

Exclusive boutique hotel '1898 The Post' in Ghent opts for Daikin's unique VRV concept

Contemporary comfort seamlessly integrated into a historical setting

'To ensure top quality, the comfort factor offered is as important as the design, the service and the cuisine.' (Geert De Paepe, owner of hotel '1898 The Post')

Recently, Ghent's most exclusive hotel opened its doors in the historic post office at the intersection of the Korenmarkt and the Graslei. The magnificent boutique hotel '1898 The Post' is owned by project developer Geert De Paepe and run by the French hotel group Zannier.

The entire concept oozes history. The renovation into a hotel was carried out with great respect for the building's authenticity. The façade was virtually untouched. Inside, the building underwent an impressive restoration. Under the inspiration of interior stylist Geraldine Dohogne, the entire hotel received a 1900's look, in honour of the time when the post office was built. The result is astounding, and the atmosphere is as if a time machine carried you back to 20th century Ghent, but with a modern twist.

'1898 The Post' and Daikin

For Geert De Paepe, the aim in the first place was to restore the glory days of the former post office in a way that allowed its guests to experience a time gone by. However, he was aware that to obtain top quality, additional factors such as perfect climate control certainly had to be present. Here he faced a dilemma: how to reconcile the authenticity of his hotel concept with the latest cutting-edge technology and comfort, something that the most demanding guests count on.

Eventually, he found the perfect solution with climate control specialist Daikin, which – with particular respect for the authentic setting of the new boutique hotel in Ghent – succeeded in integrating its latest technologies within the historic walls of the old post office.



VRV: A unique Daikin invention

In consultation with the engineering firm assigned to the new Post Hotel, a choice was made for the Daikin VRV system, which guarantees a unique combination of energy-efficient technologies and optimal user comfort. Moreover, the system allows multiple zones to be operated separately, so that the temperature per room and per common space can be adjusted individually. The hotel guest's key card communicates directly with the Daikin unit and ensures that no energy is wasted cooling or heating when the room is empty. The efficiency Daikin is able to offer to its customer in this way is of course a significant advantage in an economic climate in which energy saving is a priority. Daikin VRV also automatically adjusts refrigerant temperature to demand, ensuring optimal user comfort and increasing seasonal efficiency to 28% compared to other series.

Invisible comfort

Aesthetically, the new Post Hotel placed the bar high. The installed climate comfort system on the one hand had to be invisible, and on the other hand to function perfectly. Here too the consultant found in Daikin the perfect partner. The VRV range offers compact built-in models that require little installation space (available in ceiling and floor versions). Where necessary, the modules were integrated using authentic customisation work or skilfully concealed in a lowered ceiling. Thus the Post Hotel's authentic atmosphere is not affected, and hotel guests enjoy an optimal indoor climate.

'1898 The Post': Green hotel

Today, each construction and renovation project must comply with green building standards and strives for sustainability certificates such as BREEAM, LEED, etc. Daikin takes responsibility for this and helps the customer reach his objectives.

'1898 The Post' is a splendid hotel in a gorgeous, mythical location: an ode to the city of Ghent and the rehabilitation of a historic building. Daikin is proud to be part of this mission.

Daikin - www.daikin.eu
1898 The Post – www.zannierhotels.com

Equipment list:

- 52 built-in floor models
- 2 built-in ceiling models
- 6 VRV IV heat recovery outdoor units
- 2 VRV IV mini VRV heat pump outdoor units
- 3 (multi) split outdoor units
- 6 multi BS boxes

