industrial world and offers a strong PhD program.

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The healthcare industry is one of the most significant sector of a country's economy. All forecasts say that the healthcare industry' significance will continue to grow along with the rising demand for healthcare products and services worldwide.

Demographic changes and an ageing population are some of the reasons why diagnostics, therapy, rehabilitation technology, prevention and telehealth are constantly increasing in importance. But not only ! Technology is transforming the healthcare as well.

Agoria Healthcare Technology market regroups companies and service providers working in the areas of electromedical equipment and medical technology, information and communication technology (eHealth and telehealth), industrial solutions for hospitals, labs and the pharma industry, commodities and consumer goods, and also in the services such as design or consulting. These companies are leading edge proponents in the medical field and proudly represent Belgian flagships in their respective medical technology areas.

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AMERICAN CHAMBER OF COMMERCE IN BELGIUM (AMCHAM BELGIUM)

The American Chamber of Commerce in Belgium (AmCham Belgium) is one of the largest and most influential business chambers for international companies in Belgium, connecting more than 5,000 executives at about 500 member companies from a broad range of sectors and nationalities.

Based in Brussels since 1948, AmCham Belgium, as a membership-led and membership-funded organization, focuses on improving business and investment opportunities for the US-Belgian business community in Belgium.

With approximately 900 US companies, directly employing 125,000 people in Belgium, AmCham Belgium plays a pivotal role in the Belgian business environment.

Through its policy, networking and knowledge sharing activities, AmCham Belgium can add real value to its members' businesses. The Chamber wants to promote a business and investment environment that is attractive for international companies in Belgium, by representing their interests at governmental level and in the media. AmCham Belgium also provides a physical and on-line forum through which information and ideas can be shared and the Chamber organizes a wide variety of events, seminars and workshops in which members can network and teach/learn best practices.

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ANTWERP WORLD DIAMOND CENTRE

Today, in global terms, the diamond business is worth more than $60 billion per annum, and provides a career and livelihood to millions of skilled individuals on all five continents. The axis around which that business turns is Antwerp, the Belgian city that has enjoyed an unbroken association with the diamond for more than five centuries.

The Antwerp World Diamond Centre (AWDC) is an industry-established foundation whose mission is to serve and support the diamond business in Belgium. headquartered in the heart of Antwerp's diamond district, its Board of Directors is elected directly by those who define the Antwerp Diamond Community.

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CONSTRUCTION CONFEDERATION

The Construction Confederation is the main business organisation, social partner and representative body of the construction industry in Belgium. More than 14000 contractors have joined the Construction Confederation, from craftsmen to global players, carrying out all forms of building and civil engineering activities.

The Construction Confederation is member of the Federation of Enterprises in Belgium (FEB), the European Construction Industry Federation (FIEC) and European International Contractors (EIC).

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ENERGY TECHNOLOGY CLUB

Energy technology focused business ecosystem

Belgium-based companies have decades of experience with projects in the fields of oil, gas & energy. The Energy Technology Club groups these strong players into a tight network that firmly places Belgian-based know-how in oil, gas & energy projects on the international scene.

For end customers as well as EPC contractors, the ability to find a suitably experienced partner is essential to undertake a project of any size in the energy industry. The Energy Technology Club answers this need by operating as an international platform between both parties. If you are looking for a unique point of contact for innovative technologies, operating from the heart of Europe, you have found it.

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ESSENSCIA

essenscia, the Belgian association for the chemical, plastics and life sciences industries, represents and brings together about 750 companies in Belgium's. With a turnover of 64 billion euros and 90,000 direct employees, the sector represents 1/5 of the entire Belgian manufacturing industry. The sector exports over 75% of its production and generates a trade surplus of 21 billion euros, thus contributing to the vigor of the Belgian economy. The sector is also very innovative with 3.6 billion euros R&Dexpenditures in 2015.

Belgium is the number one chemical country in the world on a per capita basis and a dominant player of a wide range of key chemicals and plastics in Europe. Thanks to considerable investments by Belgian and foreign companies in the petrochemical industry and other major chemical activities, Belgium has developed into a leading global petrochemical center.

Belgium is also a world leader in pharmaceuticals and biotechnology. Nearly 30,000 people work in this sector, which alone accounts for 10% of all Belgian exports. In fact, 30% of all private sector R&D-expenditures is in the pharmaceutical industry, twice the European average.

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FEDERATION OF BELGIAN CHAMBERS OF COMMERCE

The Federation of Belgian Chambers of Commerce represents all 14 Chambers of Commerce in Belgium and 33 Belgian-Luxembourg Chambers of Commerce abroad.

Through our accreditation program, we assure that Chambers are well managed and meet the needs of their members.

Our activities focus on 3 key areas:

- Export formalities: we coordinate the delivery of certificates of origin and ATA carnets by Belgian chambers, with a strong emphasis on simplified procedures and online delivery.
- International entrepreneurship: we support our chambers and their members through our international network (EUROCHAMBRES, ICC-World Chambers Federation, CPCCAF).
- Sustainable entrepreneurship: we stimulate our Chambers to help companies find sustainable solutions for societal challenges.

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FEDERATION OF ENTERPRISES IN BELGIUM (FEB)

FEB, the voice of business in Belgium, promotes an optimal business and investment environment.

The Federation of Enterprises in Belgium (FEB) is the only multisector employer organization representing companies in Belgium's three regions. FEB represents more than 50,000 companies, accounting for 80% of employment in the private sector. FEB promotes and defends the interests of those companies in nearly 150 federal, European and international bodies, with a view to creating an optimum business and investment environment. FEB's activities are underpinned by its thorough knowledge of the sector – thanks to the expertise of its member federations – and on key values such as the social market economy, sustainable development, business ethics, good governance, dialogue and self-regulation.

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lifetech.brussels is a non-profit association which aims to support and to facilitate the development of health and healthcare-related businesses in the Brussels-Capital Region (BCR).

Concretely, lifetech.brussels pursues three main missions:

1. Stimulation of innovation and entrepreneurship in the sector of life technology and health.
2. Promotion of R&D activities and clinical competencies of the Brussels' institutions.
3. Consolidation of the ecosystem encompassing different players of the sector in the BCR: companies, hospitals, research labs and support organizations active in the health and healthcare-related sectors.

lifetech.brussels gathers around 100 members and offers them two types of services:

1. Cluster animation. This includes the organization of seminars, networking events, international missions; the consolidation of opportunities and information for the members via a specific newsletter and a website; promotion of activities of the members.
2. Individualized support. This consists in offering ad-hoc support to innovative company/project members in order to allow them to well expand. It also includes challenging business plan, informing about financing options.

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MEMORIAL 1815 - WATERLOO BATTLEFIELD

Discover the Waterloo Battlefield:

- MEMORIAL 1815
  Buried beneath the Lion's Mound, the 1815 Memorial is a reminder of one of the most turbulent periods of the European history.
- An extensive interactive tour, full of special effects guarantees you a multi-sensory experience that is unique in Europe and features a 4 D film "at the heart of the Battle".
- PANORAMA
  Dating 192, this Immense 110m long, 12m high canvas depicts a reconstruction of several of the battle scenes from 1815.
- LION'S MOUND
  Constructed in 1826, it offers an exceptional panorama of the Waterloo battlefield.
- HOUGOUMONT
  Hougoumont Farm achieves the perfect balance between a respect for the past and innovation in a setting of spectacular historical remains.
- H.Q. Wellington
  In the heart of Waterloo, the Duke of Wellington installed his H.Q. in this former coach inn.
- Last H.Q. of Napoleon
  Located 4 km from the Lion's Mound, it was in this former farm that Napoleon drew up his battle plans.

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UNIZO, the organization for independent entrepreneurs and SMEs is a non-profit and interprofessional employers' organization and social partner.

With 125 cooperating professional sectorial organizations and over 85000 members, UNIZO is the largest organization for entrepreneurs in Flanders & Brussels.

The main activities of UNIZO are: defending the interests of the entrepreneurs, providing information and advice and stimulating networking. They are aimed at five specific categories: start-ups, young companies, growing companies, international active companies and business transfer.

UNIZO International is responsible for stimulating international trade of Flemish SMEs and cooperation in European and international projects.

UNIZO is a member of UEAPME, the European SME organization.

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VOKA - CHAMBER OF COMMERCE ANTWERP-WAASLAND

The Antwerp-Waasland Chamber of Commerce and Industry (CCI) unites more than 3000 corporate members and is the economical driver behind the important Antwerp region.

As an independent, politically neutral interprofessional organization the CCI Antwerp-Waasland covers multiple sectors, purely united by a sense of entrepreneurship. The Chamber contributes to furthering economic development of our region by lobbying, networking and offering specific services to our companies.

In Belgium the region of Antwerp accounts for a third of its exports. Many of the world's major chemical, building, pharmaceutical and telecommunications companies have a presence here. Combined with the port activity, which contains the second largest chemical cluster after Great Houston; the diamond Industry with 80% of the world's production of rough and 50% of polished and industrial diamonds traded in the city and the fashion center, it is obvious why the Chamber plays such an important role on the Flemish, Belgian and world economic forum.

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VOKA - FLANDERS' CHAMBER OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY

Voka is the biggest Flemish network of enterprises and was established in 2004 as an alliance of the eight Flemish Chambers of Commerce. As a network we unite more than 18,000 businesses representing 65% of the private employment and 66 % of the added value in Flanders and Brussels. One of the pillars of Voka's operations is defending the interests of the Flemish entrepreneurs, both for large and small companies. Voka is their largest and most influential network. With 18,000 members in all fields the Voka members form a representative sample of the economy of the region. Voka offers personalized services and helps entrepreneurs to start up their business, to make it grow or let it expand. Thanks to Voka's network of experts the members are assisted and advised on all their international questions and concerns.

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WALLONIE BRUXELLES TOURISME (WBT)

Throughout history Wallonia has been at the center of important battles that have changed Europe's destiny. More than 200 years ago, on 18 June 1815, Napoleon was defeated by the allied armies of Great Britain and Prussia on the fields of Waterloo.

In August 1914, more than 100 years ago, the conflict between France and Germany became global, as the whole world went to war. Today, the "Great War" remains the most significant conflict in world history. In December 1944, more than 70 years ago, the Battle of the Bulge - the final battle of the Second World War to take place on Belgian soil - raged in Southern Belgium and ended in late January with the Germans in full retreat thanks to the soldiers who came from overseas to bring peace back to Europe.

But Wallonia is not only known for its remembrance tourism, it has much more to offer.

This region to the south of Brussels, is one of rolling hills, green valleys, beautiful forests and charming villages and beautiful castles that have charmed many a visitor.

Wallonia is also the land of "Art de Vivre" with its many restaurants, inns and a whole host of festivals where you have to taste our delicious authentic street food, our famous beers and our wonderful chocolates.

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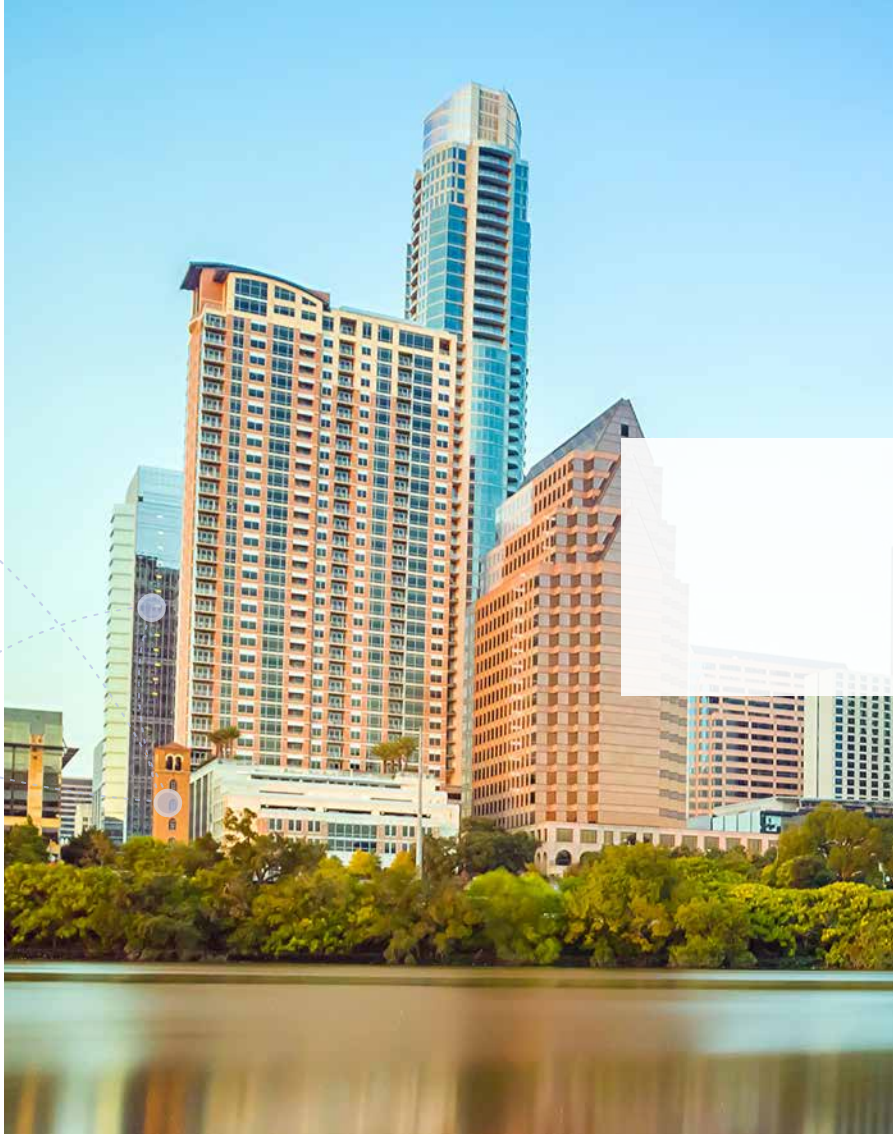

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BELGIAN FOREIGN TRADE AGENCY

The Belgian Foreign Trade Agency is a public body with legal status. It was set up through the Cooperation Agreement concluded between the Belgian federal government and the three Belgian regional governments in 2002.

The Agency is run by a Board of Directors. Its Honorary President is His Majesty the King.

The Agency's main tasks are to:

- Provide documentation on foreign markets.
- Organize joint economic missions.
- Collect, organize and circulate information, studies and documentation on external markets on behalf of the regional export promotion organizations.

The regional export organizations (AWEX, Brussels Invest & Export and Flanders Investment & Trade) remain the primary contact points for Belgian companies.

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FOREIGN TRADE AND INVESTMENT SERVICE FOR THE BRUSSELS CAPITAL REGION

Brussels Invest & Export is Brussels' public service department for foreign trade & investment and exists to boost the internationalization of the Brussels' economy and its businesses.

One of Brussels Invest & Export's missions is to assists Brussels based enterprises in their projects on foreign markets. To achieve this, an international network of about ninety economic and trade attachés, operational on all continents, provide guidance to SMEs, they target potential local prospects and business partners, organize networking events, and much more. Other initiatives towards Brussels' businesses include organizing trade missions and contact days, invite and accompany policy makers and foresee in collective stands on international trade fairs for Brussels' companies.

Another mission of Brussels Invest & Export is to attract foreign investors to Brussels and to provide them the support needed, should they decide to locate their business within the Region. To enable these investors in assessing the benefits of setting up business in the capital, Brussels Invest & Export has a 'Welcome Package' on offer that consists of the, free of cost, use of a fully equipped office space for a three-month period in combination with a broad range of services that also are free of charge.

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CITY OF BASTOGNE

Bastogne, a city full of memories

Bastogne is an important historical tourism destination home to many monuments and museums dedicated to the Battle of the Bulge, a key World War II battle.

Located in the center of the province of Luxembourg, close to the Luxembourg border, the city has always been a town that people passed through for trade, first for the nomadic peoples and then for the Romans.
But Bastogne owes its fame to one of the last German Offensives during World war II, better known as the Battle of the Bulge.

On main square, the “Sherman” tank and the statue of General McAuliffe are reminders of the Ardennes resistance during the Battle of the Bulge. On the Mardasson hill, a new place of remembrance dedicated to the Second World War, the Bastogne War Museum, opened in 2014.

Next to the museum lies the Mardasson Memorial. This gigantic star-shaped construction is a tribute from the Belgian people to the American forces who liberated the area during the Battle of the Bulge. As for sports fans, many may already know that the oldest road cycling race still running today, “Liège-Bastogne-Liège” passes through the town.

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Within the Federal Public Service FINANCE, the Fiscal Department for Foreign Investments assists foreign investors and investors already established in Belgium on tax matters.

This team of experts was established in 1997 and is placed under the direct authority of the Chairman of the Management Committee.

This public service works free of charge and on a flexible, non-bureaucratic and investor oriented basis. The Department handles the projects disclosed to her in a strictly confidential way. The officials remain subjected to a strict obligation of professional secrecy.

"Invest in Belgium, increase your profit", with that mission statement we would like to keep promoting Belgium with foreign investors. We inform them of the attractive tax regimes Belgium has to offer with regard to foreign investments and assist them in their contact with Belgian tax administrations. The ultimate objective is creating jobs and economic expansion in Belgium.

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The office of Didier Reynders, Deputy Prime Minister of Belgium and Minister of Foreign Affairs and European Affairs develops foreign policy and strategy to defend the Belgian interests abroad.

Minister Didier Reynders attaches particular importance to economic relation within the Belgian foreign policy framework, thereby serving the regional entities and the Belgian Economic actors.

After twelve years as Finance Minister, representing Belgium at Ecofin and Eurogroup's meetings, Minister Didier Reynders is particularly attentive to the Eurozone situation and the European policy.

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The office of Pieter De Crem, Secretary of State for Foreign Trade, develops export policy and strategy to assist Belgian companies abroad.

The Belgian economy is among the most open, export-oriented economies in the world and relies heavily on unrestricted, free and mutual beneficial trade. With his policy, Pieter De Crem wants to foster trade to and from Belgium, and contribute to a healthy and sustainable economic growth.

As former Minister of Defence (2007 – 2014) and Deputy Prime Minister (2013 – 2014), Pieter De Crem has a profound knowledge of global trends and developments. He is a strong advocate of economic missions chaired by HRH Princess Astrid, as they have clearly demonstrated their usefulness, both for the participating countries and the countries visited.

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As an organization with solid and long-standing experience in foreign relations, the FPS channels its expertise into actions geared towards the following objectives:

- Defending Belgian interests abroad.
- Promoting a stable, fair, and thriving world community based on solidarity.
- Combating global poverty by coordinating a high-level of cooperation.

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The Flanders Investment & Trade agency promotes sustainable international business, in the interest of both Flanders-based companies and overseas enterprises.

Whatever sector you are involved in, Flanders Investment & Trade will help you establish contact with the Flemish companies you are looking for.

This includes not only products or services you may be sourcing, but also various types of business relationships, from joint ventures to technology transfers.

At another level Flanders Investment & Trade enhances Flanders' position as the gateway to Europe for inward investors.

The agency identifies, informs, advises and supports overseas enterprises by establishing production and research facilities, contact centers, headquarters, logistics operations and the like in Flanders, the northern region of Belgium.

Do visit our website and discover our worldwide network.

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Flanders is the autonomous northern region of Belgium with Brussels as its capital.

It is the gateway to Europe.

For many centuries, Flanders has been at the crossroads of European development, with scientists, painters, entrepreneurs and politicians shaping the future of our continent, combining revolutionary techniques with state-of-the-art talent and know-how.

Today, in the same spirit of combining innovative know-how with natural talent and craftsmanship, we continue to shape our region within a modern and dynamic Europe.

Moreover, the government of Flanders wants to assume by 2020 a leading position among the best performing European regions.

Enhancing the international interaction with emerging as well as mature markets is one of the cornerstones of this ambitious plan.

Via its elaborated network abroad of investment and trade promotion offices, and in strong cooperation with the federal Belgian authorities, the government of Flanders seeks and showcases business opportunities in a great variety of sectors.

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Brussels, capital of Belgium, is an international city like no other. As the decision-making heart of Europe, it has become an international capital, where global opinion leaders meet to influence and do business, yet it remains small enough to allow its inhabitants to enjoy all the advantages of a human-size city.

The Brussels-Capital Region accounts for approximately 20 % of Belgium's GDP. At least 85 % of the Region's economy consists of service activities.

Aside from being a top business location in general, the Brussels-Capital Region is home to thriving ICT, energy & environment, education, construction & infrastructure, consultancy and financial sectors.

Due to its central geographical location and unique status as the capital of Europe, Brussels is one of the world's largest centers for international organizations, NGOs, industry associations, interest groups and diplomatic missions.

For foreign investors, Brussels is the place to be to run a business with a European focus at a reasonable cost.

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The Cabinet of Minister Marcourt is in charge of the economic and industrial development of the Wallonia Region. The cornerstone of the regional strategy is the Marshall Plan, initiated in 2005, focuses on six competitiveness clusters. The clusters are based on alliances and cooperation between large, medium and small enterprises, universities and research centers involved in the following sectors: transport and logistics, healthcare, mechanical engineering, agri-food, aeronautics and space, and cleantech.

Wallonia is located in the heart of Europe, at the crossroads of major roads, rivers, rail and air routes. The region benefits from a highly skilled labor force and an extensive area for the development of new economic activities. The Cabinet of Minister Marcourt relies on the Wallonia Export-Investment Agency (AWEX) for the promotion of exports and attraction of foreign investments.

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The Wallonia Export-Investment Agency (AWEX) is the governmental agency of the Walloon Region of Belgium in charge of promoting foreign trade and attracting foreign investment.

As a foreign trade agency, AWEX carries out a mission of promotion and information to the benefit of both Wallonia and foreign business community. AWEX assists buyers, importers and foreign prospects by providing information on Wallonia's export potential. As an export partner for Wallonia-based companies, AWEX provides a wide range of export-oriented services (market surveys, organization of trade missions, participation in trade shows, export incentives, etc.).

As a foreign investment agency, AWEX is the one-stop shop for foreign investors interested in investing in Wallonia. AWEX assistance to potential foreign investors includes site location services, information on grants, labor and social legislation, fiscal incentives. The Agency also offers a pro-active follow-up service to investors established in Wallonia.

Outside Belgium, AWEX relies on a network of more than 100 trade and economic representatives covering some 120 markets and over 20 international organizations.

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The main objective of the Research & Innovation Unit of WBI is to promote partnerships and build networks between research and innovation actors of Wallonia-Brussels and other countries. By stimulating international cooperation in an open innovation approach, the Unit creates synergies in the internationalization of academia, research centers and companies of Wallonia-Brussels. The Unit is notably coordinating the WBI network of Scientific Liaison Officer as well as the Research & Innovation Platform, a multi-stakeholder initiative that brings together the main actors of Wallonia-Brussels in the fields of science, technology and creativity.

In order to actively support and develop coordinated or joint projects towards foreign partners of excellence and within international networks, WBI has built a worldwide network of scientific liaison officers. Their main activities consist of monitoring and reporting developments in science and technology policy in the host country and establishing and maintaining contacts within innovative ecosystems. They also organize events and multidisciplinary activities aiming to increase the level of awareness of Wallonia-Brussels as a supporter of cooperative projects and a perfect location for research and innovation at the heart of Europe.

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A dedicated website has been created for finding anything you need to know about the Belgian Economic Mission to Texas, whether you are a participant, a journalist, a local partner or just interested to know what happens during this mission. A variety of documents and information are gathered in one place for your convenience.

An app version of the website is now also available in the App Store and Google Play!

Moreover, if you are a participant or an organizer and would like to share information on the website, please contact Rose Donck for further assistance.

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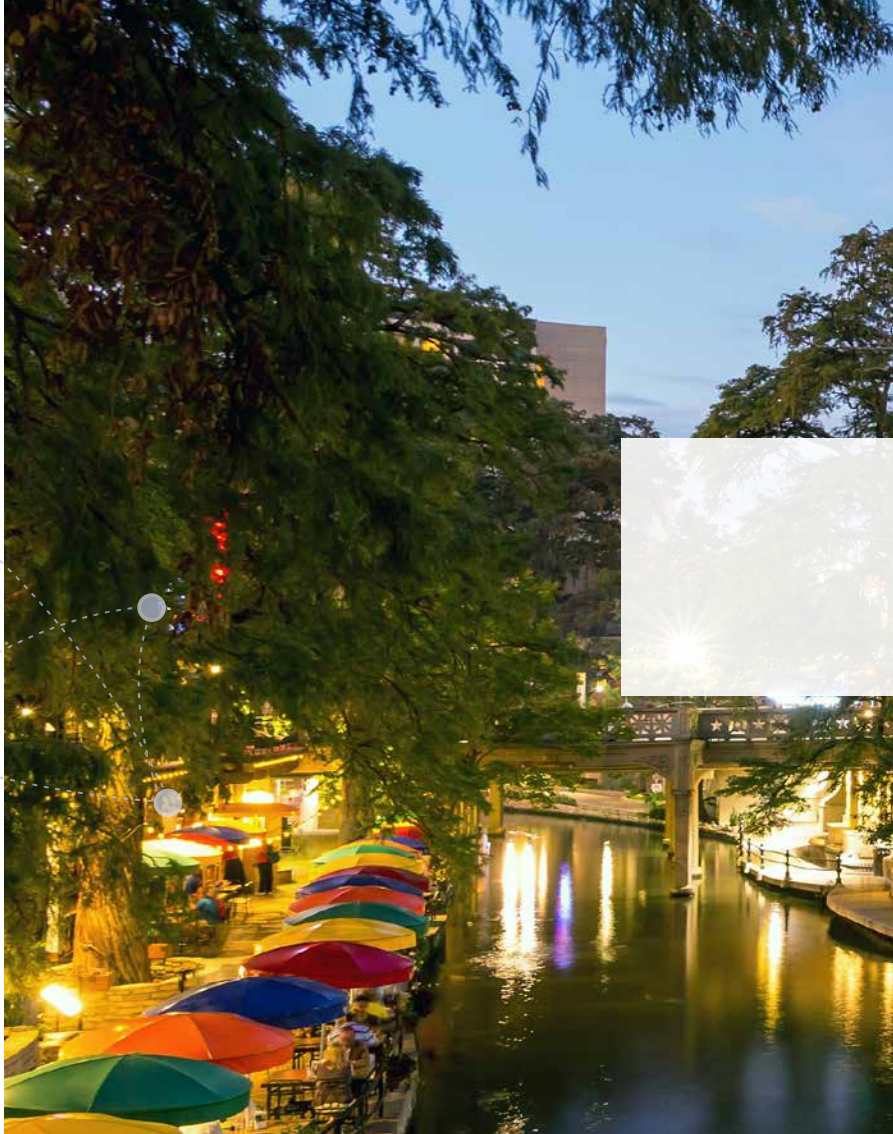

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ECONOMIC PROFILE OF BELGIUM, THE HEART OF EUROPE

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Belgium is a Federal Kingdom comprised of three Regions (the Flemish Region, the Walloon Region and the Brussels-Capital Region) and three Communities (the Flemish, the French and the German Communities).

Belgium has a population of 11.3 million inhabitants (2015 est.) and is one of the most densely populated countries in Europe. Brussels is the 'Capital of Europe': it hosts the headquarters of the European Commission, the Council of Ministers and the European Parliament. Other major international organizations, such as NATO, are also located in Belgium's capital. That is how Brussels ranks as the world's number three city (after London and Washington, D.C.) in terms of the number of accredited journalists and fourth in terms of the number of international meetings and seminars held.

With a surface of 30,500 km^2, Belgium is one of the smallest member states of the European Union. Nevertheless, it is a significant player in the world economy. Belgium scores particularly well for its export-driven economy and investment attractiveness. Its small size and limited internal market are the main factors behind the strong export culture in Belgium. Moreover, due to its well-developed infrastructure, good living standards, central location and highly-skilled workforce, Belgium is also praised by foreign investors.

GDP (Gross Domestic Product) reached €400.6 billion in 2014 and €409.8 billion in 2015. Despite the continuing financial and economic turmoil in Europe, Belgium's GDP kept increasing in both 2014 (+1.3%) and 2015 (+1.4%) (Source: National Bank of Belgium). Belgium also remains a high income country, with a GDP per capita of $44.287 in 2015 (Source: OECD).

Belgium ranked 3rd on the annual KOF Index of Globalization in 2015, after being second a year earlier. This index measures the economic, social and political dimensions of globalization.

According to the World Trade Organization (WTO), Belgium was the 12th exporter and 14th importer of goods worldwide in 2015 with a share of 2.4% and 2.2% respectively. Belgium's own goods market is characterized by high levels of competition and an environment that facilitates new business creation. Business operations are also distinguished by high levels of sophistication and professional management.

Last year it also ranked as the 13th exporter and 12th importer of services worldwide with a share of 2.3% in both cases.

Belgium boasts an exceptional higher education and training system, with excellent math and science education, top-notch management schools and a strong propensity for on-the-job training. These elements contribute to an overall high capacity to innovate.

TRADE RELATIONS WITH THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

Belgium is indeed your ideal partner because of its strategic location in the heart of Europe, its flourishing economy with stable growth and the unwavering confidence of consumers and investors.

BELGIAN EXPORTS TO THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

2013	12 months	€ 18,035.9 million
2014	12 months	€ 19,111.8 million
2015	12 months	€ 21,452.5 million
2016	6 months	€ 10,636.9 million

BELGIAN IMPORT FROM THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

2013	12 months	€ 23,691.3 million
2014	12 months	€ 25,202.9 million
2015	12 months	€ 29,348.1 million
2016	6 months	€ 14,019.7 million

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