PRESS RELEASE

International recognition for Château St. Gerlach as a leading MICE destination

Château St. Gerlach honoured with two World MICE Awards

Valkenburg, 13 October 2026 – Château St. Gerlach has been recognised with two international titles at the World MICE Awards. The estate was named 'Netherlands' Best MICE Hotel 2026' and, as the only Dutch winner in its category, was also awarded 'Europe's Best Corporate Retreat Hotel 2026'. These distinctions reinforce Château St. Gerlach's position as a leading destination for business events and highlight the growing appeal of South Limburg for high-quality meetings, conferences and events. The awards were presented on 12 October during the World MICE Awards Gala Ceremony.

Recognition for quality and hospitality
Set amidst the rolling hills of South Limburg, Château St. Gerlach distinguishes itself through its combination of heritage, natural surroundings and contemporary facilities for business events. With the St. Gerlach Pavilion and the manor farm, eleven multifunctional rooms, extensive outdoor options and capacity for events of up to 1,000 guests, the estate offers a distinctive setting for meetings, conferences, incentives and events.

The title 'Europe's Best Corporate Retreat Hotel 2026' recognises Château St. Gerlach's strengths as a destination for multi-day corporate stays. In addition to extensive meeting facilities, the estate offers ample space for relaxation and team building, with spa and wellness facilities, yoga sessions and a variety of walking and cycling opportunities. Here, work, relaxation and connection come together in one destination.

Recognition at an international level
"To be able to compete from South Limburg with renowned MICE destinations across Europe makes this double honour especially meaningful. This prestigious recognition places us among the very best in the international MICE landscape and celebrates our ongoing commitment to delivering exceptional experiences for business meetings, corporate retreats and high-profile events. Above all, it is a tribute to our team, who work every day to create an exceptional experience for every guest," said Silvie Slachter, Director of Sales at Oostwegel Collection.

Growing demand for inspiring destinations
The demand for venues that offer more than meeting space alone is growing. Organisations increasingly seek destinations that create a lasting experience for their guests. As a result, attention is shifting beyond traditional conference cities towards locations where business events take place in surroundings that offer tranquillity, space and authenticity. Château St. Gerlach responds to this development and welcomes a growing number of national and international business guests each year for conferences, events, executive meetings and multi-day programmes.

"These awards confirm that a leading MICE destination does not necessarily have to be located in a major conference city. It is precisely our setting in the South Limburg hills, combined with the estate's historic character and high-quality facilities, that creates an environment where business events can

connect, inspire and make a lasting impact," said Bastiaan Klomp, General Manager & Host of Château St. Gerlach.

The World MICE Awards are an international recognition within the business travel and events industry and are presented annually to leading organisations in Meetings, Incentives, Conferences and Events (MICE). The awards are part of the World Travel Awards and are dedicated to recognising excellence and innovation within the field.

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About Oostwegel Collection
Oostwegel Collection is a second-generation family business in the hospitality sector and a certified B Corporation. Building on the foundations laid by Camille Oostwegel Sr. in 1980, whose life's work centred on the careful restoration of historic monuments, the company is now led by Camille Oostwegel (owner and Managing Director) and Meredith Stark Oostwegel (co-owner and Creative Director). Together, they continue to champion this passion for architectural heritage while further shaping Oostwegel Collection's vision of meaningful luxury. For more information: www.oostwegelcollection.nl

About Château St. Gerlach
Château St. Gerlach is located in Valkenburg, in the beautiful Ingendael nature reserve, a ten-minute drive from Maastricht. It is an estate rich in memories, with an overwhelming sense of beauty and grandeur. Château St. Gerlach comprises 59 hotel rooms with a five-star superior classification and 55 four-star apartments known as the Corneli Residences. The estate also features spa and wellness facilities and two restaurants: Les Salons, led by Chef Guido Le Bron de Vexel, and Burgemeester Quicx. The St. Gerlach Pavilion and the manor farm offer a wide range of options for business meetings and events. The hotel has been named 'Netherlands' Best MICE Hotel 2026' and 'Europe's Best Corporate Retreat Hotel 2026'. Château St. Gerlach has been part of the Limburg-based family business Oostwegel Collection since 1997 and a member of Relais & Châteaux since 2013. The hotel is managed by General Manager & Host Bastiaan Klomp. For more information: www.stgerlach.nl