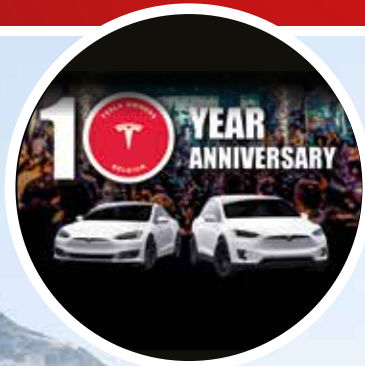




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WISHING YOU ALL A NICE FALL AND HAPPY HOLIDAYS SEASON.

Welcome to your twenty fourth edition of SuperCharged, your independent Magazine for Tesla Owners, Reservation holders, Club Members, Shareholders and EV enthusiasts. Thank you for your readership. Once again, we lined up interesting topics and stories that you will enjoy discovering.

Welcome TO ALL new Owners ! The more the merrier, the 'Extended Family' is growing every day ! We are very pleased to cross roads with more and more Owners, waving at each other: We are delighted to have you onboard and we look forward to our exchanges ! Supercharged is a great way to break the ice and join the Community.

We wish you all an Amazing Fall and Winter with great encounters and quality times with your loved ones. Furthermore we look forward to welcoming you at (y)our Club 10th Years Anniversary, book in due time as they are selling out fast. See you there ! Time to celebrate !

In this edition, we will debrief you on the well known 'Champagne Tour', cuvée / edition 2023. Fund memories and great tasting (all safely of course, don't drink and drive). Find out in this report the whereabouts of some of the guests.

We will then deep dive into the report of our French friends from the Tesla Owners Club France (TOCF) which organized a stunning event and visit. We let you discover their insights and debrief.

If not already under your radar, were you aware that Tesla reached 10000 superchargers ? Find out more in the press release issued.

Speaking of which, Liège Supercharger is soon to be opened. While we are eagerly waiting for the Grand Opening, find out more about this fancy event currently taking place in Liège, namely the Daniel Buren's monumental installation. Let's discover what the setup has to offer.

And 'as usual, even more lifestyle topics and content are also featured in this edition.



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All our events are listed online, join us and plan ahead as places might be limited due to popular demand

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20k Model Y built at Giga Texas to date !

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New colors ! Quicksilver & Midnight Cherry Red — made at Giga Berlin

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Tesla Semi ... coming up !

Tesla Semi deliveries are scheduled to begin in December 2022.

NEXT EVENTS & CLUB EVENTS

All future Club events can be found under <https://www.teslaclub.be/events> - Join us ! The more the merrier ! Electrifying and cheerful moments as always !

Champagne Tour 2022 edition

Read in this edition a full report on yet another Amazing journey in France. Thank you to all guests that joined us, we look forward to the 2023 edition. Stay tune.

Your Club Tenth (10 !) Years Anniversary

Join us ! We all look forward to a good time in your company. Club is all yours and what we make out of it. Chime in. - Ten years ago... Byron, Martin & Gwenn, decided to create Tesla Owners Club Belgium. The idea was to gather a "few" people to share ideas and experiences of driving Tesla, a 100% Electric Vehicle.

The first events were a huge success. The "few" quickly became a big group of Tesla enthusiasts. Then Laurent, Christophe & Kelly joined the board to help grow the club. Today, we're the largest Tesla Owners Club in the world, after Norway. With more than 9.900 members.

A good reason to celebrate! The past ten years have been an amazing journey.

Thanks for your support and helping make the world more sustainable. We'll welcome you to the beautiful location of Waerboom (Dilbeek).

At 18:00 we'll start with a reception, followed by a 4-course dinner. During our celebration, we'll share some of the many highlights. At the end of the dinner, we'll invite you to party together! The live show by BAM has an anything-but-everyday line-up. With surprising percussion and a whirling saxophone, the three men give popular music from the past and present a new look.

An amazing DJ will close the night. At 2:00 we'll close the party.

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TESLA CHAMPAGNE TOUR REPORT

By Imke Pollaris - Picture credits Imke Pollaris

After looking forward to the Tesla Owners Club Belgium *Tesla Champagne Tour* the moment was finally there. We made our way to Nivelles to enthusiastically meet some of the other participants who were joining us on this promising weekend.

After acquaintance, sticking the cars, and the needed charging up, we made our way together to the city of Reims in France so our adventure could start. After a smooth drive, our group of Teslas and of course their accompanying owners arrived at the hotel. Following a very fluent and quick check-in, we had some time to freshen up and unpack for the weekend.

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Not enough time to get bored though, as the Briefing and welcome drink nicely followed upon our arrival. When entering the designated lobby, it was quickly clear the Champagne tour had officially begun. The organizers were ready, and the first glass of champagne was already getting poured out.

Since it was my first time, I was curious about the detailed planning, as it stayed a well-kept secret until the very last moment. In this way, it was made sure everyone was equally excited and could share their enthusiasm as a group when hearing more about the planned visits for the first time. We were welcomed, briefed extensively, and received our polos and plannings. We also got the chance to briefly introduce ourselves to each other over a glass of champagne, making it so that even before the first activity the first social contact was assured. For me, it quickly became clear that (apart from getting to know more about specific champagnes) this weekend would be filled with amazing company, great conversations, and of course a lot of laughter and fun.



When the briefing was over, it was time to make our way to dinner. Thanks to the well-organized welcoming moment, you quickly saw that many people were already in contact with each other and even carpooling in case the designated driver allocation was under debate in some cars (including mine :)). We concluded the night in Resto au Petit Comptoir where the tables inside were specifically reserved for our

group and ready for our arrival. We had an amazing dinner with accompanying champagnes and wines to make the experience complete. After this, we made our way back to the hotel to make sure we got enough rest for the busy planning of the following day(s).

On Saturday morning, after a small breakfast in the hotel, we stepped into our cars to make our way to the first Champagne house visit of the weekend. To put the bar high enough from the start, we were happy to hear that the famous champagne house of Ruinart would be the launch of the weekend. At Ruinart, we were welcomed on site and the group was divided into two smaller groups to make sure everyone got a great chance to follow the tour through the house and accompanying caves together with their guide. After hearing more about the history and process of the oldest champagne house in the world, we were happy to conclude the visit with an exclusive brunch on the grounds of Ruinart, which was of course accompanied by some of their well-known champagnes.



No time to get bored on the Champagne tour because following our brunch, two more champagne houses were waiting for us that day. We made our way to the next house, which was on the request of some recurring participants, a smaller house. At the house of Michel Henriet, we saw a very different process of champagne making, mostly due to their small family-sized business. After a tour and the necessary tasting, we had some free time of 1,5 hours to enjoy before our last champagne house of the day.

We took the opportunity, together with some other people, to explore the Champagne region a bit more. We stopped at the lighthouse near the last visited house and followed the Route de

CHAMPAGNE TOUR

Champagne to explore more astonishing views of the fields. This whilst some others got thirsty from all the visits and decided to visit some more houses or bars during this time. For everyone, this was a moment where they could choose how to fill this small pause up as desired.



After our break, we all arrived at the domain of the champagne house of J. Lassalle. This was an impressive champagne house with large caves which was a family-owned business. Moreover, this champagne house is under the management of the women in the family which they are very proud of. The owner welcomed us and explained everything about their history, way of working, and future plans. We got a tour including the whole production area and also the caves.



After our tour, we were welcomed to an amazing location on the domain of J.Lasalle where Chef Benjamin Gilles was booked to take care of the dinner in order to conclude this remarkable day. The dinner was filled with many of the different champagnes we saw during the tour. It became obvious very soon that no one would return back to the hotel with thirst. The aperitif, amuses and each course was accompanied by fitting bottles of champagne or wine per table.

Everything here was just perfect. During our dinner, the owner of Jasalle also came to say hello again and proudly presented us with her daughter who was next in line to take over the heritage of the family business, which her grandmother and mother had built over the past decades. The dinner continued till late in the evening after which we made our way back to the hotel.

During the champagne tour, it is easy to fit in and get to know new people. Following the dinner at J.Lasalle, some people of the group were not feeling like going to bed yet and gathered up in the hotel bar for some extra drinks, conversations, and fun.

The next morning, it was time to pack the bags for check-out and to have breakfast for the last time. The champagne tour however was not on check-out level yet. Even on Sunday, more exciting activities were planned. We started with our visit to Nicolas Feuillatte, which was again a refreshing and unique visit. A high-tech, automated mass production process was explained to us in the most exciting way thanks to our personal guide. Of course, the champagne tour would not be the champagne tour if not, this tour was followed by tasting the champagnes and visiting the shop.

After this visit, we had one more extra surprise left for the weekend. The organizers of Tesla Owners Club Belgium included an amazing lunch experience to conclude the weekend at Chateau de Rilly. This lunch included many different courses, accompanied by suiting champagnes so we could toast together to conclude the wonderful weekend we had.

LET'S CONCLUDE WITH A FEW WORDS FROM DORIEN VANHOOREWEGHE, SPOUSE OF CLUB MANAGING DIRECTOR GWENN SCHOOVAERTS.

The last weekend of August is reserved here in the agenda. Not only because we really deserve a weekend without the kids, but especially for the good food, good company and the abundance of champagne

Kelly had made it her business again, remembering last year's tips. this year we visited the smaller local farmers. Yet it was also nice to visit the larger champagne houses such as ruinart with the delicious lunch!

I personally found the champagne house nicolas feuillatte most impressive where we got a long tour. Everything had been greatly modernized which was a big difference from our visit to ... she still turned all the bottles by hand. The respect for the lady of the house was enormous what has the most charm can be discussed but it was nice to see both sides.

Everything was well organised, the food was tasty, the champagne was present, but what made the weekend especially complete are the people themselves. after so many years it is nice to see that friendships have developed and that we really form a close group. I'm already looking forward to next year!

After finishing this amazing lunch, it was time to travel back home. As a first-timer on the champagne tour, I was enthusiastically invited to join some others in their yearly tradition to drive back to Nivelles for supercharging, have a drink and enjoy the Belgian dish of fries with mussels together.

Once fully charged again, we continued our drive and arrived back home on Sunday evening. It really was a weekend to remember, I'm very grateful and happy we could be a part of it. A big thanks to the organizers and also to the participants to make it such a wonderful and remarkable trip!



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It's always exciting to keep up to date with our fellow Tesla Owner Clubs around the world. For this issue we spoke with Fabien Sturni, the freshly elected President of Tesla Owners Club France (TOCF), to find out about the club's latest activities.

Fabien is 45 years old, is married with three children and works as a project manager for a transport company. He was elected President of TOCF just a few weeks ago, taking over from previous President Cyril Touchet. Fabien lives in Strasbourg, which enabled him to participate in September 2019 at the first EV track day in Spa with Tesla Owners Club Belgium, so some readers may already be familiar with him.

"I have been convinced that electric driving is the future for many years" says Fabien. "I have been a fan of Tesla and following its activities since then. Before I became a Tesla owner, I bought my first EV in 2016. It was a fully electric Hyundai Ioniq 28kWh, and this was my family car. When my third child was born in 2018, I took the leap and purchased a Tesla Model S. I changed to a Model 3 earlier this year as it's more of a European-sized car. I have to say though that the Model S still looks relevant. It hasn't aged and still looks good."

ORIGINS OF TESLA OWNERS CLUB FRANCE

The original French Club began on social media in 2013. "Then in 2019, we created a non-profit organization in order to apply for the Tesla Owners Club program" explains Fabien. "We were chosen by Tesla and started to bring together all the French regions to create a national club with 13 regional branches. I joined the club when it was first created, and at that time I was head of the Alsace region. Today we have grown to around 1,000 members. Around 82% are Model 3 owners, 8 percent are Model Y owners, 8% are Model S owners and 2 % are Model X owners. We also have a couple of Roadsters. On Facebook we have over 21,000 followers."

"At national level we manage the general organisation of TOCF and we organise a lot of events in conjunction with them to help raise awareness of electric driving. At TOCF, we also bring support to the regions. Each of the regions also has its own regional manager and creates its own events. All our events are open to anyone who is interested, as part of our mission to raise awareness and encourage EV driving. The only event that is for Tesla owners only is our annual Tesla Owners Day. It's really a collective work and I would like to thank all the members of the staff, the managers and volunteers in the regions, it's all these people who make the club live!"





ORGANISING EVENTS TO ENCOURAGE ELECTRIC DRIVING

“At TOCF our premier objective is to organise and participate in events that highlight how EV driving is viable for daily driving and long trips” explains Fabien. “We want people to get behind the wheel of a Tesla and try it for themselves. That’s why our events (apart from the annual Tesla Owners Day) are open to everyone. We organise an enormous number of events, normally about 60 a year, in addition to all the other events we participate in. There are inaugurations of superchargers, karting events, outings to wine cellars, roadside events, visits to museums and more. Anyone who is interested in attending just needs to go to our website, check out the events and get tickets. Our members get added benefits such as discounts.”

2022 ANNUAL TESLA OWNERS DAY EVENT AT MICHELIN

The TOCF annual event for Tesla owners took place this year on 2 July, at the Michelin research and development hub in Ladoux, Clermont Ferrand.

“We were invited by Michelin to a hosted event at their research and development centre, where they also have test track circuits” explains Fabien. “We had around 200 Teslas and 500 people take part. There were events throughout the day on the Saturday. We had access to the circuit tracks, including the wet circuit. It was great fun and we got to fully try out the tyres that Michelin has developed for Tesla. People could also get out on the track with professional test drivers in Teslas, Porsche, and Ferraris. There were games and activities for kids, and a Partner Village with stalls selling things like car accessories and services. There were also conferences with speakers from Michelin and insurance companies, with useful advice such as how to use Sentry Mode. Then there was a showing of the film “A Contresens”. Everything was free, apart from a tombola we held which raised 2180 euros for charity. The Tesla teams were also present with Tesla teams were also present with Rangers who carried out small repairs on cars and we were able to try the Model Y.

In the evening, we ended this magnificent day with a gala evening at the Marcel Michelin rugby stadium.

“The next day, on the Sunday, the club organised a trip to the nearby volcano region, for all those who wanted to stay an extra day. Altogether it was an amazing event for everyone and a big success. Once again, I want to thank the project team (Nicolas, Vincent, Olivier), all the volunteers who participated in this day and of course Michelin and the other sponsors. Soon we will begin planning the event for next year, as we try to change each year.”

NEW PLANS FOR 2023

“As 2022 ends, we can happily look back on an extraordinarily rich year in terms of events and achievements. Next year will be a busy one for me in my new post as president. The club is continuing to grow and now we have to grow the ranks of the club’s organisers with new volunteers so we can keep pace with that. We will have a lot of events to organise, and we plan to open an online boutique where people can buy Tesla Club goodies. Above all, the goal of the club is to be there to help each other, particularly new owners who have a lot of questions, and to try to encourage other people to make the step to electric driving.

I would like to congratulate the Tesla Owners Club Belgium for this great idea of presenting the different clubs of the TOC program in Europe.

A happy birthday for the 10 years of your club !”

For more information about Tesla Owners Club France and its events visit <https://www.club-tesla.fr/site/> or join <https://www.facebook.com/groups/570323459723760/> or join <https://discord.gg/NE2Yp545>





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MODEL Y EARNS 5-STAR SAFETY RATING FROM EURO NCAP

By Martin Gillet - Credit : NCAP

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We know for a fact that Tesla Cars are meeting the highest safety standards since the early models. It is never a 'big surprise' but rather a pleasant confirmation that we are in safe hands.

EuroNCAP issued a press release in early september titled :

"Asian Newcomers Make Strong Safety Debut, but Model Y Steals the Show".

Source and credit : <https://www.euroncap.com/en/press-media/press-releases/asian-newcomers-make-strong-safety-debut-but-model-y-steals-the-show/>

Excerpt from the press release :

"Euro NCAP publishes its fifth round of safety ratings today. The highly anticipated Tesla Model Y did not disappoint and shoots to the top of recently published five-star cars, while the new electric Genesis GV60 continues the 5-star success of the GV70 and GV80 models tested last year. Euro NCAP also tested two newcomers from China's Great Wall Motor Company - the ORA Funky Cat and the WEY Coffee 01, both achieving top marks. Finally, the new Kia Niro is awarded four stars with standard equipment, but five when fitted with the optional safety pack.

The Model Y, built in Tesla's Berlin Gigafactory, scores an impressive 97 percent in Adult Occupant Protection and near-perfect 98 percent in Safety Assist, with full points for its lane support and new cabin camera based driver monitoring system. In Euro NCAP track tests, the Model Y camera-only Vision system performs remarkably well in preventing collisions with other cars, cyclists and pedestrians.

Chinese manufacturers have tried to take on the European market before and have, in the past, met with mixed fortunes in safety tests.

Following in the footsteps of NIO, Lynk & Co and MG, Great Wall Motor demonstrates that it can produce cars that match the best that Europe has to offer, with the electric ORA Funky Cat and WEY Coffee 1 both achieving five stars.

Euro NCAP's Secretary General, Michiel van Ratingen, says,

"We've seen good results from some Chinese manufacturers in the past, but also some very poor ones. This year, Euro NCAP will test more Chinese cars than it has ever done and Great Wall really sets the standard for others to follow. **Also, congratulations to Tesla for a truly outstanding, record-breaking Model Y rating. Tesla have shown that nothing but the best is good enough for them, and we hope to see them continue to aspire to that goal in the future.**"

Korean brands also did well in this round of tests. The electric SUV Genesis GV60 gets a five-star rating, albeit with some room for improvement in its protection of vulnerable road users. And the Kia Niro is awarded four stars when fitted with standard equipment, including a forward-looking camera system. Car-buyers have to pay extra for the optional 'DriveWise' safety pack, which adds a radar to the sensor-set, if they want top-level safety.

The third generation Hyundai i20 shares the 2021 four star rating of the closely-related BAYON. And new electric variants of existing Stellantis models - the Citroen ë-Berlingo, Opel/Vauxhall Combo e-Life and the Peugeot e-Rifter - are added to the 2018 results of the combustion-engined models."

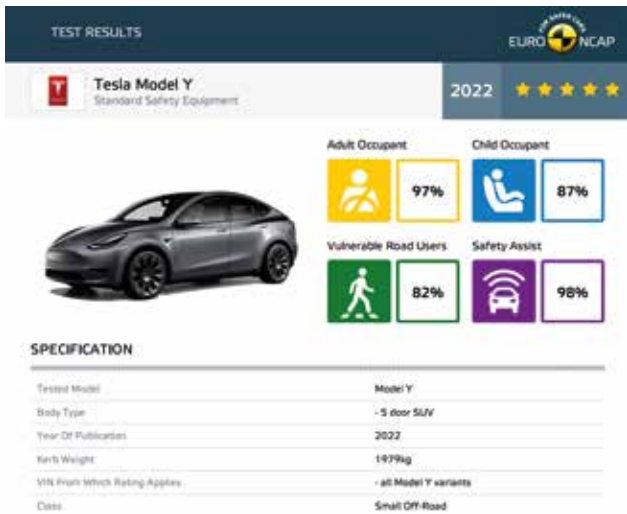
In parallel, earlier in september, Tesla Team released that Model Y Earns 5-Star Safety Rating From Euro NCAP :

“MODEL Y ACHIEVES HIGHEST EURO NCAP OVERALL SCORE UNDER THE NEW PROTOCO

At Tesla, vehicle design is an iterative process through which we aim to make some of the safest cars on the road even safer. Today, Model Y is our latest vehicle to earn a 5-star safety rating from the European New Car Assessment Programme (Euro NCAP).

As part of this assessment, Model Y received the highest Overall Score among any vehicle tested under Euro NCAP’s newest, most stringent test protocol. This was based on an evaluation of Model Y’s ability to protect adults, children and vulnerable road users like cyclists and pedestrians, as well as its safety assistance features.

Model Y also achieved an outstanding score of 97% in the Adult Occupant Protection category—once again the highest of any vehicle tested in this protocol. This category score is determined by a series of frontal, side and rear whiplash tests in addition to an analysis of several other safety attributes such as rescue, extrication and post-crash safety.



CONTINUOUS SAFETY IMPROVEMENTS

Euro NCAP used new Model Y vehicles featuring our latest manufacturing techniques and safety features to complete their assessment:

Rear Underbody Casting: The rear underbody casting combined with our fortified battery pack provides immense crash strength to the safety cell, helping to maintain compartment integrity. This strength allows our advanced restraint systems to deploy effec-

tively inside the cabin, holding occupants in place and providing protection against cabin intrusions.

Far-Side Airbag: Provides additional protection during side impacts, especially when there are two front occupants. This airbag deploys between the front seats to help prevent head injuries that could be caused by occupant-to-occupant contact.

Multi-Collision Braking: Automatically applies the vehicle braking system after a collision to help prevent a secondary impact.

Collision Avoidance Driver Monitoring System: Uses direct monitoring to detect a distracted driver and automatically adjusts the sensitivity of the Forward Collision Warning system to be more reactive.

TOP SCORE FOR TESLA VISION

Model Y also received a leading score of 98 percent in Euro NCAP’s Safety Assist category. This result was achieved with Model Y vehicles equipped with Tesla Vision, our camera vision and neural net processing system that now comes standard in all Tesla vehicles delivered in North America and Europe. This score was a result that many did not believe was possible without using radar.

Additionally, Automatic Emergency Braking continues to see major improvements during vehicle turning-across-path scenarios and when reversing with vulnerable road users in its route. Model Y also scored full points in the Lane Support System category. Lane Support Systems help reduce accidental road departures—one of the main causes of single vehicle and frontal crashes according to Euro NCAP.

Our team is dedicated to improving driving safety. Achieving some of the highest safety scores ever awarded doesn’t give us pause—it motivates us to make some of the world’s safest vehicles even safer.

Note: This recognition comes alongside Model Y’s 5-star rating from the Australasian New Car Assessment Program (ANCAP), which was also announced earlier in September.

Source : <https://www.tesla.com/blog/model-y-earns-5-star-safety-rating-euro-ncap>

More information : Full data sheet from EURO NCAP : <https://cdn.euroncap.com/media/70574/euroncap-2022-tesla-model-y-data-sheet.pdf>

TESLA MODEL S AND MODEL X PLAID DELIVERIES TO EUROPE TO START IN LATE Q4 2022 AND/OR EARLY 2023.

By Martin Gillet - Pictures credit : Courtesy of Tesla, Inc

Model S

Plaid

20



600 km

Autonomie
(WLTP)

2,1s

0 à 100 km/h*

322 km/h

Vitesse maximale*

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Puissance de pointe

Commander

MODEL S AND MODEL X PLAID

Many of new Tesla Owners have opted for the Model S or the Model Y as it fits better their requirements. It has been over nearly 2 years since Tesla launched the design-refresh of Tesla

Model S and Model X in the United States. To our greatest pleasure, Model S and X also have a top variant called the Plaid which delivers maximum performance :



The advertisement features a white Tesla Model X Plaid driving on a road. The car is shown from a front-three-quarter perspective, moving towards the left. The background is a clear, light blue sky. The text 'Model X' is prominently displayed in the upper center, with 'Plaid' underneath it. At the bottom of the image, there are four performance metrics and a 'Commander' button.

Metric	Value	Unit / Description
Autonomie (WLTP)	543 km	Autonomie (WLTP)
0 à 100 km/h*	2,6 s	0 à 100 km/h*
1/4 mile	9,9 s	1/4 mile
Puissance de pointe	1020 ch	Puissance de pointe

[Commander](#)

MODEL S AND MODEL X PLAID

Non official sources have reported seeing the new Model S already on the roads in Europe, perhaps some early testing on European infrastructure whereas Social media is highlighting figures over 2000 Model S/X to be delivered in Europe, which should all be the Plaid variant, the Long Range being announced for delivery later in 2023.

Nevertheless, Plaid deliveries to Europe will increase Model S/X vehicle delivery numbers for Q4 2022 compared to Q3

2022. The impact of this will be a likely higher gross margins gained on vehicle sales in Q4 2022 as well, to be confirmed in the next earning call.

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TESLA CHARGING NETWORK REACHES **10000 SUPERCHARGERS**

Tesla has always been keen to develop their charging infrastructure. In Belgium, this translates with the expansion of Wavre Supercharger, the opening of Charleroi Supercharger and the soon to be opened Liège Supercharger. It is also common knowledge that more is expected in the forthcoming months, work permit and grid connection permitting.

Text Martin Gillet, based on Tesla press release issued on October 4th 2022

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On October 4th, Tesla proudly announced that they had reached 10000 Superchargers.

"With the opening of more than 100 charging points in 6 new stations in the last few days, Tesla owners now have access to more than 10,000 Superchargers in Europe, spread over more than 30 countries and nearly 900 stations. About a fifth of these charging points were opened in 2022. In concrete terms, the network has already experienced more significant growth in 2022 than any other previous year, not counting the remaining three months. From a few stations offering 2 charging points in 2013 to sites with dozens of Superchargers in various locations, ranging from large retail stores to hotel chains, the Supercharger network continues to be one step ahead of

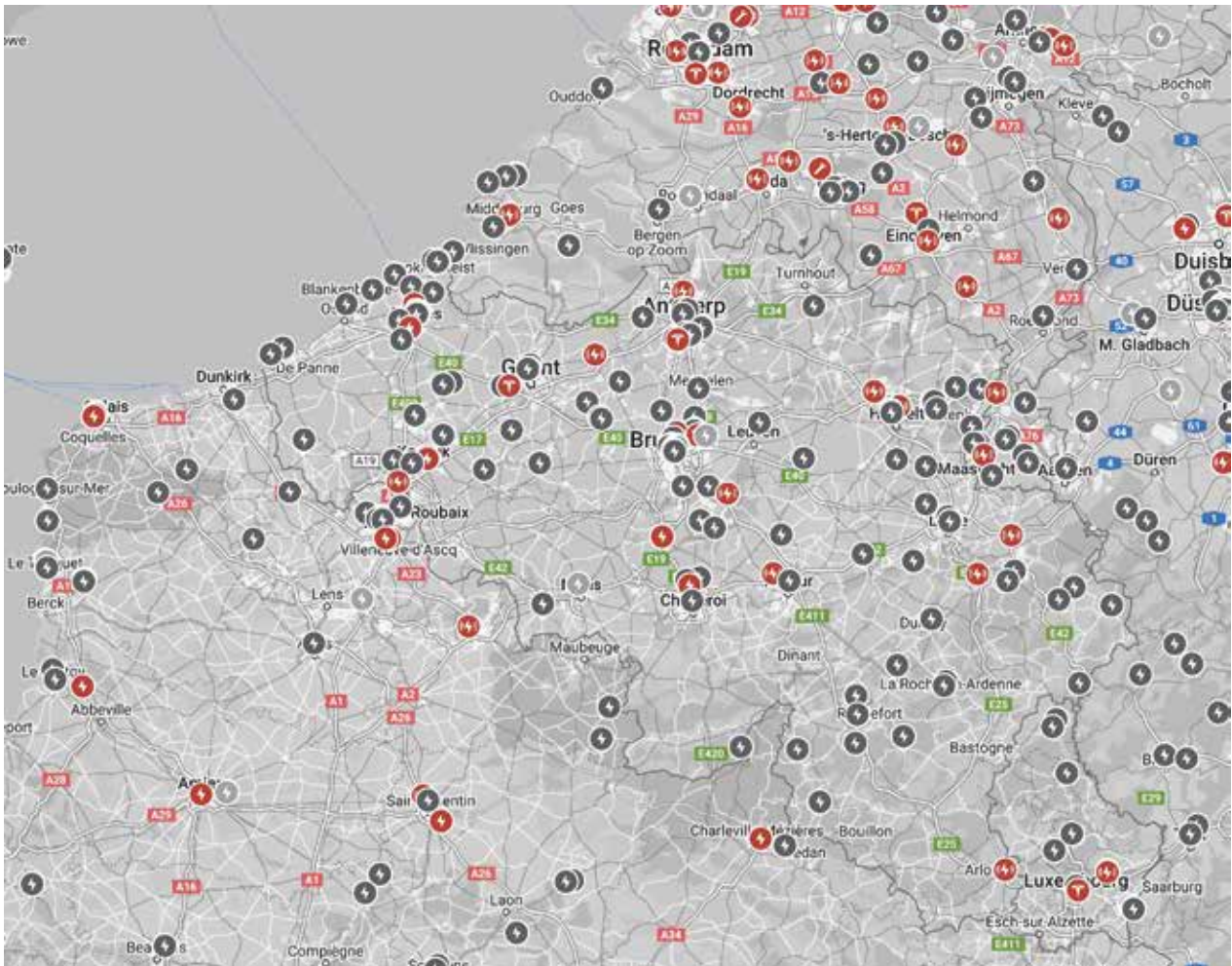
the rapid growth of the fleet of electric vehicles on the roads. Located in Germany, Belgium, Spain and France, these 6 new stations offer even more charging options to Tesla owners traveling across the continent.

Fast and reliable, the network continues to meet the charging needs of the growing number of Tesla and now non-Tesla vehicles during periods of long travel. Around a third of the Tesla fleet in Europe used a Supercharger outside of their home country last summer and almost 80% have visited a Supercharger at least once. Despite this, the network showed no signs of systemic congestion problems during the busiest weeks of the summer period.

SUPERCHARGERS

The Tesla Supercharger network is also the largest public fast charging network in Europe. Launched in November 2021, our Supercharger Access Pilot Program for non-Tesla vehicles has continued to expand to new stations and countries, in line with

our mission to accelerate the global transition to sustainable energy. The Pilot Program is now accessible in 14 countries, for a total of more than 4,600 Superchargers distributed in more than 320 stations."



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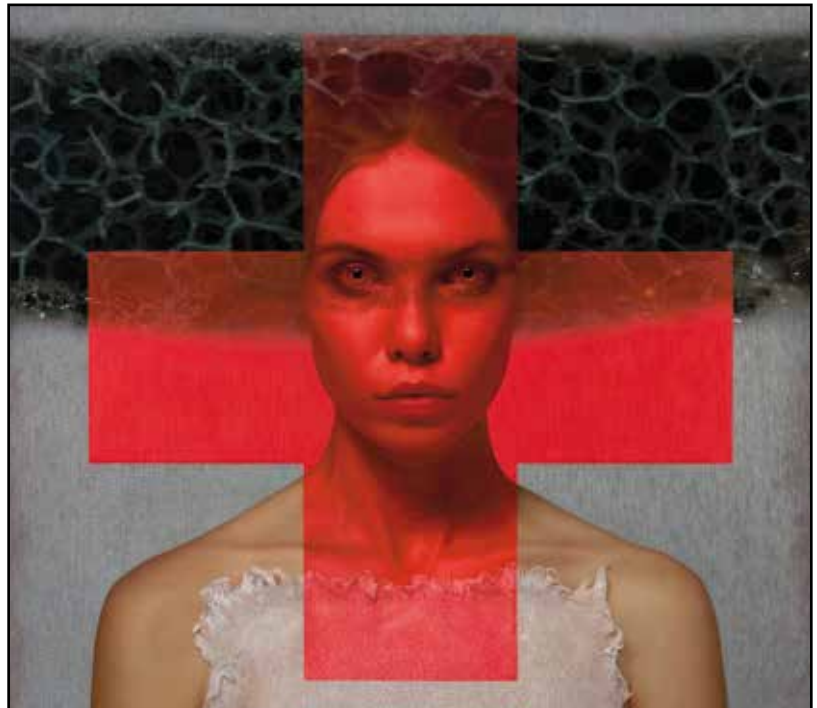
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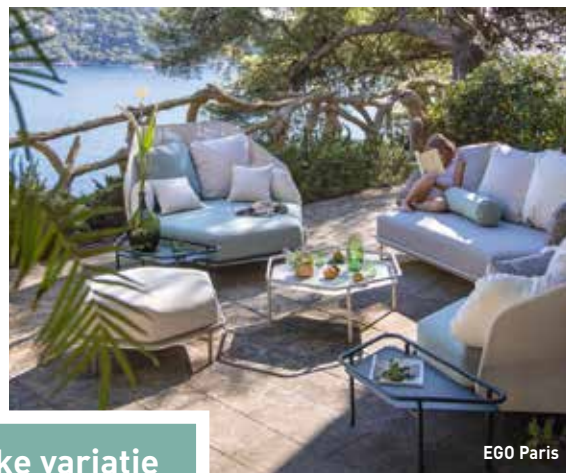
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TWO DYNAMIC NEW COLOURS FOR THE MODEL Y

FROM THE BERLIN GIGAFACTORY

The Berlin-Brandenburg Tesla Gigafactory is ramping up production! On 21 October the German factory announced the launch of two exciting new colours for the Model Y, with Midnight Cherry Red and Quicksilver.

The two new colours are available for both the Model Y Long Range All Wheel Drive and Model Y Performance versions. Midnight Cherry Red is an intense red metallic hue with great depth, which appears to change colour depending on the light. Quicksilver is a dynamic metallic grey which accentuates the curves and lines of the Model Y.

The Tesla paint workshop at the Berlin Gigafactory has been uniquely designed and configured to work with these technologically-advanced colours. The painting booths are highly automated and can apply up to 13 coats of paint. This enables the workshop to render unrivalled depth of colour and quality of finish.

These new shades of highly pigmented metallic paint give a spectacular effect by highlighting the design of the Model Y. The colours create effects of light and shade along every curve and contour of the car.

The two new colours can now be ordered for the Model Y Long Range and Performance versions, using the online configurator.

The Quicksilver shade replaces the former Metallic Grey. Deliveries will begin before the end of this year.

Midnight Cherry Red replaces the former Multilayer Red colour. First deliveries of the Model Y in Midnight Cherry Red will begin in 2023.

For more information and prices, visit Design Studio Model Y. A video presentation is also available on YouTube.





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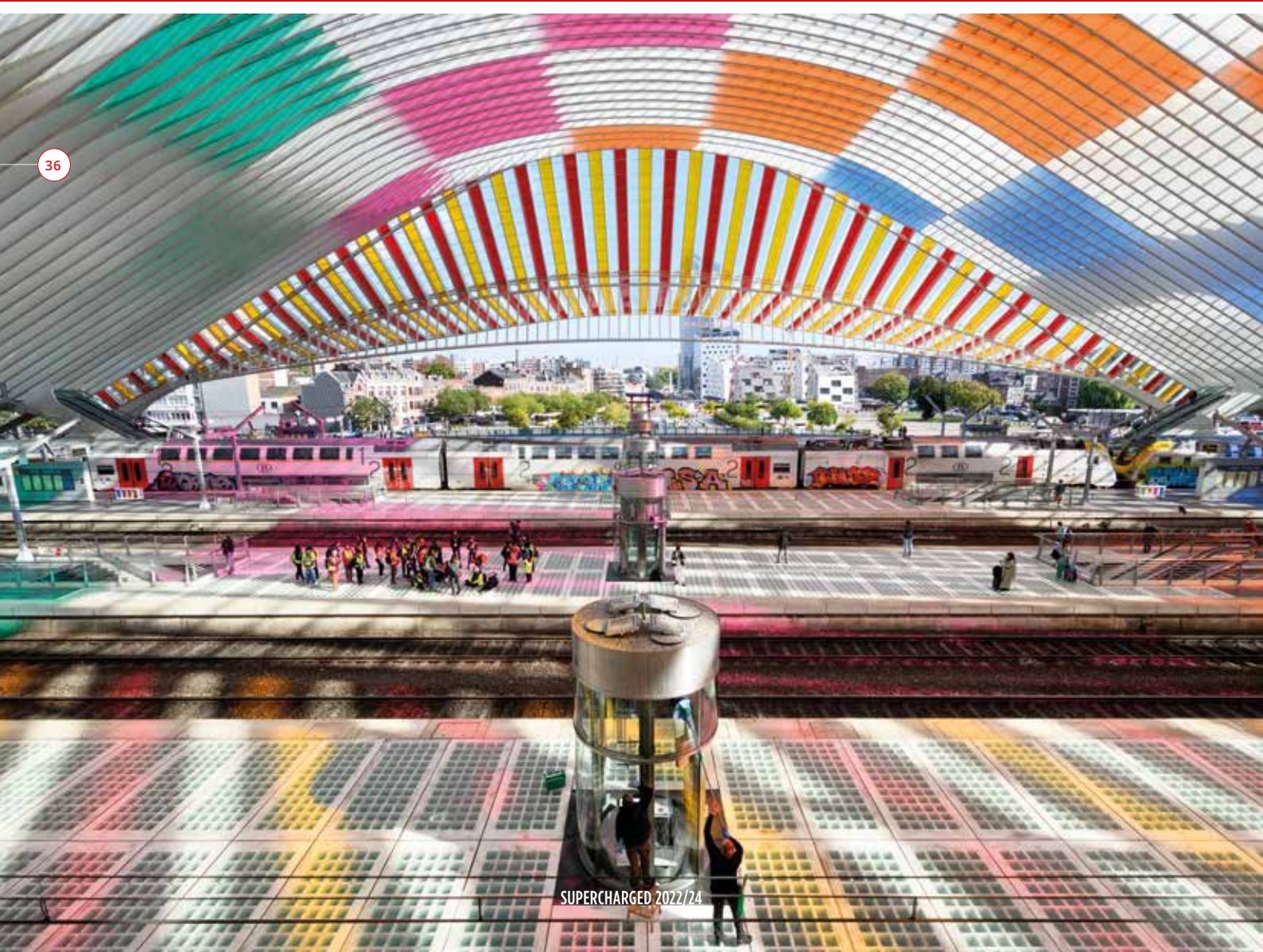
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DANIEL BUREN

DANIEL BUREN BRINGS INTERNATIONAL FOCUS ON CONTEMPORARY ART TO LIÈGE- GUILLEMIN'S RAIL STATION

Text Joanna Pays

Photo-souvenir : Daniel Buren, Comme tombées du ciel, les couleurs in situ et en mouvement,
gare de Liège-Guillemins, 2022-2023 © Jean-Luc Deru © Daniel Buren, ADAGP, Paris.





Daniel Buren has been one of the world's leading conceptual artists for over five decades. He has won numerous awards and had in situ displays at sites including Palais Royal and the Louis Vuitton Museum in Paris. The regard of the contemporary art world is now focussed on Liège-Guillemins Rail Station and its vibrant new installation artwork entitled "Comme tombées du ciel, les couleurs in situ et en mouvement", signed Daniel Buren.

"Comme tombées du ciel" covers 10,000m² of the glass roof of the station with transparent coloured filters. Patterns of coloured light transform the station and its occupants, changing colours throughout the day and throughout the seasons. This is a work of art that is not only seen, but experienced.

COLLABORATION WITH ARCHITECT SANTIAGO CALATRAVA

The canvas for "Comme tombées du ciel" is the Gare Liège-Guillemins, which was designed by contemporary architect Santiago Calatrava and inaugurated in 2009 after decades of preparation. Santiago Calatrava and Daniel Buren collaborated closely together on the new project. Their goal was to create a surprising, spectacular, and fun dialogue between art and architecture for all of the train station's users and visitors. This project is particularly close to Daniel Buren's heart, as it is the first time he has worked on a rail station – a place frequented by a large cross section of the general public, rather than a museum or a presidential palace. This is the opportunity to open up contemporary art and make it accessible for all.

As the roof of the station is 25 metres above ground, 15 professional climbers and mountaineers were needed to put the installation into place. It took them two months to complete the installation, working day and night, ready for the opening press conference which took place on 15 October. Over 800 people were present at the opening event, including the artist Daniel Buren, politicians and representatives from the international art scene.

TRANSFORMING LIFE INTO ART

The driving force that enabled this artwork to become a reality is Stéphan Uhoda, entrepreneur, passionate art collector and CEO of Cecoforma and Uhoda SA. Stéphan is not only a collector of contemporary art. His mission is to share and grow general public appreciation of conceptual art. The new Daniel Buren work in Liège will be sure to encourage discussions on contemporary art and help to make the city a hub for modern art. "Comme tombées du ciel" is not only a work to view, its piece of art that you become a part of every time you walk through the station.

"With our companies Uhoda and Cecoforma we collect contemporary art, but we want others to be able to enjoy it" says Stéphan Uhoda. "Our employees get to choose the work of art they want to have displayed in their own office. We also share works of art with other collectors. The idea behind the Daniel Buren work at the station is to go even further with this sharing of art and share it with the biggest number of people possible. "Comme tombées du ciel" is accessible to everyone and free to view. The work is in perpetual movement throughout the day and throughout the year for people to enjoy."

OPENING UP CONTEMPORARY ART TO ALL

"As a local businessman, I think it is one of my duties to promote the city of Liege and to encourage discussions on contemporary art for people from all walks of life" says Stéphan. "Some will enjoy it and discover a new passion, some won't – but at least it will get them thinking about it and encourage exchanges of ideas. I love to visit the station and see how this work of art is putting a smile on the faces of the travellers who pass through, making their journey into something more spiritual and out of the ordinary."

"Comme tombées du ciel" will stay in place at the Gare du Liège-Guillemins for a full year, until October 2023, giving visitors the opportunity to experience the work throughout all seasons and weather changes. For more information visit <https://www.rtbf.be/article/daniel-buren-comme-tombees-du-ciel-les-couleurs-investissent-la-gare-de-liege-guillemins-11086497>

For more information visit:

Buren installation: <https://www.colorexperience.be/>

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“WE ARE HAPPY TO EVOLVE INTO A CHARRELL EXPERIENCE STORE”

Are you looking for a new interior or want to replace some furniture? Then Charrell Home Interiors offers lots of inspiration, customisation and expert guidance from interior designers. The shop in Geel was recently expanded by 600m². The web shop Atmooz.com, an expert in lighting and decoration, is also experiencing dynamic growth. The experience factor is high.



Coming home after a long working day or a holiday is a special moment. You cherish fond memories of your home, family and friends visit and you can catch your breath in peace. The interior is very important to fully enjoy those beautiful moments. Everyone has their own taste and likes to surround themselves with furniture and things that make them feel good. It can be about details, such as a nice side table or an atmospheric lamp. The overall concept also plays a role. Do you opt for a country style with lots of natural materials or rather for a sleek minimalist approach? Get inspired at Charrell Home Interiors; the shop offers tailor-made solutions!

QUALITY ASSURED

What we want also relates to our stage of life. For a family with young children, everything may be more practical with furniture that can withstand rough handling and is easy to maintain. Older people may attach more importance to a comfortable sofa to enjoy the newspaper or a book. At Charrell Home Interiors, you'll find plenty of choice. Good to know: Charrell produces its collection in several European factories. This allows the managers to ensure excellent quality and finish, they know the production process and they set the bar high.

WELL-CONSIDERED CHOICE

Whether you are looking for a completely new interior or a single piece of furniture: it is still a choice you have to think about. Charrell Home Interiors helps you on your way. The shop has recently expanded considerably and now covers more than 3,000 m². The arrangement in living spaces allows you to see very quickly what an interior can look like and whether it is something for you. You experience the concept and the materials. You don't have to copy it, but can pick and choose pieces to suit your interior. However, you can already taste a bit of the atmosphere in the shop, the experience factor is high. "Because of the expansion, there is now even more staff to give all possible information. Customers appreciate our approach, as they often come from very far away. Of course, you can explore the range on the extensive website. There you can also see projects we have already completed. But a visit to the Concept Store has just that little extra. We like to evolve into a Charrell Experience Store," says manager Yannick Breckpot.





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ADVICE FROM INTERIOR DESIGNERS

If you have doubts about whether something fits well in your home or interior, you can call on the 'Charrell's Angels'. They are interior designers who will advise you free of charge and without obligation. "They are happy to visit your home to give advice. Even if you only want to replace a few interior pieces, you can count on them. Then, together with you, they look at how you can integrate the things

you want to keep and the new items in a beautiful, harmonious way. It is also important that they always start from what you want, which is what they base their design of a project on. That can range from a major metamorphosis where you put the whole process in the hands of our team to replacing a few decorative items," says Yannick Breckpot.

ORGANIC DESIGN

Whichever interior you prefer, Charrell's range is always stylish and exudes class. "With us you will always find novelties, we keep our finger on the pulse even though at the same time we strive for a sustainable, timeless collection. Organic shapes are still doing well. They recur everywhere, such as in tables, chairs, rugs or coffee tables. Travertine is a material that is on the rise. It is a beautiful natural stone with a durable appearance. Now you see very nice natural colours and light browns like walnut."

LIGHTING AND DECORATION FROM ATMOOZ

Atmooz, Charrell Home Interiors' lighting and decoration brand, is also experiencing strong dynamics. The website was updated and a new warehouse arrived. Here, too, you can always find novelties. The warehouse has 3500m², which represents a considerable expansion. Atmooz is primarily an online concept with a strong international appeal. Purchases flow in from quite a few countries. Visitors to Charrell Concept Store can see the entire collection on site. You will find floor lamps, table lamps, reading lamps... everything to finish off your interior in detail and create the right atmosphere. You can regularly discover new items on the website or in the Concept Store with the label: quality, luxury and affordable.



B2B

Because of Charrell's diverse and, above all, quality offer, the company also does well in the wholesale sector. Interior designers, interior design shops, shops, offices, restaurants and hotels call on Charrell Home Interiors' expertise and furniture. Excellent service is also guaranteed here. Deliveries are made as agreed and customisation is possible. A great example is Hotel Britannia in Knokke. The starting point was to offer comfort, luxury and relaxation. We

worked together with interior designer Sophie De Mulder. There is a comfortable armchair in every room, yet every room is different. Indeed, Charrell has hundreds of different fabrics with which all furniture can be finished in a unique way. You will also find beautiful Atmooz lamps and mirrors that add to the luxurious and warm character.



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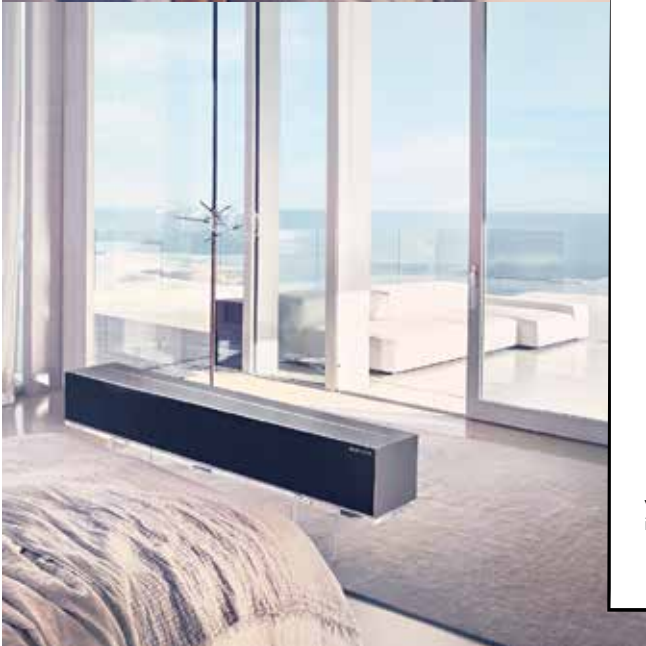
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VIEW**

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WINTER PROOF

Staying cosy by the fireplace in winter with a cup of cocoa while it's windy, raining or snowing outside. Sounds pretty good, right? And if that cosy scene doesn't persuade you to invest in a built-in or inset wood fire or stove, current energy prices will. The demand for wood stoves and fireplaces is rising at a furious pace and the offer follows obediently. Perhaps you are looking for a wood-burning fireplace that is maximally economical as well as tasteful? That is not too much to ask. Belgian company Bodart & Gonay creates wood-burning heating appliances that tick all the boxes and are 100% made in Belgium.

Text: Mirte Spaey

Photos: Bodart & Gonay



Wood was one of the first forms of fuel that humans ever heated many thousands of years ago. Wood-burning fireplaces therefore make that primitive side in us happy and offer a degree of cosiness that is hard to match. At Bodart & Gonay, discover a wide range of modern wood-burning fireplaces and stoves that capture the imagination.

ONCE UPON A TIME

Mr Bodart and Mr Gonay decided in 1957 to start a family business designing and manufacturing wood-burning heating appliances, mainly in the form of built-in fireplaces. In 2020, the company was taken over and now CEO Jean-Philippe Couasnard is at the head. With more than 60 years of experience, this company has emerged as an international player in the market, working with the latest technologies and designs. The company distributes the end result to domestic and foreign dealers including about 40% exports. Apart from Belgium, B&G is also represented in the Netherlands, Luxembourg, France, Switzerland, Spain, Portugal and Greece. You will find a variety of fireplaces, each of which meets the company's high quality standards. Moreover, each fireplace is available in many sizes and profiles, because B&G is convinced that the fireplace should adapt to your home and not the other way around.

ALL THE ADVANTAGES AT A GLANCE

Wood stoves and fireplaces have three major advantages as a heating source. First, contemporary built-in and inset wood-burning stoves have evolved enormously in terms of emissions. "Today, our stoves hardly emit any fine dust, which makes them very economical. Our modern devices have to meet very strict European standards", an employee of the company tells us. Nevertheless, B&G takes additional measures for the well-being of the planet.

For instance, the company works with solar energy to produce its fireplaces and uses local products. Furthermore, as much material as possible is recycled and employees drive hybrid cars. The appliances also last a long time. "If you have your wood stove or fireplace checked once a year by a professional dealer, the device will have a very long life," the company says. That, too, is good news for the planet.

Wood heating also offers a financial advantage, as wood is currently a cheap fuel compared to other fuel types. "The demand for wood fires has increased tremendously due to the rise in energy prices. And sales figures were already climbing since the corona pandemic because people were investing massively in their homes then. Everyone was sitting at home more often and looking for ways to make it as comfortable as possible there. With energy prices on top of that, we can barely keep up with demand. Our dealers are therefore very busy." Modern wood-burning fireplaces also have a much higher efficiency than before. "The new generation consumes very little wood." Another advantage is the high cosiness factor of a wood fire. Burning logs give that lovely crackling sound and that distinctive wood smell that make any room ten times cozier. Cosy vibes guaranteed!

Modern fireplaces have also made a lot of progress in this area of maintenance. In fact, you yourself play a role in how often the fireplace needs to be cleaned. "Our golden tip to minimise maintenance is to use only one or two small blocks of dry wood at a time, as this is actually more than enough. Many people 'overfire' their fireplace by using unnecessary amounts of wood. So using little and dry wood is the secret to a low-maintenance, long-lasting fireplace!" A forewarned fireplace user is worth two.





TAILOR-MADE FIREPLACES

What makes the range of inset fireplaces at B&G so great is that you have so much to choose for yourself. With the exterior trim of the device, you have a lot of freedom. The Konturo metal coverings are all clean and minimalist, as the technical part is nicely concealed for the sleek design. The original Konturo cladding is suitable for both see-through and single-sided models. The Konturo Compact metal cladding is also suitable for placement on a pedestal and includes an outside air supply at the bottom of the fireplace. The

Konturo Plus even includes an integrated option for an external air supply kit, so that the external cladding is seamlessly connected to the supply. In turn, the Konturo Muro cladding is ideal for hanging. For lovers of simplicity, there is also the Zenith cladding. It is easy to adapt to any space and is available on its own or with woodbox, where the logs are neatly stored under the fireplace. A woodbox is not only very practical because the wood is so close at hand, but also adds a warm touch to the living space.

THE COLLECTIONS

B&G already launched three beautiful collections and will soon launch a fourth to meet the increasing demand. The CONCEPT collection is very broad with remarkable economy and clean design. Concept fireplaces are available as built-in versions and with mantelpiece. These built-in fireplaces are distinguished by their low emissions of CO and fine dust. They have a high air tightness with the possibility of an automated combustion air supply (BG-CLAP). The PHENIX NEO collection consists of built-in fireplaces with a ver-

tical lift door. This door allows you to enjoy a real fireplace, resulting in the pleasant crackling of the wood and optimal heating. Finally, you can also consult the technological Infire EASY collection. These inset fireplaces are economical and easy to use, making it 'easy' for everyone to fire. The Infire EASY fireplace is easy to install in passive houses or low energy homes. B&G never stops innovating, which is why the company will soon launch the Infire SMART collection that combines the latest technologies with a modern design.



OUTDOOR LINE

People are investing heavily in the interior of their homes, but that trend also extends strongly to the garden and the outdoors. So Bodart & Gonay's next logical step was to launch an outdoor range in addition to the indoor range. After all, wood-fired devices are also a must-have outdoors. After all, you then have two birds with one stone: a cooking facility and an atmospheric outdoor heating source. "We took on the challenge of releasing an outdoor collection that is innovative on the market and contains pieces that are completely unique. We are very happy to now be able to say that we have succeeded in this," says the company.

None other than Belgian product designer Bertrand Lejoly helped bring this first outdoor collection of five devices from B&G to a successful conclusion. Lejoly uses his years of experience as a designer for architectural firms to design furniture and rooms, among other things. His style is known for its simplicity and timelessness. In this collection, the designer plays with different materials, such as: metal, wood, painted steel and concrete. Furthermore, you can expect geometric shapes and clean lines. This mix of materials and shapes creates a unique and modern look. We briefly list the five different devices. The BG-EXCLUSIVE is an ode to all barbecue lovers. The luxurious built-in barbecue grills to perfection and includes an outdoor fire. This allows you to barbecue even on colder days, as the fire keeps you well warm all the time. For the culinary soul, there is the BG-CHEF. Prepare any dish with ultimate comfort: a pizza in the oven, a grilled piece of meat on the BBQ or grilled vegetables on the Plancha. The BG-PRO, next, goes one step further and is the ideal choice for high-end chefs. The griddle of this appliance includes a lever for sensitive temperature control of the cooking plate, ensuring that each element is cooked just right. The flavours of the ingredients come out fully thanks to the high temperatures inside the appliance. There is also the BG-STONE-STEEL appliance with the Spanish 'plancha' ('griddle') as its muse. The sleek design with beautiful lines is available in black painted steel mixed with refractory concrete or entirely in black painted steel. The griddle reaches high temperatures of up to 220° and sears your food at lightning speed. So you get a crispy exterior and soft interior in no time. This appliance retains its heat for a very long time, so you can enjoy the fire for a long time afterwards. Finally, there is the



BG-BOWL version: an elegant fire bowl which is the perfect centre-piece for cosy gatherings and parties. So you can enjoy the fresh outdoors without being bothered by the cold.

"We are immensely proud of this collection," B&G announces. "It is unique and we are looking forward to its launch." We can expect more of this in the future. "We plan to further evolve this collection in the coming years and add new accessories for some of these devices such as occasional furniture."

QUALITY

Bodart & Gonay is a company that stands for 100% made-in-Belgium products and strives for new technology, design and top quality. "Certainly our new Infire SMART range has a smart design with the best combustion techniques and aims for an 85% efficiency. The infire EASY appliances have a patented combustion system that makes it technologically distinctive and electrically controllable. That system is very convenient and people are big fans of it." Expansion

To ensure even better quality and service, the company recently moved to larger and more modern premises with more facilities in Herve, Liège. "That change has had a hugely positive impact on the company," it echoes. "We are currently installing another building with an area of 2,300m², so that we can keep up with growing demand." In B&G's own factory, inset and built-in fires are designed and made and then distributed to professional dealers, in which the company has full confidence.

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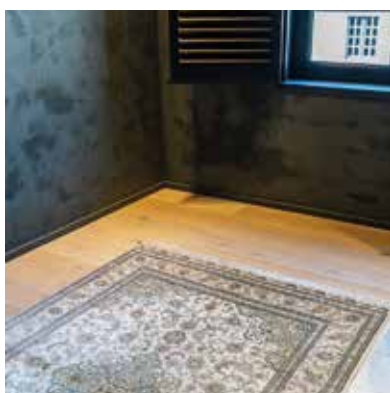
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LEBEAU-COURALLY BRINGS BELGIAN ENTREPRENEURS TOGETHER

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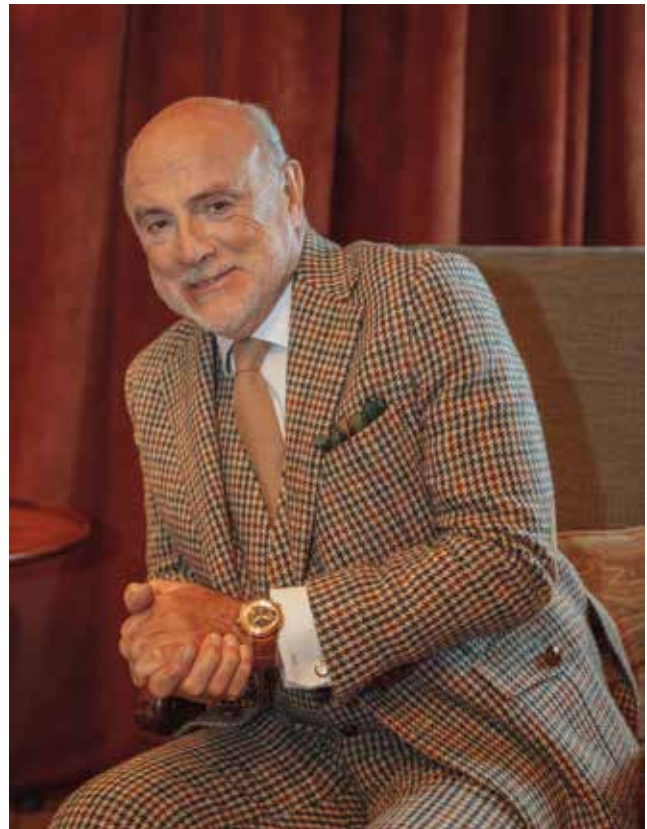
A good Belgian is an optimist, gets things done and shows solidarity. It is not for nothing that the motto on our Belgian coat of arms reads "Unity makes power". It is therefore not surprising that entrepreneurs unite in the aftermath of covid, exchange views and mutually support each other morally. A wonderful initiative in that sense came from Eveline Deprez, spouse of top industrialist Joris Ide. She decided to gather these 9 Belgian entrepreneurs around her on the occasion of a photo shoot around their respective products:

- Lebeau-Courally by Joris Ide
- Oni Onik / NXI by Jan Jr. Vanhoutte, Dicky Vanhoutte and H el ene Verstraete
- Butch Tailors by Dominique Vindevogel
- Maxime Tanghe by Maxime Tanghe
- Wine properties Lucia and La Rousselle by Enzo Ide
- Mary's collection by Isabel Baeyaert/ Vanderhaeghe
- Casa del Tabaco by Dominique Gyselinck/ Dechamps
- House of Porters by Pieter Porters
- Le Parfum de Nathalie by Mevrouw Nathalie Baeten/Coucke

What unites them is first and foremost their belgitude, being Belgian and feeling good about it. But moreover, one by one, each in their specific domain, they manufacture exclusive, high-quality craft products, which they offer to their customers. They do so with boundless love, passion and drive.

LEBEAU-COURALLY AMBASSADOR HERBERT FLACK

Does Herbert Flack still need to be introduced? With good reason, he boasts a brilliant palmares of film, television and theatre productions. He also enjoys taking on the ambassadorship for good causes, in this case Belgian quality Lebeau-Courally articles. He explained why: although I eventually became an actor, I originally started out as a diamond dealer, 'diamond cutter' so to speak. So I have boundless respect for people who do something with their hands. And you can say that about manufacturing shotguns, watches and handbags, right? When the pandemic broke out, I was on a theatre tour in Flanders. We had just premiered. And suddenly the plug is pulled. Stop, all done! But what's the big deal? Word of mouth is falling silent, not only in our industry, but also in the entrepreneurial sector. Specifically, in people who might want to buy something, the appetite is just cut off. Now, two years later, I see and feel that entrepreneurship is, thankfully, still alive.



I hear our Belgian entrepreneurs shouting, “We’re still here!” I have enormous admiration and respect for people like Joris Ide who have the stamina to decide, “We are staying here and we are making clean things”. That is why I would like to stand up for these high-quality Belgian artisan products and help promote them. I have been an ambassador for Lebeau-Courally in the past and could see with my own eyes how charmed people became each time they heard that it was a Belgian company. Yes, this kind of patriotism still counts.

SHOTGUNS, WATCHES AND LEATHER GOODS

Watches and firearms have shared a story since the 15th century. The vocabulary in watchmaking reminds us that it owes much of its evolution towards miniaturisation to technical developments in another field, that of firearms. Before the 17th century, gunsmithing did not exist as a specific profession. The various parts were each manufactured by different craftsmen. The iron smith forged the barrel, but for the adjustment of the striking mechanism they knocked on the door of the watchmaker. From this period dates a series of terms linking arms and watches: ‘platine’, ‘calibre’, ‘balance’... And a historical home for the fine mechanisms they share: Liege! To this day, Lebeau-Courally weapons are still manufactured in the city on the Meuse, which has already been the European centre of arms production since the Middle Ages. The story of Lebeau-Courally also starts here somewhere in the mid-19th century, the young Auguste Lebeau dreams of creating the most beautiful hunting rifle ever. Lebeau’s gun factory grew and prospered, racking up awards and medals both at home and abroad. In 1894, Auguste was assisted by one Ferdinand Courally, who became his business partner. Henceforth, the manufacture was called ‘Lebeau-Courally’. However, in 1896, Lebeau retired, but Courally continued to expand the business relentlessly, taking the reputation of the luxury yacht gun to sublime heights. In the following decades, Lebeau-Courally maintains its market position.

In 2010, Belgian industrialist Joris Ide, himself an enthusiastic hunter, acquires the brand name, but henceforth wants to apply the craftsmanship and impeccable precision of gunmaking to watchmaking. Besides watches, Lebeau-Courally also starts distributing hunting leather goods and maroquinerie, carefully handcrafted in their own atelier near Dijon. In this typical ‘atelier de cuir’, the most notorious French fashion houses had their most exceptional pieces made in the last century. The craftsmen from the atelier in Dijon are among the most reputable in their industry. The leather is specifically ordered, treated and supplied by tanneries from France and Italy that only work with skins of exceptional quality. The particularly detailed finish of the maroquinerie is unquestionably unsurpassed. Even the lock, based on the lock of a shotgun and designed by Axel Enthoven, is made of the noblest metals and is particularly ingen-

ious. This ensures artisanal character and refined precision in the leather goods as well.

The covid period created the opportunity to be creative and think about repositioning the boutiques. This opportunity was used to house the timepieces, leather goods and hunting leather goods in the new Lebeau-Courally Headquarters Experience Boutique in Bruges, managed by Jarid Van Cauwenberghe, a dynamic young man with a passion for all things beautiful and artistic. With fervour, he defends his products: “A mechanical timepiece with complications, like our timepieces, are manufactured in a manufacture by artisans or “artists”, they are in fact works of art that you can wear around your wrist. In every product, the exceptional craftsmanship comes out and you experience this when wearing a Lebeau-Courally handbag or timepiece.”





**ONI-ONIK/ NXI
WEDDING DRESSES, EVENING
WEAR AND PRÊT-À-PORTER**

Oni Onik Fashion Creations is a thriving confectionery company based in Oostnieuwkerke.

The company, founded in 1962, is run by Jan Jr. Vanhoutte and his sister Dicky. After initially specialising in high-quality children's wear, in the early 1970s they switched to designing and producing evening, bridal and cocktail wear for women under the ONI ONIK label, which is sold through specialised bridal shops throughout Europe.

NXI (pronounced INIKSI) is the second fashion line and the new generation within the company, driven by H el ene, daughter of Dicky. This collection stands for accessible ready-to-wear and cocktail wear. This collection is sold through the better multi-brand boutiques.

Dicky and Jan Jr. are proud to introduce their business: "Oni Onik Fashion Creations is thus a true family business with its own design and production. If not the only one, at least one of the few that still designs and produces everything 100% in Belgium, which means

delivery times can be limited to 2 to 3 weeks. Just like Lebeau-Courally, we can also provide piece and custom-made products and can therefore respond to customers' specific requests and wishes. When we see that customers are happy with our garments and e.g. have a wonderful wedding celebration, we are happy ourselves. This is one of the reasons why we want to keep everything in-house and here in Belgium, which allows us to meet our customers' individual and personalised wishes."

Both brands are therefore happy to work with the other partners for this photo shoot. Each of them are companies that put quality, service and customer focus first and are proud to be truly Belgian brands.

BUTCH - THE FLYING TAILOR

Butch Tailors has been making quality clothing since 1956. It was taken over by Dominique Vindevogel in the 1990s. He became head of the company and successfully expanded it further thanks to a well thought-out strategy for the future. In doing so, he was able to rely on tradition, know-how and his experienced craftsmen. Butch is distinguished by perfection down to the last detail.





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Dominique is established in Belgium, but also has many customers abroad: "We are Belgian, we have the right mentality, but just like our partners we are global-minded. Butch makes men's ready-to-wear, more specifically tailor-made clothing. I often get requests from business owners for specific projects. But I also work for private individuals. I also had the pleasure of getting to know Mr Flack and creating a bespoke suit in English tweed fabric for him. It will be used for the photo shoot. My work is in the same vein as Oni Onik, but they specialise in women's clothing, while I focus mainly on men's. It happens that I am asked by companies for a mixed project, so men and women, and then I like to take advantage of their expertise to create something together". I learn a lot every day, which is unique! You deal with people in a very personal way, very private. For me, that is a privilege.



MAXIME TANGHE

Maxime Tanghe is the fifth generation of a shoe family TANGHE that has been active within the shoe world since 1897. Like his predecessors, Maxime is driven by passion and an eye for craftsmanship. The Belgian brand "Maxime Tanghe" guarantees quality men's shoes, characterised by its own timeless & classy style. Customers enjoy "handmade" luxury shoes and can thus express their personal statement to the outside world.

LUCIA AND LA ROUSSELLE

With Parker quotations of 90/92+, both Lucia and Château La Rousselle cannot fail to be among the best in the world. Lucia, classified as a Saint-Emillion Grand Cru is located on the plateau calcaire of Saint-Emilion, Château La Rousselle is located in the Fronsac region. With their intense fruit character and beautifully structured tannins, they are an ideal partner for the finest meat dishes. Compiled by renowned oenologist Stéphane Derenencourt, both Lucia and La Rousselle have a very labour-intensive production with hand-picking and manual triage, after triage both wines

are fermented in French oak barrels for 12 to 18 months. Highly recommended!

MARY'S COLLECTION

Mary's Collection was born out of a passion for hunting and pursuing a dream. As an avid hunter, I regretted that there was little fashionable clothing available for female hunters. With timeless style and comfort in mind, I soon bumped into British style. My collection includes luxury tweed and the finest cashmere jumpers. I also have trousers, jackets, ... that complete the look.

At Mary's Collection, personal service is essential, ranging from home visits to home parties where the most beautiful looks are put together to suit the customer's needs and desires.



CASA DEL TABACO

My story began when I smoked my first cigar in the year 2000, I immediately became fascinated by the craftsmanship and complexity of the product. Over the following months, I decided to study the world of cigars until I decided to open my first shop the following year. In the following years, several more stores followed across Flanders and Brussels. When I was awarded the 'Hombre del Habano' prize in Cuba in 2016, it was unique. For the first time in



history, this prize was presented to a woman. In 2020, we acquired a colleague in the UK, giving us a nice foothold there too. Partly due to this acquisition, we now also have our own spirits on the market, which are a very nice addition to our range. Earlier this year, we decided to launch our own cigar line together with Plasencia Cigars. This line consists of elegant, mild cigars with notes of coffee and chocolate. The composition of this cigar was chosen by myself, using only tobacco from Nicaragua, where these cigars are also hand-rolled. We currently have 2 models on the market, a slightly thicker toro and an elegant lancero. The distinctive red case completes it.

HOUSE OF PORTERS

Pieter Porters started his professional career as a successful florist. At the age of twenty, he started focusing on the complete decoration of interiors in his typical warm and timeless style: House of Porters was born! In the meantime, House of Porters has become a well-known name in the world of interior design and decoration. Together with his team, Pieter Porters takes care of unique total projects that bear his typical signature or adds extra atmosphere to existing interiors.



LE PARFUM DE NATHALIE

One smell. Many emotions. Engaging moments. Memories that connect. Le Parfum de Nathalie is an exclusive line of fragrance and care products that add a touch of elegance, warmth, luxury and cosiness to places that are special to you. Entrepreneur Nathalie Baeten - Coucke developed her own fragrance line with the 'Mountain Chic' perfume, initially intended only for the bathroom products in their hotel Le Sanglier des Ardennes in Durbuy. The many enthusiastic reactions from hotel guests finally encouraged Nathalie to launch an exclusive range with scented candles, home spray, scented sticks and various high-quality body care products. A fragrance that touches everyone, presented with class and style. A magical gift that exudes opulence and sensuality. The ideal gift for any occasion, for family, friends, clients or your business associates. Let Le Parfum de Nathalie awaken all your senses.

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A fresh wind is blowing through Golf, a small hurricane even. However, this one is not called Ida or Franklin but rather Beats Of Golf. The Antwerp-based start-up emerged in 2019 from an idea as simple as it is brilliant: 'If people can't or don't dare go to the golf course themselves, just bring that golf course to them!'

Beats of Golf is originally a true 'Once upon a time' story. Two friends with a passion for sport work for the same employer and have a common dream: to make a unique golf experience accessible to everyone. They want to explore the possibilities of digital golf and work out an event concept. They converted a 40-foot shipping container into a digital driving range, complemented by a bar and DJ booth. From this idea, the container cup was also born, for which Beats of Golf provided the golf test.

"We were lucky enough to bump into golf professional Thomas Pieters by chance. Thomas was just then organising the international golf tournament The Belgian Knockout in Antwerp, and he let us present our golf container to the general golfing public there. The spectators immediately picked it up en masse and that led to

other ideas," says Christophe Pape, who founded Beats of Golf together with Luk De Meester.

GOLFING AT EVENTS

Pape and De Meester worked together at Decathlon Belgium in Antwerp. Christophe was commercial director of golf there and Luk communications director. It didn't take long for Christophe, a passionate golfer, and Luk, a man obsessed with communication, to come up with Beats of golf. "During an afternoon break, we discovered that we both felt like entrepreneurship," Christophe Pape explains. "And soon our ideas and dreams became reality. The event in Antwerp was a success and the enthusiastic response encouraged us to develop our side project further. So we soon went full time for our idea. The shipping container made it clear that there was more to focus on than just events. We decided to find a permanent location where we could build an indoor golf centre. This place could host companies, groups and individual golfers for meetings, golf and, of course, parties. COVID itself took us one step further. We built up an expertise in the installation of digital home golf studios at individuals and companies."





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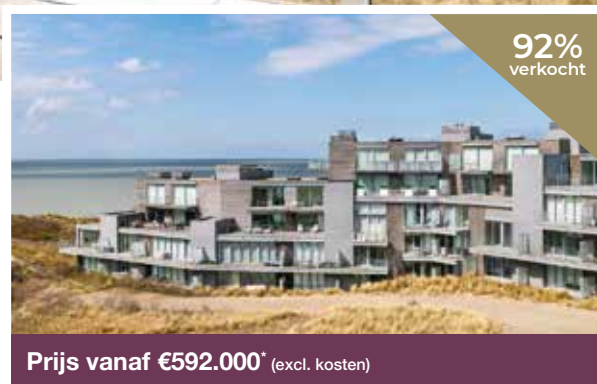
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HOME GOLF ON THE FAST TRACK

“Our indoor golf centre was just ready for the grand opening when covid struck. Even before we could open the doors, we had to keep them closed,” Christophe looks back. “ People had to stay at home en masse. Home Golf, a trend that had started before, gained momentum as a result . It started with one installation of a digital studio at a golf fanatic’s home and that one soon became two, four, eight,... Home golf caught on and it seems that this hunger has not yet been immediately satisfied. The 50 home golf installations we installed in 2020 will become at least 75 this year.

So what exactly does Home Golf entail? Actually, it is simple: Beats of Golf installs a complete digital driving range at your home. On it, very high-quality training can be done by the best golf technology on the market. Golf games for the whole family are available as well as more than 150,000 digitised courses. The focus here is on lifelike play, not just hitting a ball into a net. Instead, you play on a highly realistic digital, real-life golf course, with your own golf clubs and real golf balls. The golf course is projected into your studio using a 4K projector so it looks like you are really standing on the golf course at Pebble Beach or St. Andrews.

A GOLF STUDIO AT YOUR HOME?

All you need is a minimum amount of space. A space 3 metres wide, 4 metres deep and 3 metres high is enough to be transformed into your own golf paradise. These Home Golf installations are offered in various price ranges. For the cream of the crop, you obviously have to dig a little deeper into your wallet, but you can start with a budget of around 10,000 euros. For that, your own custom-made golf course will be installed at your home.

“Most people have already searched the internet for a golf simulator. However, the question is: how one can know which is the best product for his or her specific needs? This is why we always advise potential customers to first drop by our indoor golf club (Noorderlaan 53 in 2030 Antwerp), where they can test our golf simulators. We have six complete golf boxes or studios equipped with state-of-the-art golf simulators: Uneekor, Trackman, Foresight, Flightscope and Skytrak. We chose these simulators after thorough market research at home and abroad, after which we selected from the wide range on offer. We consider it important to check with the customer which simulator best meets both sporting and financial needs!”



“Once the customer has tested what is best for him or her, Beats of Golf comes to you. We look at the potential locations in the home and the desired level of finishing. After this, the customer receives a detailed customised quote. After signing the proposal, the customer already hits his or her first ball from his or her own Tee-box within a month.

WHY IS INDOOR GOLF REAL GOLF?

So what are the building blocks of a golf studio? First of all, there is the structure in which the impact screen is stretched. That screen is one of the most important elements of a studio: not only does it catch the ball, but also images are projected onto it. Beats of Golf provides a screen consisting of three layers. This safely catches the ball and reduces noise on impact. The screen has a very finely woven front layer that guarantees a very high-quality resolution. You play on artificial grass. This consists at least of putting grass, into which a tee-off mat is incorporated. Rough (longer artificial grass) is also provided around the studio, so the ball never rolls off the mat, creating a beautiful and natural effect. “Digital golf is a mix between the computer world and the real world of golf,” Christophe picks up. “You hit with a real ball, where the flight is simulated. You can call this an e-sport without blushing, similar to, say, Zwift in cycling. On your bike trainer, you climb famous mountain peaks like Alpe d’Huez or Mont Ventoux... In digital golf, you play on the world’s

most famous golf courses as if you were really there.” What initially started as a side project is currently a company that employs four full-time employees, supplemented by six students and two freelance installer joiners. “Each project is personally monitored by Luk and myself” Christophe explains. “We still do the installation of the wave technology and the training of our customers to take maximum advantage of the possibilities ourselves. This is because this technology evolves very quickly and we thus ensure that we can always offer the latest developments to our customers.”

PERSONAL GUIDANCE FROM START TO FINISH

“I am always on the customer’s premises myself. Both our carpenters prepare the whole set, but then I come and install the simulator, computer and projector myself,” Christophe explains. “Each time, I am the final responsible person on site and of course train the customer on how to use his or her installation. This also helps the customer achieve two objectives. On the one hand, the latter should have as much ‘fun’ as possible playing with the technology provided in all possible areas. On the other hand, he or she also gets the chance to become a better golfer himself or herself because better and more focused training can be done. Golfers who have a studio at home also notice the difference on the outdoor course. Their HCP drops because of the benefits of digital golfing.



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We are already strongly established in Flanders, now we want to spread our knowledge and experience further. Meanwhile, we are also working in Wallonia and even northern France. "Expansion into the Netherlands, France and Germany is already a reality," concludes our interlocutor. "In the coming years, we will focus intensively on our neighbouring countries to place more golf studios there. Currently, we are already clearly the biggest in our own country, but that doesn't mean we don't want to export our expertise beyond our borders. In doing so, we do always want to keep ourselves to our well-known, very competitive delivery terms. In practice, this means that if the customer orders, he or she will be playing golf in a fully finished home golf studio, in the attic, an unused room, the basement or even the pool house, within a month at the most.

**NO SUITABLE EXISTING SPACE?
THAT'S NO PROBLEM EITHER!**

Anyone who thinks you can only install a golf studio if you have a space with the minimum outlined dimensions at home is wrong. After all, Beats of Golf can tackle much more than existing spaces. Ready-made solutions in, say, the garden are also no problem for people who have insufficient height indoors. Almost anything is possible, even in new buildings. If it concerns a new building, we prefer to sit down with the architect from the very beginning, even before he has made a first stroke of his design. In this way, the ideal box can be created, in the ideal space. So it certainly doesn't have to be trendy spaces like an outdoor pool or a pool house (in which a golf studio can also be incorporated). It can even go further for people who see it bigger and would like to have an outdoor green with bunker in addition to an indoor golf studio. For this too, Beats of Golf will help you out, calling on a network of experts who transform gardens into beautiful golf venues



THREE ADVANTAGES OF HOME GOLF AT A GLANCE

Playing golf in the great outdoors obviously remains the best, unfortunately - especially in Belgium - this is not always possible. Three advantages of home golf at a glance:

- Time-saving: Currently, Belgium has no less than 88 golf clubs, which means that almost everyone has to travel at least half an hour to the nearest club. If you play at home, you complete the classic, full 18 holes in an hour. Affordability: the price of hardware and software has dropped dramatically in recent years, and you now pay two to three times less than before. Moreover, the software has become so good that you can play on more than 150,000 golf courses. There are even 20 Belgian golf courses already included in the total, so you can simply play on your home course at home; - Weather conditions: in a country like Belgium, weather conditions are all too often far from ideal, even in summer. Used to go golfing in the south of Spain during winter? Then now you just stay home and play with equal pleasure in your own golf studio.

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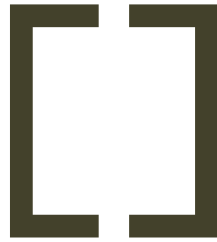
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OUTSTANDING MOVE

A few years ago, Flamant was acquired by Johan Beerlandt and construction group Besix. "A drastic but necessary decision that did us no harm," says founder and business manager Alex Flamant. "At the time, we were struggling with partners who promised a lot but ultimately did little. Although we had a well-filled order book, our financial partner was making mistakes. We really crawled through the eye of the needle then. So the takeover was a successful move and even today we certainly cannot complain, despite the difficult situation due to covid and the events that dominate the world picture today. The pandemic has made many people realise the importance of 'home' again. My house, my nest, my cocoon, my 'home', ... Internet sales have helped us get through that difficult period - we must dare to admit - although I have never been a real fan of online sales. After all, we sell products that you have to feel, that you have to be able to touch, that you have to be able to 'experience'. Yet we have seen that end consumers have given us tremendous confidence and made purchases via the internet. And when the shops reopened, people quickly found their way back to our physical outlets. Today, we are all happy that - at least for the

moment - we no longer have to wear a mask. Being able to see the smiles and expressions on people's faces back in the shop is and remains very important."

CRAFTSMANSHIP

Sales may have been quite good, but on an international level, distribution has had a much harder time. "There were no trade fairs and no professional customers coming from far and wide to our own showrooms. We had opened a new Flamant shop in Aix-en-Provence that had to close its doors after only three weeks because of covid. Our people there were really eager to get going and receive customers ... But once it was allowed back, the enthusiasm returned at lightning speed. We also have a new showroom in Amman (Jordan), which had a difficult start, but is doing extremely well today because a real visit is now possible. In the end, we can say that, all in all, we came through the covid period well and the future looks promising. We are in full swing with new collections, right now we are even thinking about Christmas in full swing. And as far as all these novelties are concerned, I must say that Flamant today has a fantastic team. A team of enthusiastic people who work from morning to night to make life easier for others. It is a beautiful thing when you can buy or design products and have them made by many different craftsmen all over the world. From the very beginning, Flamant has attached great importance to custom-made products and traditional craftsmanship, and we will always continue to do so. With an eye for exclusive products, something we have an eye for today more than ever.





THE RIGHT CHOICE IN EVERY SITUATION

Flamant's mission is to give people a beautiful interior with attention to the product itself as well as to the total experience. "You can set a table with the most expensive porcelain and still that table is not attractive. Add the right decoration and ambience, however, and the result is completely different and immediately appealing. For us, it is a matter of assisting people as much as possible and giving ideas. To that end, we have our important project department that goes into people's homes and gives advice, both in terms of colour, paint and wall coverings and general decoration. A crucial element is to find out exactly how the people who want to change their interiors live. What does their daily routine look like? How is the family composed? You may really like white seats, but if there are a few little rascals running around, it can create stressful situations. Our people have a lot of experience in avoiding that and recommending the right choice in every situation. You obviously have to respect things, but after all, you live every day in a house that should be your home, not a museum. Clients often refer to magazines or websites where there are pictures of interiors that look very nice, but which you so know are not livable. We always start from the idea of making it as homely as possible and creating a beautiful but liveable environment."

PERFECTLY COMPATIBLE

Alex already cited that people return to physical shops, but Flamant does not lose sight of the online story either. "Personally, I think both channels are perfectly compatible. People come to the shop to see and touch the products with their own eyes and then have the luxury of ordering from home via the website. Whether this is always the case, we cannot say for sure, but we do notice that there is always increased activity on the website on Mondays. These are then people who have been in the shop during the previous weekend, because many of our distribution points are open on Saturday and Sunday. And then they see something and order it on the internet on the Monday."

SPOTTING TRENDS, CREATING TRENDS

How does Flamant put together a new collection? Do the employees follow international trends or do they just help set those trends? "Again, it's a story of both. We are always creative and watch how the market evolves. We visit trade fairs and read specialised magazines, but we also watch what is happening on television, in the film world and even in the music scene. We also follow the fashion world closely. We are important to the fashion world, but the fashion world is also important to us. There is a constant interac-

tion. Not to forget: nature. That is and remains a crucial source of inspiration, just for the colours and, of course, the materials. I think we can also say that we are lucky to have seasons. We sometimes feel a bit down when it is raining or cold, but it is precisely those seasons that create a certain atmosphere in the house and help determine the interior and the experience of it. That is why we continue to divide our collection into an autumn/winter collection and a spring/summer collection. Changing the interior doesn't always have to be drastic. It can also be done perfectly with small decorative interventions, such as the colour of a lampshade: opt for a white or beige lampshade in summer and a dark brown or black one in winter. Or a nice little table here and a new accessory there. That will give the interior a different touch."

RECYCLED MATERIAL

A trend that is strong today and also clearly reflected in Flamant's collections is the use of recycled material, for example old wood. "Sometimes it takes an effort to convince our craftsmen that we don't want a perfectly smooth new oak because old materials have more character. We call that 'the beauty of imperfection' and that is what is becoming more and more prevalent today. Another evolution in interior design is the elimination of certain divisions. In many houses today, the kitchen is integrated into the living - and even residential - area. Before, it was all separate, you had the dining area, the living area, the kitchen, the bathroom, ... The literal disappearance of dividing walls influences the interior and we take this into account. Lighting is also important, not to mention art in the interior. Think of a beautiful, large painting, even in a small place.





You also notice an increasing use of dark colours to make it all just a little more intimate. Our people know this very well and incorporate it in their creative input to design new collections. On top of that, we have the great fortune of working with artisans from all over the world. Ceramics from Portugal, glasswork from Poland, a traditional furniture workshop in Indonesia or Vietnam, huge farms in the former Eastern Bloc that are now on the verge of collapse and where a treasure trove of wood can be found ... it all comes together with us and can be found in our contemporary yet timeless collections. It is very inspiring to be able to work with all these people. In normal times, we travel the world to get ideas. Due to the pandemic that was not possible, but fortunately that is coming back now."

TOP QUALITY AT ACCEPTABLE PRICES

The media often reports that there are supply problems worldwide and some materials are still hard to find, let alone at affordable prices. "You can palaver about that for hours, but reality is what it is and it is up to us to deal with it. There are ships that were loaded two years ago and still haven't reached their destination. We now clearly see that dependence on Asia is a problem for Europe. Household equipment, for instance, is increasingly difficult to get and kitchen makers are running into problems. Delivery times of some electronic components are hallucinatingly long. Europe's largest steel factory is in Marioepol in Ukraine and it is currently completely

down ... We make our own paint and work with testers to allow people to take out samples to determine the right colour for their interior. That paint comes in small pots that are still hard to find. We have to learn to live with that, we have to be very creative - and for all intents and purposes we are - to find solutions for that. A big advantage is that we work mainly with artisanal products that are made in an artisanal way, in most cases even completely by hand. We do not work with factories, with a few exceptions, which depend on energy for a significant part of their production, and those who consume a lot of energy are faced with prices that skyrocket. Glassware, for instance, becomes a lot more expensive because those ovens run on gas and have to run day and night anyway to be profitable. Meanwhile, labour costs will skyrocket. Products will become more expensive, consumers will have to accept that. We are doing our utmost to deal with that, because we obviously want to continue to offer people top quality and new creations at acceptable prices. New and innovative go hand in hand at Flamant. Of course, the classics remain present, but we supplement them with contemporary products or we present the classics in a different way, in a different dress and a different colour. Flamant has always opted for a rather monochrome programme. That remains important, but we are now also putting a lot of effort into colour. People also want that because they see it in the fashion world which, as mentioned earlier, is an important source of inspiration for us."

THE OUTDOOR COLLECTION

So far we have talked about the interior, but Flamant is also active in the garden with a beautiful collection of outdoor furniture and accessories. "There too, we keep our finger on the pulse with new materials such as our recently launched garden collection that is completely water-resistant. In high-quality plastic that can hardly or not at all be distinguished from natural materials. This did not come about by chance but is the result of our never-ending search for new materials and new techniques. Our outdoor collection is not only weatherproof, but also very comfortable, both ergonomically and in terms of health. Many people suffer from allergies and we take this into account when choosing fabrics for the covers of our furniture, both indoors and outdoors. Because today's world, you will always find it in our showrooms."

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Mana Pools Wilderness Safaris Chikwenya

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While the waterfalls are undoubtedly a key attraction and one of the main reasons to visit Zimbabwe, the country has a lot more to offer the photographic safari enthusiast.

THE ZAMBEZI RIVER, DOTTED WITH UNIQUE NATIONAL PARKS

Defining the border between Zambia and Zimbabwe, the Zambezi river doesn't disappoint when referred to as the wildest in Africa. Its shores are fringed with unique national parks, each offering something different to experience.

Upstream from the famous waterfalls you will find the Zambezi National Park which offers a variety of safari activities directly associated with the river and its pure wilderness.

A bit further inland lies Hwange National Park which is about the size of Belgium if one includes the adjacent wilderness reserves and concessions. The beauty of Hwange lies in its huge wildlife variety; not many reserves in Africa will give you such a variety of mammals to observe in the wild. Although good throughout the year, this reserve also becomes a birder's paradise with all the migratory species electing home here during the green season.

Further downstream comes one of Africa's largest man made lakes: Kariba! About 280 kilometers in length, and up to 40 kilometers wide, this is a prime wildlife destination with a different perspective as the best approach would be from your private safari houseboat or yacht meandering along the shores of the Matusadona National Park.

ZIMBABWE, SAFARIS UNCAGED

Beyond the Kariba dam wall starts the Lower Zambezi including a succession of reserves and conservation areas including the Unesco listed Mana Pools National Park. While we would advise to treat the hippopotamus in the river with respect and keep a safe distance, this is a great place for engaging in a multiple day canoeing safari, getting up close to wildlife and fly-camping directly under the milky way on sand banks. The region is reputed for its walking safaris and you can expect to get really up close to elephants.

Further away from the Zambezi river lies a region called the Matopos. This unique landscape of huge boulders and beautiful panoramas is also the home of a large population of square-lipped rhinoceros which one can track on foot and observe from a rather short distance!

“Oblivion”, “Ooooh Mother”, “Overland Truck Eater”, “Washing Machine”, ...



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Zambezi Matetsi Victoria Falls Lodge





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The names are already a prelude for something special! Directly downstream from the Victoria Falls, the dramatic Batonka gorges are the scene of the best white water rafting in Africa! Shooting close to 20 grade 4 and 5 rapids means adrenaline is guaranteed. Expect to get wet though!!!

THE BEST SAFARI GUIDES

While Zimbabwe is not the only destination to offer great photographic safari opportunities, the country is home of the best safari guides in Africa. Inherited from the times when the country was called Rhodesia, the demanding training and high qualification standards of field guides has been perpetrated over the years and

still guarantees the visitor an exceptional experience of the real African bush. Pretty much like a master's degree, the overall training will take at least 5 years to complete during which the student guides will not only study about geology, botany, zoology, geography but also learn to become one with nature spending hours and days in the field.

Just to give a perspective on things, before being awarded a canoeing guide certificate, the candidate must log at least 2,000 hours of actual canoeing ... at 4 to 5 hours a day, that means over 400 days! One could compare their education with a university degree; except perhaps that their classroom is much nicer!



Hwange NationalPark Wilderness Safaris LittleMakalolo



Hwange NationalPark Camp Hwange © Julian Brookstein



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Zambezi Adventure ZoneWhite Water Rafting

Obviously there are exceptional guides all over Africa but while it would be the exception in other countries, in Zimbabwe it can be considered to be a rule! Someone once said that even a junior guide – read as not yet fully certified – is already better skilled than formal certified guides in other African countries.

TOTALLY “UNCAGED” SAFARIS

The corollary of exceptional guiding skills is that safaris in Zimbabwe will be literally “uncaged”! Referring to animals being caged in zoological gardens, or to visitors being caged in a closed 4x4 vehicle in most of East Africa, in Zimbabwe you can expect the cage to be dropped which is only possible as a direct result of having the best safari guides.

WALKING, CANOEING, HORSE RIDING, ETC.

It means that you can expect to walk the African bush, allowing you to experience it from a very different perspective, reading spoor, tracking animals ... all the way to making some unique encounters. Getting up close to elephants, rhinoceros or lions is not just humbling, it is something you will not forget.

Canoeing down stretches of the Zambezi river is also an amazing adventure. Gliding almost silently on the water’s surface, getting up close to wildlife coming for a drink. Setting up camp on a sand bank and sleeping under the milky way around a nice campfire.

ZIMBABWE, SAFARIS UNCAGED

For those who have a passion for horses, saddling up early in the morning and riding out in the African wilderness is also unique. Chances are that you will come close to zebras and giraffes, that you will see elephants or even some of the large predators. Provided you are an experienced rider, this is a must do activity.

For the obvious reasons described in this article, we have developed a bit of a passion for Zimbabwe and would happily share our long expertise on the destination to assist you in designing your next safari holiday ... a real African safari ... totally uncaged!

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