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PETER HARKEMA SAYS FAREWELL TO CHÂTEAU NEERCANNE ON HIS 65TH BIRTHDAY

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Peter Harkema will retire at the age of 65 and say farewell to Château Neercanne. Since August 1984 Peter Harkema has been the General Manager at the Château.

35 years General Manager at Château Neercanne

Peter Harkema shared that he will hand over the management of the only terraced castle in the Netherlands on his 65th birthday in September 2019. Over the past 35 years Peter, his wife Ans and the entire team, have built Château Neercanne to become one of the most well-known and best restaurants in the Benelux. Château Neercanne is a culinary institution where many guests - domestic and abroad - enjoy the unique, hospitable ambiance and high gastronomic level each day.

Over the past 35 years many young cooks and waiters have been mentored by Peter and developed their passion for gastronomy. Many of today's well-known chefs were educated in Neercanne's kitchen.

"In 35 years one can really build something beautiful together. Our purpose has always been to be authentic hosts to our guests. Truly caring and showing empathy for your guests really makes them feel 'drunk' on happiness, even without a glass of wine.", says Peter Harkema.

Transition

Owner Camille Oostwegel sr. says: "We respect Peter and Ans' decision to handover the general management to a talented young successor, which is important for the future of the unique Château. We thank Peter and Ans sincerely for their entrepreneurial spirit in the way they led Neercanne - and in the opening phase also Château St. Gerlach - and therefore the contribution they made to Oostwegel Collection as a whole."

Oostwegel Collection starts recruitment for a successor (F/M) immediately.

About Château Neercanne

The gastronomic Restaurant Château Neercanne, is complemented by the more informal lunch restaurant l'Auberge, awarded a Michelin Bib Gourmand since 2012. Renowned as the only terraced castle in The Netherlands, located in Maastricht, Château Neercanne straddles the Belgian/Dutch borders and commands panoramic views across the magnificent Jeker Valley. The 17th-century castle is divided over four levels, all of which are UNESCO World Heritage Sites. The Château houses a network of Marl Caves, offering a unique venue for large parties and celebratory gatherings. Château Neercanne has been part of Oostwegel Collection since 1984, a Limburgian family business dedicated to gracious hospitality, artisanal cuisine and historically authentic properties. Château Neercanne is a member of Relais & Châteaux. For more information: www.neercanne.nl

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