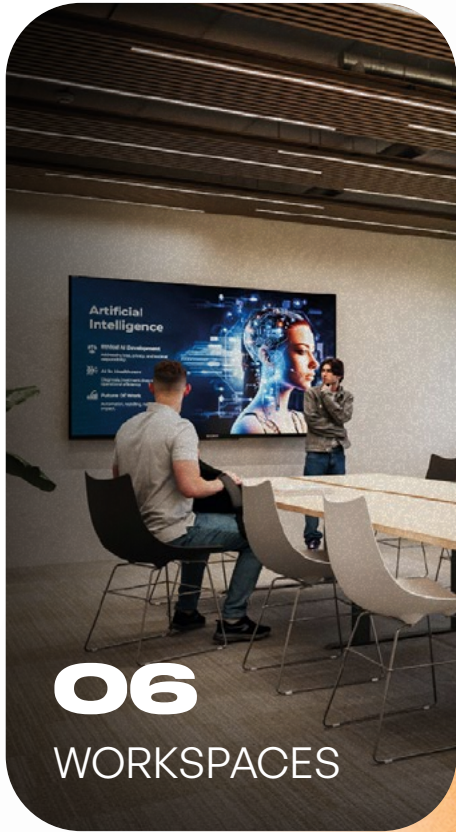


THE BRAIN
AI TECH HUB

EUROPE'S DEEP TECH INNOVATION HUB FOR AI

The hub brings together visionary companies, startups, and researchers shaping the future of deep tech. It's a space where ideas, talent, and technology converge to create real impact.





Where **AI Innovation** Takes Shape

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20,000 M²

State-of-the-art
AI hub

1000+

AI experts driving
co-creation



WORKSPACES THAT ENABLE RESEARCH AND INNOVATION

20,000 m² of light-filled workspace for rent in a landmark tower featuring 14 floors and a roof terrace with 360° views.



LOCATED IN GHENT

Based in Ghent, with a global top ranked university and a thriving tech and innovation scene.



CLOSE TO KNOWLEDGE, TALENT AND RESEARCH

Step into The Brain and collaborate with 1,000+ AI professionals and researchers driving the future of AI and technology.



AT TECH LANE GENT SCIENCE PARK

Located at Tech Lane Ghent Science Park, home to 5,500 researchers in Deep Tech for AI, ICT, Biotech, Health, Pharma, Chemistry, Photonics and Materials.



FACILITIES TO BOOST PRODUCTIVITY

The Brain offers research labs alongside essentials like meeting rooms, parking and on-site dining.



SUSTAINABLE BY DESIGN

Built for the future: sustainable design with top energy performance and BREEAM Excellent certification.

A Place to Work, Live and Connect



The Brain
is more than an office
it's a community hub
where work, collaborative
innovation and professional
connections come together

Ghent

Europe's Thriving Tech City

Ghent combines historic charm with modern innovation. Ranked among Europe's top emerging tech hubs, it is home to a world-class university, leading research institutes, and a vibrant entrepreneurial climate.



Flanders offers one of Europe's most vital ecosystems, enabling global companies to grow and succeed long-term.

PIET DEMUNTER
CEO at Flanders Investment & Trade



Connected to Europe's Leading Hubs

Ghent is perfectly positioned at the crossroads of Europe, with high-speed rail and international airports providing direct links to major cities.

- 50 km Brussels
- 60 km Antwerp
- 293 km Paris
- 321 km London
- 221 km Amsterdam
- 455 km Frankfurt
- 776 km Berlin

Your gateway to Europe's academic, business and innovation networks.





Car

Parking available on campus and in The Brain.



Bike

A true cycling campus with secure parking, lockers and showers.



Public Transport

Direct bus connections to train station and other make commuting effortless.

TECH LANE GHENT SCIENCE PARK

Technologiepark-Zwijnaarde 118
B-9052 Zwijnaarde
Belgium



Part of a **World-Class** Science Ecosystem

The Brain is located at Tech Lane Ghent Science Park – a 60-hectare innovation hub bringing together academia, research and industry. It is home to thousands of experts driving breakthroughs in Deep Tech for AI, ICT, Biotech, Health, Pharma, Chemistry, Photonics and Materials.

5,500

Researchers

5,800+

Students

11

University labs

12

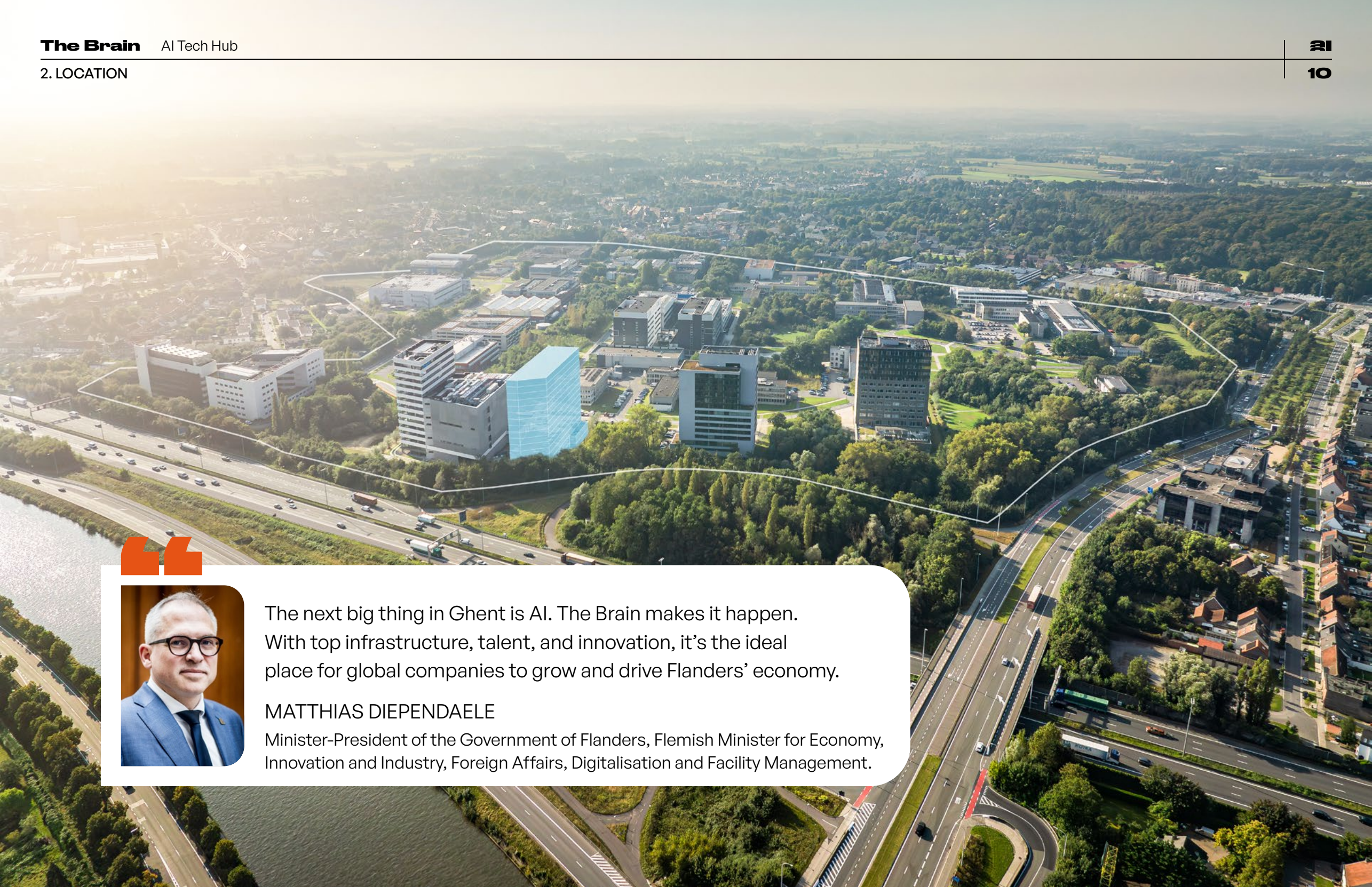
Public research centers

8

Industrial pilots
& testfacilities

10+

Deep Tech startups
launched yearly



The next big thing in Ghent is AI. The Brain makes it happen. With top infrastructure, talent, and innovation, it's the ideal place for global companies to grow and drive Flanders' economy.

MATTHIAS DIEPENDAELE

Minister-President of the Government of Flanders, Flemish Minister for Economy, Innovation and Industry, Foreign Affairs, Digitalisation and Facility Management.

HISTORIC CHARM



CYCLING CAPITAL



WATERFRONT CAFÉS



CULTURAL LIFE



STUDENT ENERGY



GREEN SPACES

Thrive Together

In Ghent, work and lifestyle go hand in hand – making it one of Europe's most attractive places to live, study and innovate.



AI will drive the next wave of growth and innovation. With Flanders' deep-tech strengths, The Brain brings together leading minds to shape the future.



LUC VAN DEN HOVE
President & CEO - Imec



Deep Tech in AI & Photonics

The Brain is where deep tech innovation happens. Through its AI Tech Hub, startups, researchers, and corporates gain access to cutting-edge breakthroughs in AI and Photonics software, algorithms and hardware.

While leading the debate on ethics, privacy, and security.

Supported by imec and UGent, The Brain connects Ghent's AI community to a global network of hubs and R&D leaders, accelerating growth and impact.

ROBOTICS

HEALTHCARE

BIOTECH

INDUSTRY 5.0

MEDIA

ENERGY

SECURITY

PRIVACY

ETHICS

SPORTS





Applications

Robotics, healthcare, biotech,
Industry 5.0, media, sports,
Energy, Security, ...



Societal Topics

AI security, privacy, ethics,
data sharing, trustworthiness, ...



Community

CTOs, CIOs, R&D leads,
engineers, data scientists,
researchers, ...

**Shaping the next generation
of AI use cases**

What Makes The Brain Unique

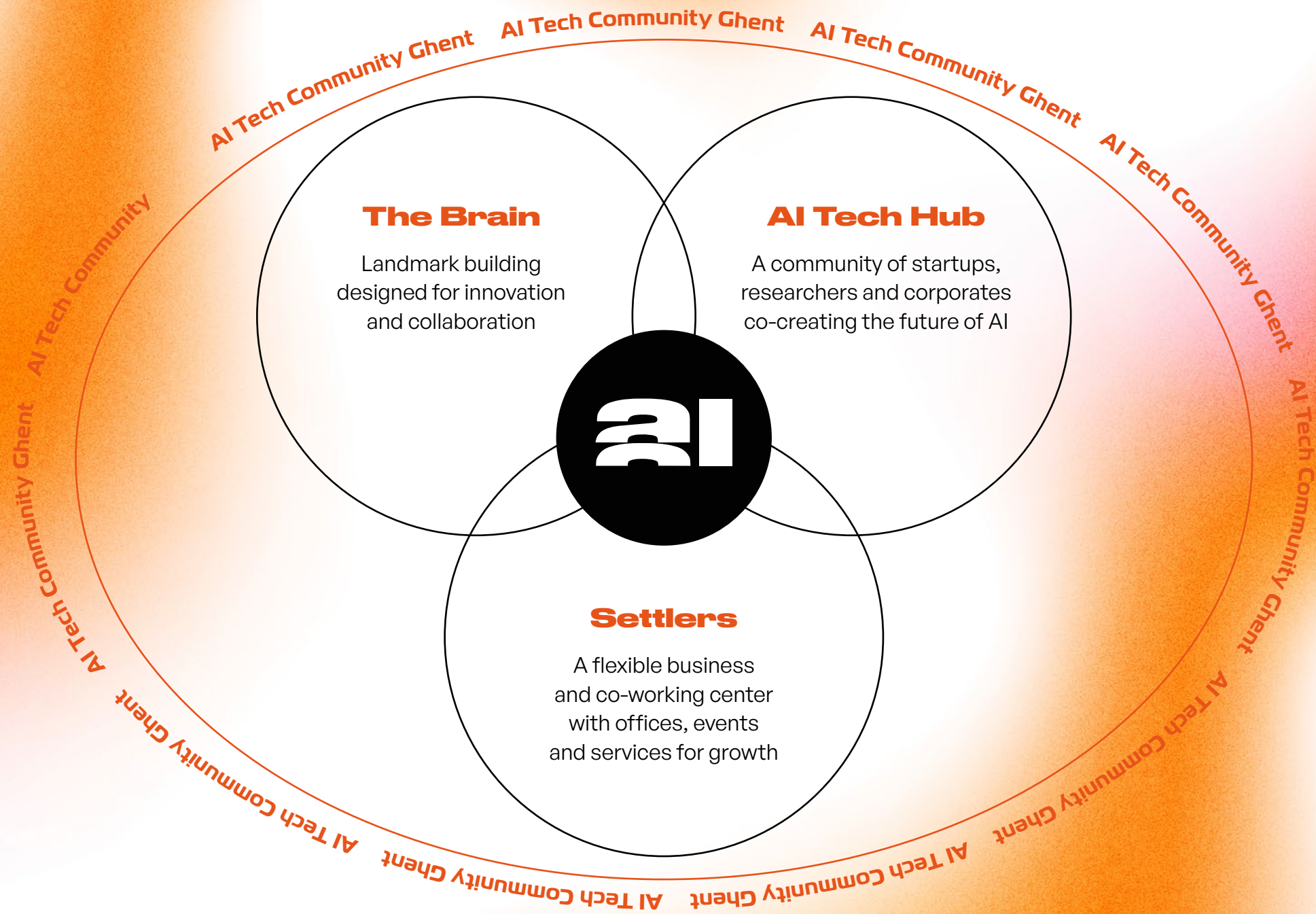


The Brain is set to become Europe's beating heart for AI – where talent, technology and entrepreneurship meet global ambition.



RIK VAN DE WALLE
Senior Full Professor UGent-imec-IDlab
Former rector Ghent University





Where the AI Community Meets

The Brain is more than a building - it's where ideas get built. Here researchers share breakthrough results, startups bring their boldest ideas to reality and companies join forces to turn insights into impact.

Powered by imec and UGent, the AI Tech Community brings people together in inspiring talks, hands-on workshops and deep tech collaboration. It's where meaningful connections are made to develop innovations into the next wave of AI leaders.

Innovation  Collaboration  Growth





Events & Keynotes

Inspiring talks from industry leaders



Networking

Connect with peers, experts and suppliers



Access To Talent

Innovate with PhDs, post-docs and master students



World-Class Facilities

FabLab, RoboticsLab, HomeLab, WirelessLab, Datacenter, Semiconductor Cleanroom ...



Global Reach

Backed by imec and UGent

Workspaces Designed for Innovation

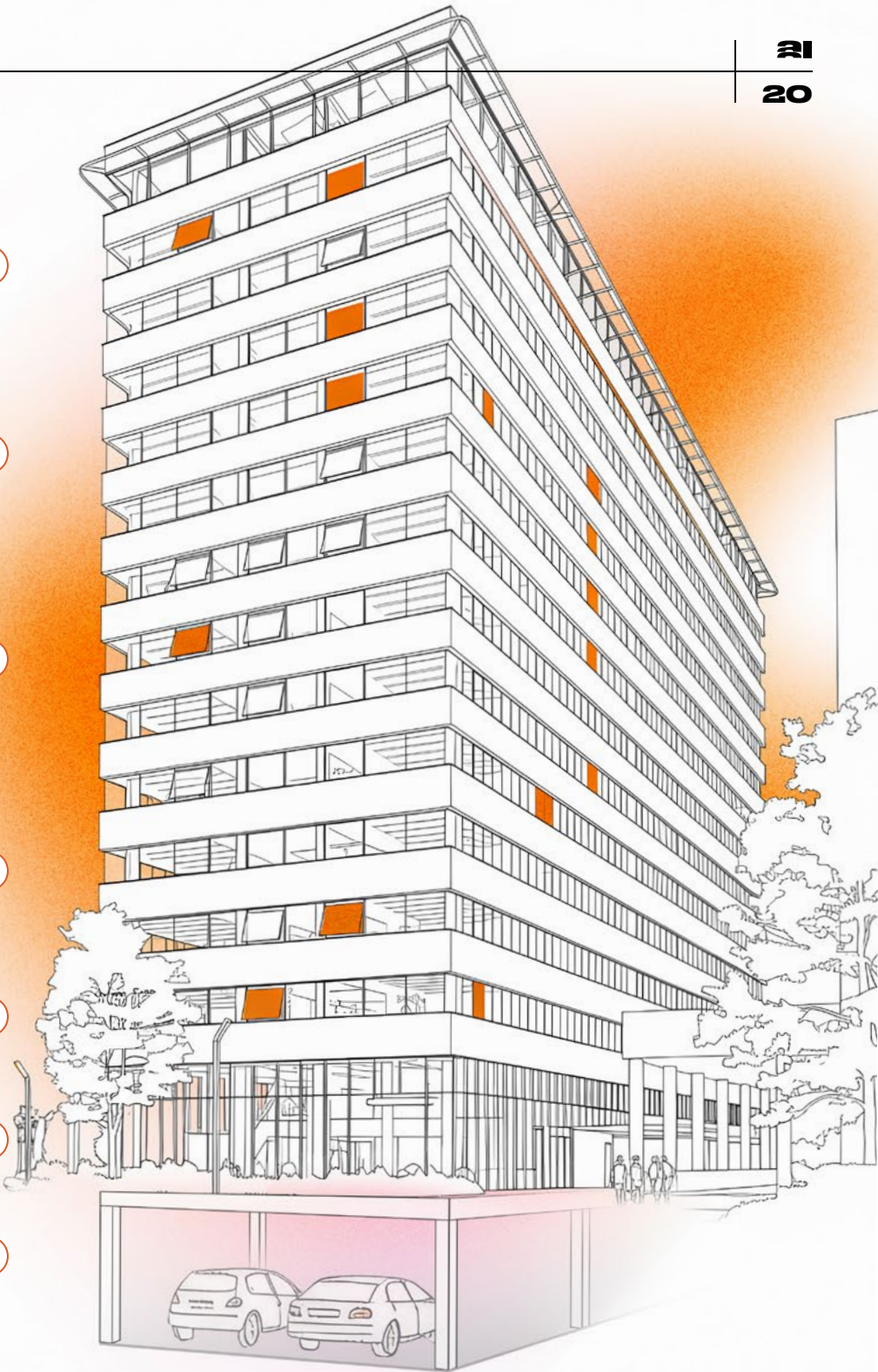
The Brain offers 14 floors and a roof terrace of state-of-the-art workspaces designed for researchers, startups, and established companies. From flexible offices and laboratories to collaborative areas, every space supports growth, creativity, and innovation.

More than just a workplace, The Brain creates an environment where knowledge meets technology, uniting university research, private offices, and shared spaces to foster collaboration and business growth under one roof.

Labs  Offices  Collaboration



TOP FLOOR	Rooftop terrace with panoramic views
LEVEL 9 - 13	Private offices, flexible layouts, easily subdivided
LEVEL 5 - 8	Lab-ready private offices, workspaces
LEVEL 2 - 4	UGent research labs
FIRST FLOOR	Coworking and meeting spaces
GROUND FLOOR	Coffee & food corner, event & meeting spaces, FabLab
UNDERGROUND	Bike parking (200+) and car park



Settlers

Work. Meet. Grow.

Settlers at The Brain is a business center designed for startups, scale-ups, and professionals looking for a flexible, ready-to-go environment. It's a place where productivity meets collaboration.



Move-in ready offices

Fully serviced for startups



Flexible work zones

Flex Desks & shared seating



Meeting rooms

Collaboration & Interaction



Event spaces

Workshops & pitches



You can already book a desk, private office or meeting room at Settlers

Tailored Events. Professional Spaces.

From intimate workshops to large networking evenings,
Settlers offers flexible venues equipped for every occasion.

Up to 150 people capacity

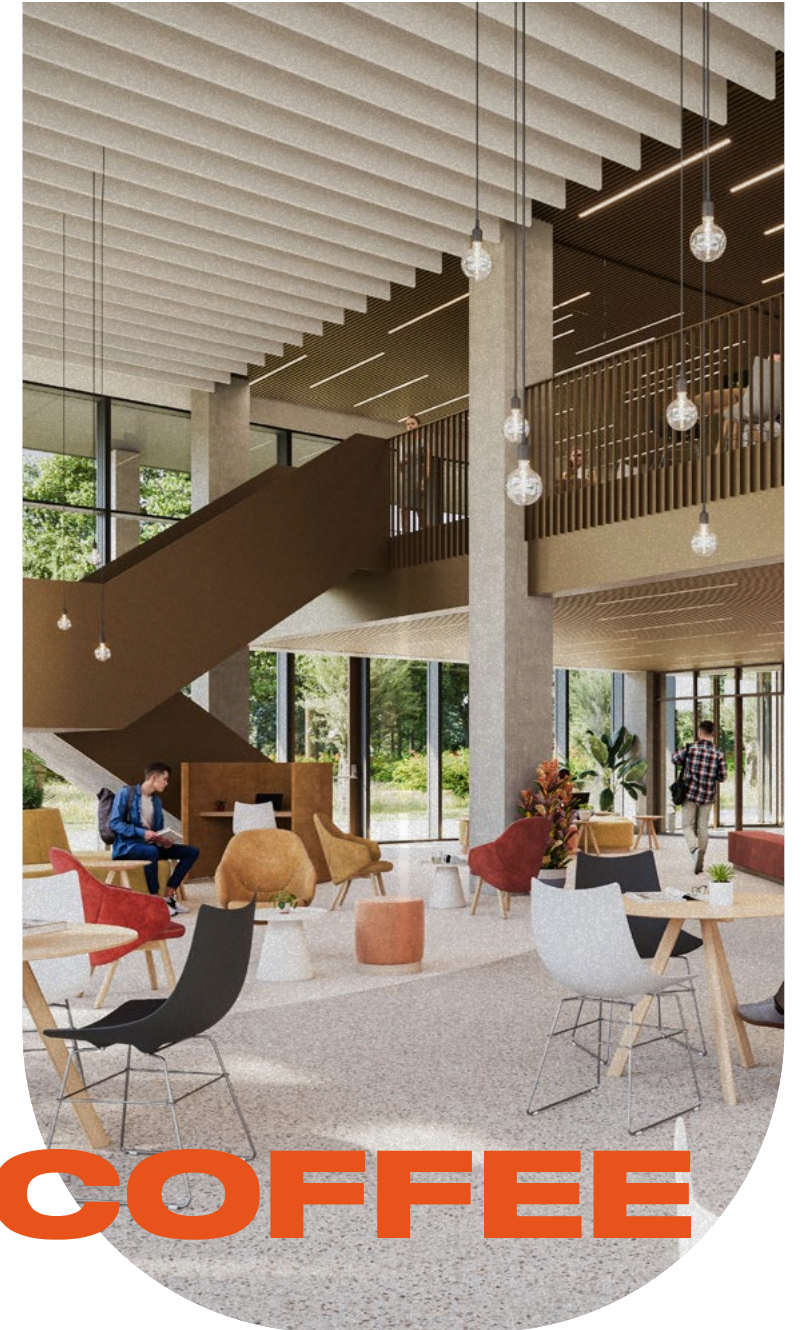
Stylish interiors for every occasion

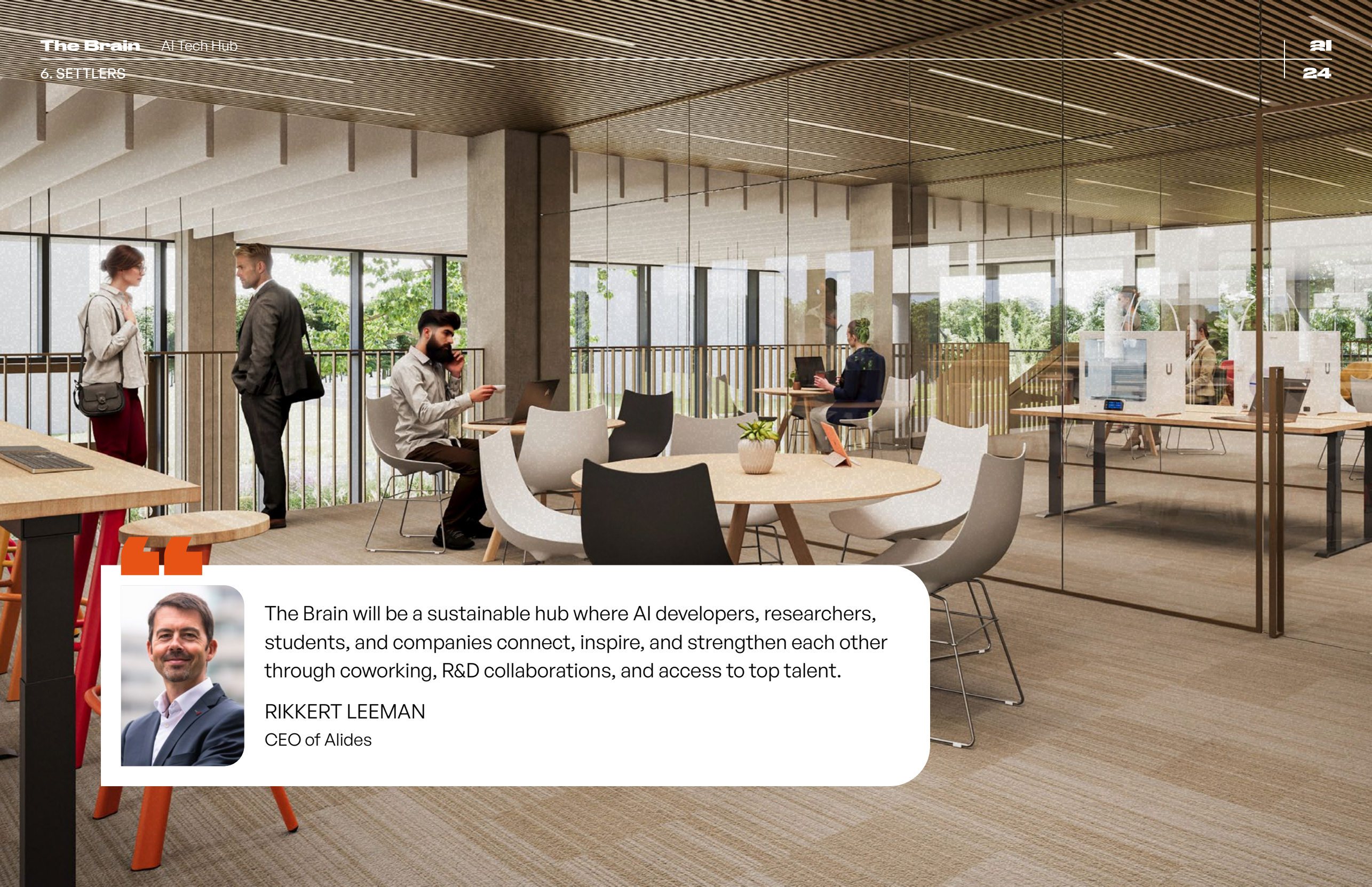


Coffee & Food Corner

Indoor & outdoor seating for collaboration and informal meetings

The food corner is the social hub of The Brain – a place to grab a coffee, share ideas over lunch, or meet after work. With both indoor and outdoor seating, it's designed to bring the community together.





The Brain will be a sustainable hub where AI developers, researchers, students, and companies connect, inspire, and strengthen each other through coworking, R&D collaborations, and access to top talent.

RIKKERT LEEMAN
CEO of Alides

Sustainable by Design

The Brain is a landmark building designed for wellbeing, productivity, and sustainability.



HEALTHY & INCLUSIVE

Designed for comfort, with advanced ventilation and full accessibility.

ENERGY-SMART & GREEN

Powered by renewable energy, smart monitoring, and fully electric systems.

BIKE-FRIENDLY

Secure parking, lockers, and showers make commuting sustainable.

WATER-EFFICIENT DESIGN

Rainwater harvesting and water-saving fixtures reduce waste.

BRIGHT & INSPIRING

Flooded with natural light and built for acoustic comfort.

FUTURE-READY & FLEXIBLE

Climate-adaptive, resilient, and easy to reconfigure.

CIRCULAR & ECO-FRIENDLY

Low-impact cooling, green roof, and biodiversity measures.

CERTIFIED EXCELLENCE

BREEAM Excellent (75.6% Design Stage), fully aligned with EU Taxonomy.

Let's Talk.

Interested in joining Ghent's AI Tech Hub?

Reach out to our team for leasing opportunities, partnerships, or more details.



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Our Partners

Together shaping the future of AI and deep tech innovation in Ghent.



In collaboration with leading academic, public,
and private partners committed to sustainable innovation.



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