



WERKSPOORKATHEDRAAL GIVES YOU THE SPACE

TO ORGANISE EVENTS

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WELCOME TO OUR HOME

Welcome to our home! We're a small, young and enthusiastic team. Oh, and one more thing—we're passionate about what we do. A spontaneous brainstorming session? A floor plan puzzle? Technical challenges? Bring it on! From your very first visit to the Werkspoorkathedraal through to the final breakdown after your event, we're here to help every step of the way.

Werkspoorkathedraal

Within a hall of steel, light and creativity, the Werkspoorkathedraal brings ideas to life. Our monumental former factory is anything but ordinary—it radiates energy, hospitality and industrial character. This is not just another event venue, but a place where history and the future come together. With space for events of all sizes, whether you're welcoming 50 or 3.500 guests, you'll find the perfect setting here. The impressive 'Apparatenhal' (The Machine Hall) creates a sense of grandeur and industrial appeal, while 'De Wasruimte' (The Washroom) is ideal for smaller, more intimate gatherings where experience and connection take centre stage. Both spaces are highly flexible and can be used separately or combined, offering endless possibilities for creative event concepts that leave a lasting impression.

HISTORICAL TIMELINE

Werkspoor

Let's take a step back in time. It is **1912**, and 'Werkspoor', originally founded in Amsterdam, is looking for a new location to expand. The company sets its sights on a vacant site in the former municipality of Zuilen, ideally situated along the Amsterdam-Rhine Canal. A new factory complex quickly rises from the ground, and from 1914 onwards, steel bridges, trains, trams and railway carriages are built here. As time passes, demand for trains and bridges declines and production methods evolve. Where large steel structures were once assembled outdoors, this no longer meets the required quality standards.



FOUNDATION & EXPANSION

1912



THE MACHINE HALL IS BUILT

1960

This leads to the construction of 'De Apparatenhal' in **1960**, designed as a dedicated assembly hall. Every day, the hall welcomes a workforce of skilled craftsmen who proudly build the enormous steel structures that, in many cases, are still in use today.



Industrial Heritage

In the **70's**, production of rolling stock came to an end in the hall. More than a decade later, the engineering division also closed. With the factory's closure, an important chapter in Utrecht's industrial history came to an end, and many of the former factory buildings in the area were demolished. 'De Apparatenhal' however, was spared.

After years of temporary use and vacancy, a Utrecht-based entrepreneur decided to redevelop the 'Werkspoor' site and breathe new life into the former factory hall. Renovation of what is now the Werkspoorkathedraal began in 2015.

The building was carefully restored, preserving as many original features and industrial details as possible. With great respect for its industrial heritage, the monumental building was transformed into a versatile venue for events, creative businesses and cultural initiatives. Rather than filling the vast space, the renovation celebrates its openness—a quality that was praised by the jury when MONK Architects received the 'Rietveld' price in 2017 for the redevelopment of the Werkspoorkathedraal.

Since reopening in 2015, the Werkspoorkathedraal has hosted major trade fairs, conferences, festivals, corporate events and business celebrations. The renovated spaces have also become home to a range of creative businesses, giving the former factory site a new role as an inspiring meeting place in Utrecht's Werkspoorkwartier.



RENOVATION & REDEVELOPMENT

2015



EVENT VENUE

TODAY



APPARATENHAL

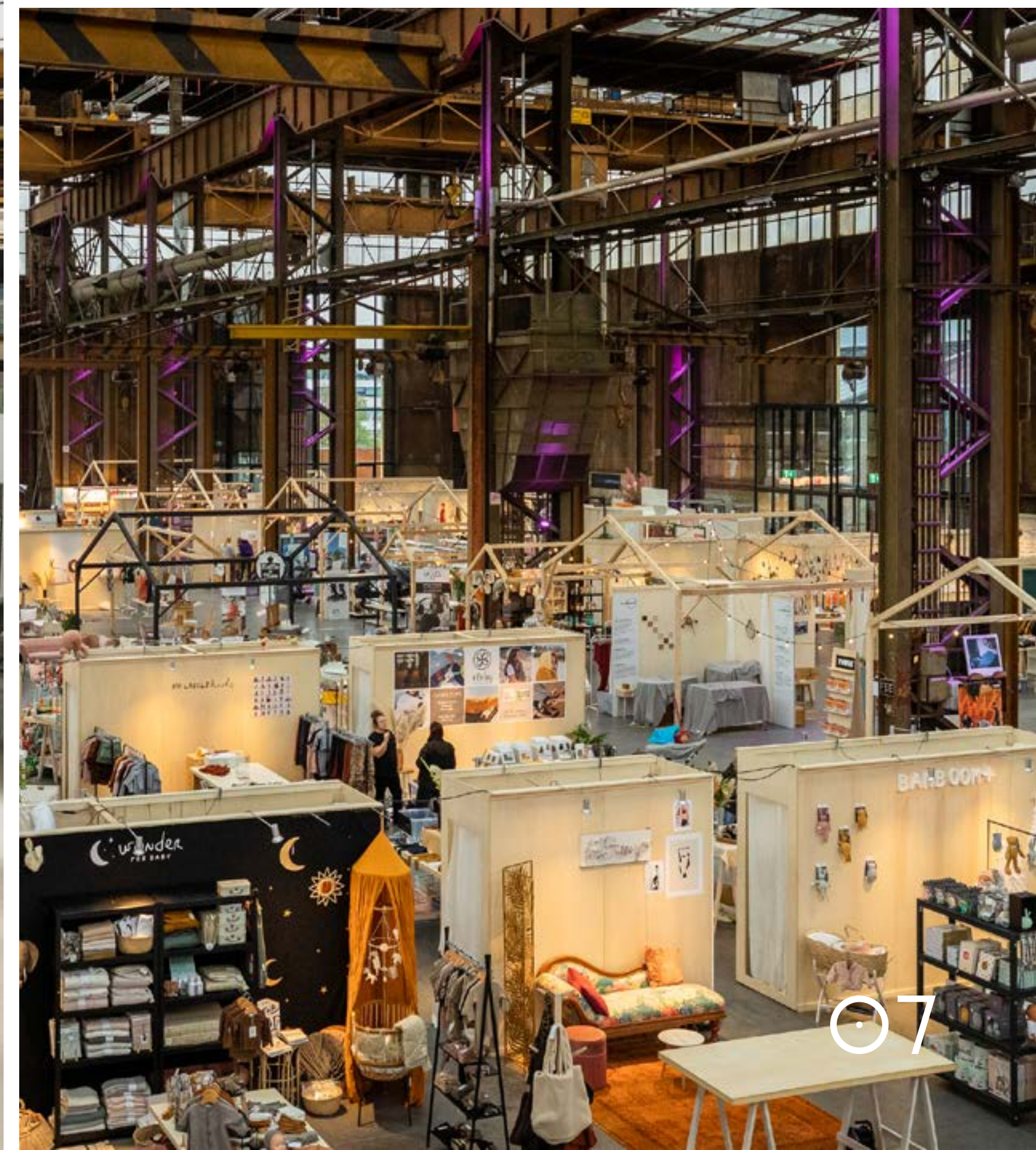
- ◇ 5.800 m²
- ◇ CAPACITY: 500-3.500 GUESTS
- ◇ 105 METERS LONG AND 55 METERS WIDE
- ◇ FULLY ACCESSIBLE ON ONE LEVEL
- ◇ 20-METRE CEILING HEIGHT
- ◇ 42 KILOMETRES OF UNDERFLOOR HEATING
- ◇ 12 METERS HIGH ROLLER DOORS
- ◇ HIGH-CAPACITY POWER SUPPLY

A WORRY-FREE CONFERENCE

De Apparatenhal offers all the space you need for a successful conference. We take care of the essentials, so you can focus on what matters most. From tailored catering and technical support to the right furniture, we'll make sure everything is in place. Need breakout sessions? No problem. Domes, glasshouses or silent conference headphones—we'll make it happen.



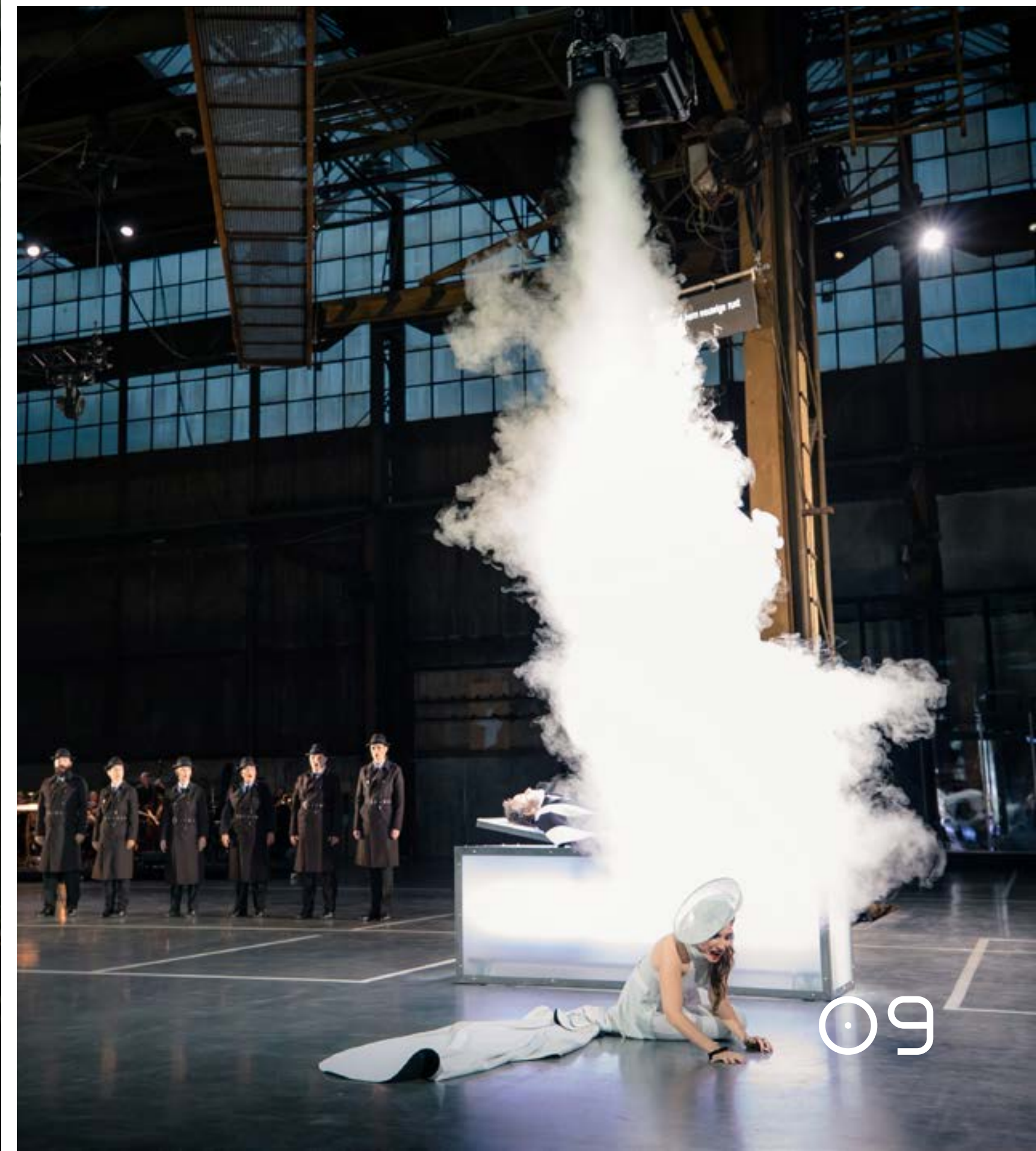
TRADE FAIR INSPIRATION



CORPORATE PARTY INSPIRATION



CONCERT INSPIRATION





WASRUIMTE

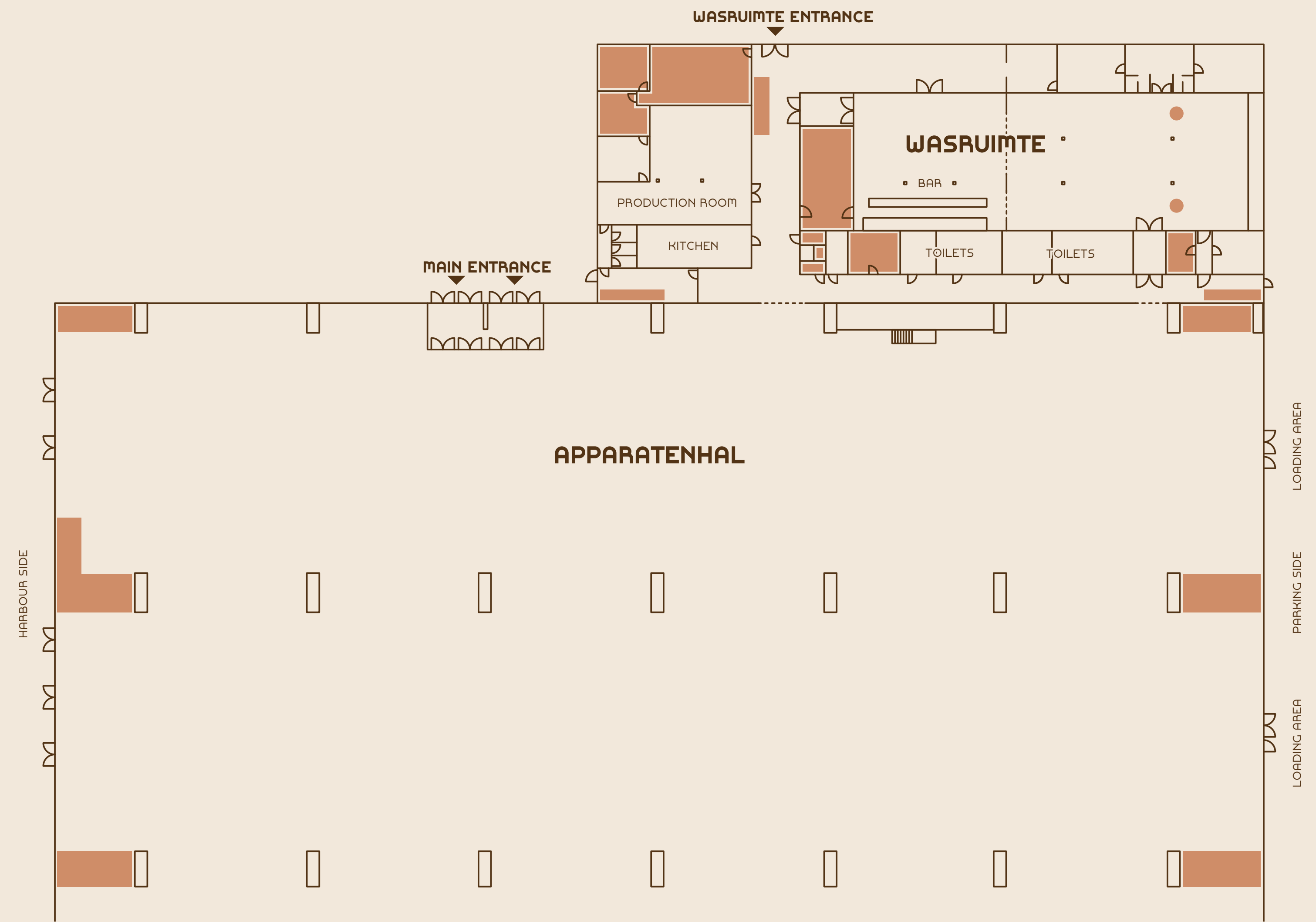
- 330 m²
- 50 - 350 GUESTS
- STANDARD AV PACKAGE

- BASIC FURNITURE INCL.
- ATMOSPHERIC LIGHTING
- CATERING PACKAGES

- INDUSTRIAL HERITAGE
- 3 METERS CEILING HEIGHT
- PRODUCTION ROOM AS BREAKOUT SPACE



VENUE FLOOR PLAN



WHAT WE DO BEST

What We Do Best

We make sure all venue services and safety arrangements are organised for you. That's why our quotation includes the following:

- ⬢ **Parking:** We provide a tailored parking plan, including designated parking areas, parking attendants and certified traffic signage.
- ⬢ **Power supply and heating**
- ⬢ **Safety:** overnight security, event security, first aid and a fire marshal
- ⬢ **Cleaning and waste management**
- ⬢ **Venue management**
- ⬢ **Optional: Additional support**

A Single Point of Contact

Once your event is confirmed, you'll be introduced to your dedicated Project Manager. This person will be your single point of contact throughout the planning process and will also be on-site during your event.

Before Your Event

After months of preparation, it's time to build your event. We'll make sure the venue is clean and ready for setup, while your Project Manager is available to answer any questions, even early in the morning. Once the build is complete, our cleaning team carries out a final pre-event clean, ensuring everything looks perfect before your guests arrive.

During Your Event

As your guests arrive and your event begins, your Project Manager remains your main point of contact. We coordinate security, first aid, the fire marshal and the cleaning team, so you can focus on your guests.

Breakdown

After a successful event, it's time for breakdown. If this takes place overnight, our night security team will keep your equipment safe. Once the final suppliers have left the venue, our cleaning team carries out a full post-event clean, ensuring the venue is ready for the next event from 6:00 a.m.





PLENTY OF ROOM FOR GREAT FOOD

Whether you're organising an event in De Apparatenhal or De Wasruimte, we'll make sure your guests are treated to an excellent culinary experience. Together with Hutten Food & Design, we ensure your guests want for nothing. From homemade cookies and delicious dinners to fully tailored culinary concepts, we make sure the catering perfectly matches your event. Fresh ingredients, passion and craftsmanship, the perfect mix. Crazy ideas? We love it. A logistical challenge? No problem. Everything is personal and tailor-made, with hospitality always at the heart of what we do. Going the extra mile and paying attention to every last detail—that's what we're here for.

Don't forget about crew catering for everyone working hard during the setup, production and breakdown of your event. A well-prepared meal keeps your team energised and motivated. We can also help arrange additional services such as security, first aid and parking management. We're happy to advise you and, if required, provide the necessary crew.

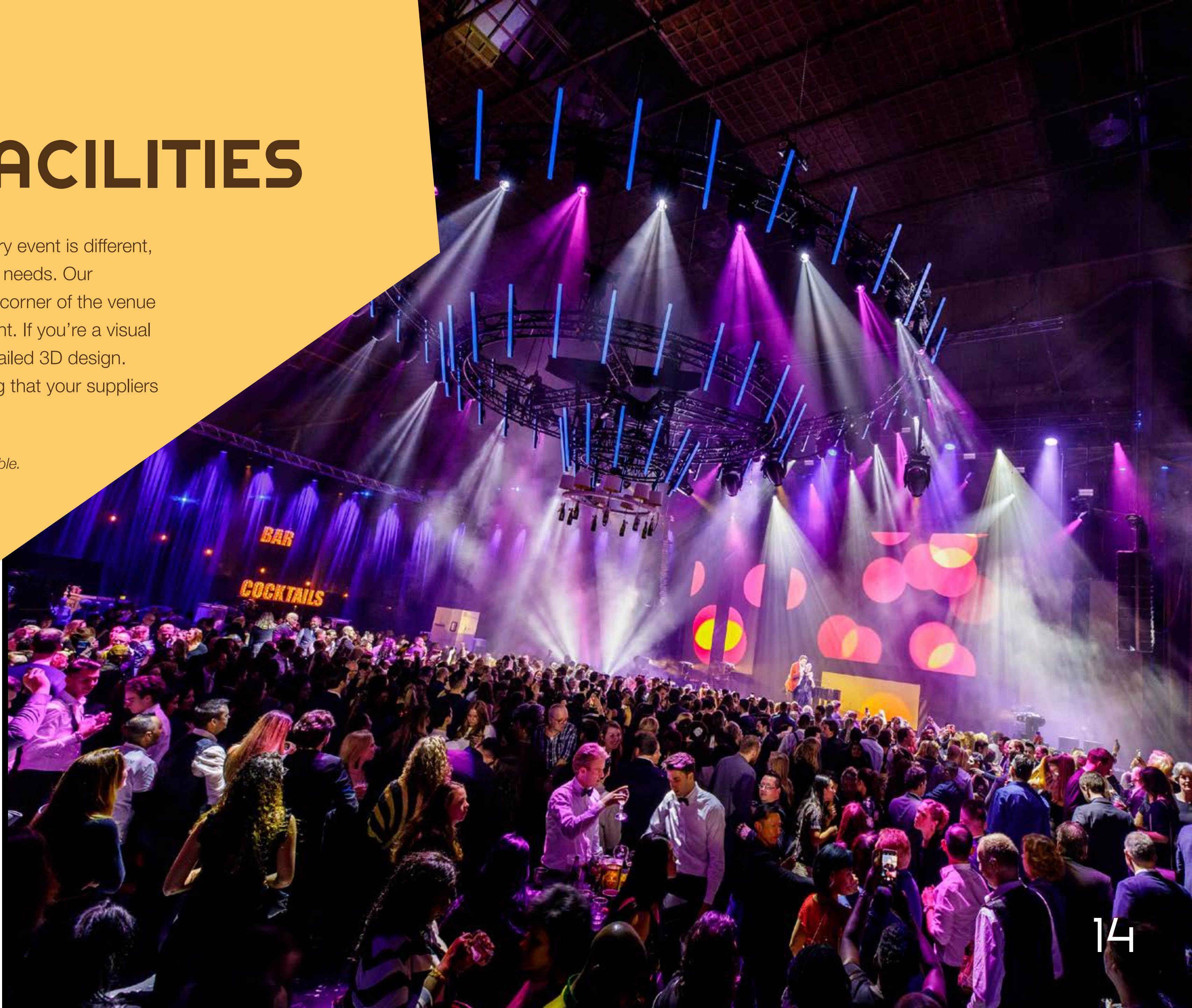
If you prefer to arrange the catering with your own caterer, please note that a catering fee applies and our kitchen, including equipment, must be rented separately.



TECHNICAL FACILITIES

A successful event starts with the right collaboration. Every event is different, which is why we work with partners that best match your needs. Our preferred technical partner is 'For Live'. They know every corner of the venue and are happy to help create the ideal layout for your event. If you're a visual thinker, they can even transform your floor plan into a detailed 3D design. We're here to share our knowledge of the venue, ensuring that your suppliers can get to work quickly and efficiently.

Prefer to work with your own technical supplier? That's absolutely possible. But please note that a technical venue fee will apply after the event.



Technical Checklist

- ⬡ We believe it's important that everyone works **safely** while on-site. This includes wearing appropriate clothing and personal protective equipment, such as safety shoes and helmets, as well as using fall protection when working at height.

We've listed all of our venue regulations in one place. You can find them at: werkspoorkathedraal.nl/en/house-rules.
- ⬡ Please make sure we receive your **floor plan** and **structural/construction drawings** at least six weeks before your event. This allows us to determine whether any additional permits or inspections by the fire brigade or local authorities are required.
- ⬡ Our preferred technical partner is 'For Live' knows our venue inside out, including the **roof load capacity**, and can advise exactly how much weight can be suspended and where. That's why they are our preferred partner for all rigging requirements.
- ⬡ De Wasruimte comes equipped with a **standard AV package**, including a projector and screen, speakers and two handheld microphones. It also features atmospheric lighting that can be adjusted to your preferred colour, as well as working lights to ensure safe setup, even if installation starts as early as 6:00 a.m. Any technical supplier can take control of the house lighting using their own lighting desk.
- ⬡ You won't have to worry about power. We have ample **power** outlets on every column throughout the venue, keeping the need for cables across your event space to a minimum. Full details can be found on our [power distribution plan](#).
- ⬡ Please note that we do not provide **equipment** such as scissor lifts, cherry pickers or forklifts. Be sure to inform your technical supplier in advance so they can include this in their quotation.
- ⬡ Every event at the Werkspoorkathedraal is unique. That's why we have chosen **not to** provide **standard furniture** in the Machine Hall, giving you complete freedom to create your ideal event setup. De Wasruimte, however, does include basic furniture as standard.



ACCESSIBILITY & CONTACT

Werkspoorkwartier

The Werkspoorkathedraal is easy to reach by public transport, with Utrecht Zuilen railway station just a short walk away. From the station, guests can follow the Werkspoor Path, a green pedestrian route that connects the various businesses within the Werkspoorkwartier, leading directly to our main entrance.

Charging stations for electric vehicles are available on-site. We also provide a tailored parking plan for every event. Please contact your Project Manager for detailed directions and parking arrangements.

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Terms & Conditions

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