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Design drawings Hotel du Bois by Jan Pieter van Baurscheit (1669 - 1728)

Museum Plantin-Moretus, Antwerp.

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Antwerp's success story as a diamond city started 500 years ago

The wealthy Antwerp Du Bois family owned the building called "De Grooten Robijn."

Banque d'Anvers establishes its headquarters in "De Grooten Robijn."

The east wing came about along with the monumental corner tower.

Start of the Handelsbeurs Antwerp at its current location.

Between 1746 and 1750, conversion of this patrician residence in rococo style into a hotel

Reconstruction and extension of the west wing to the corner of Lange Nieuwstraat and Borzestraat.

After several presuppositions, the Sapphire House Antwerp luxury hotel opens its doors.



In the vibrant city center of Antwerp, Sapphire House Antwerp is much more than a hotel. Our hotel exudes the character and spirit of hundreds of years of trade. It represents an invigorating, luxury lifestyle that reflects the authentic Antwerp way of living. It stands out because of its location, architectural character, and unique history. A place that inspires guests and encourages them to share their experiences and stories.

The mother of all exchanges. Sapphire House Antwerp is located at the first exchange in the world De Handelsbeurs. People from all corners of the world traded goods, experiences, stories, and ideas at this place. Exchange meant more than merely an economic transaction, and goods were traded alongside precious experiences.



The exact location of the Sapphire House Antwerp used to be Den Grooten Robijn - The Big Ruby. Den Grooten Robijn was the middle part of the former prestigious Hotel du Bois, a renovated patrician residence in rococo style. Precious stones are anchored in Antwerp's trading history, and our name is a tribute to the precious stones trade.

Sapphire House Antwerp, therefore, offers a unique blend of exceptional history and bespoke design. One hundred thirty-nine rooms and suites, some with 18th-century fireplaces, extraordinary high ceilings, and authentic wooden floors. A gemstone-color theme epitomizes each floor: ruby, sapphire, diamond, and emerald.



# Emerald King/Emerald Twin

 $(21-30m^2)$ 

incl. desk, chair, side table, armchair

76

# **Ruby Superior**

(27-49m<sup>2</sup>)

extra space (some have separate toilets)

35

# Sapphire Deluxe

 $(35-54m^2)$ 

Incl. separate toilet, bathtub

9

# Diamond Junior Suite

 $(40-61 \,\mathrm{m}^2)$ 

incl. living room area

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# **Brilliant Diamond Suite**

 $(60 - 71 \,\mathrm{m}^2)$ 

incl. living and dining room area

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All our 139 unique guest rooms are exactly like Antwerp, welcoming, warm-hearted and authentic. They all offer:

- Walk-in rain shower
- King-size bed
- Interactive 44' inch television
- Keyless mobile check-in
- USB-plug ins
- Nespresso coffee
- Biodegradable Tea Collection by Cafe Couture
- Iron & iron board
- Mini Fridge
- In-Room Hotel Safe
- Luxury Dyptique bathroom amenities
- Shoehorn/clothe brush
- Luxury bathrobe and slippers
- Complimentary filled minibar



We inspire our guests and encourage them to share their experiences and stories while enjoying breakfast, lunch, dinner, and drinks. We offer our guests a one-of-a-kind restaurant for the connoisseur.

Their senses are stimulated, and the people who made the difference for Antwerp, such as the merchants, bankers, painters, writers, mapmakers, philosophers, and chefs, come to life in the tantalizing flavors and aromas of the high-quality plant-based dishes which we offer. Taste is emotion, feeling, and memory altogether.

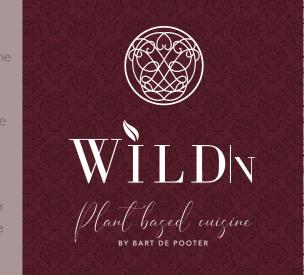


# WILDn Plant-Based Cuisine by Bart de Pooter.

WILDn, located in the oldest room of the hotel, refers to the wild herbs and flowers to be used in the kitchen. Still, it is also a nod to the old 15th century Antwerp city arms that hangs above the entrance, with an image of the wild man and wild woman, the original inhabitants of this area.

WILDn is a plant-based gastronomic temple.

It involves fermented vegetables, homemade flavor enhancers, and even cookies made from vegetable waste. Taste this new culinary chapter that will redefine the rich landscape of Antwerp.



# PLANTn Plant-Based Bistro by Bart de Pooter.

PLANTn, the informal sister of WILDn, provides hotel guests with all their needs from breakfast to dinner. PLANTn, or rather round-the-clock plant-based dining at Sapphire House Antwerp, is a feat of culinary enjoyment and a sustainable and quirky concept. Innovative, progressive, and unseen in the hotel sector.

Top Belgian terroir: all herbs, vegetables, wild pickings, and flowers come from responsible arable farming.



# CARAT GYMNASIUM

Working on your body when staying at Sapphire House Antwerp? Yes, you can! You can find our fully equipped studio on the -1 level. As a hotel guest, you can train free of charge 24/7. Would you like to book a trainer for extra support and motivation? Book a small group session with one of our Enforce trainers or schedule a one-on-one training if you have specific targets. Be sure to check our weekly schedule and rates for small group training and our private one-on-one training sessions. Let's train together!



Connected to Sapphire House Antwerp stands the Handelsbeurs. This iconic 16th-century landmark offers ten multipurpose rooms on the first floor and a central square that will take your breath away. The Handelsbeurs has the perfect room for each event, whether it is for a small gathering of 10 people or a big convention up to 1600 people, Handelsbeurs has got you covered.



https://handelsbeursantwerpen.be/eventlocatie





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1 KM



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44 KM



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Sapphire House Antwerp is situated in the lively heart of Antwerp. Ultimately central for fashionistas, art- and food lovers, with the Handelsbeurs on site. The city of Antwerp is situated on the Schelde River, about 55 miles (88 km) from the Belgian North Sea, and close to the Antwerp Harbour, which since the Middle Ages formed a crucial link in the world of trade.

# **Autograph Collection**

Sapphire House Antwerp is an Autograph Collection hotel, part of the international hotel chain Marriott International. The Autograph Collection of distinguished hotels is a class by itself. They are places that surprise, intrigue, and enchant. They offer visitors an experience unlike any other a gateway to the extraordinary, the unconventional, and the sublime. All Autograph Collection hotels are a product of vision, heartfelt design, a sense of place, and dedication to the craft.

