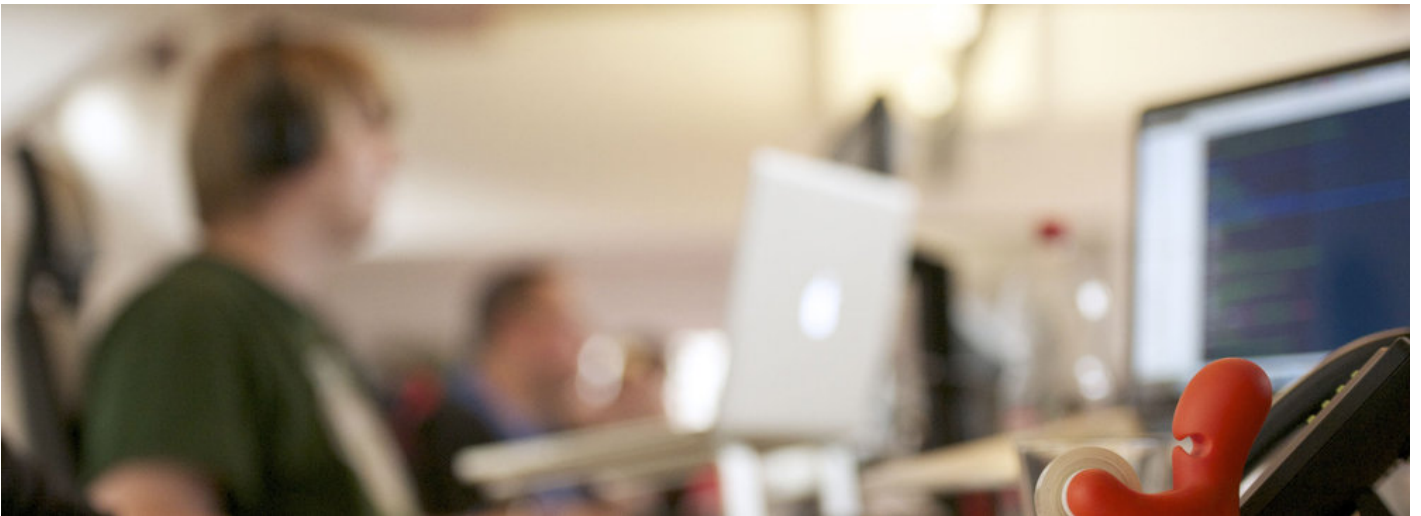


Combell acquires Openminds

Combell, the Belgian market leader in hosting services, takes over Ghent-based Openminds. Openminds is most renowned for its tailored server management services. Together, they will continue to develop Combell's DevOps approach.



Openminds has built its reputation through a strong focus on server management, often completely tailored to the customers' needs. The team, which comprises 21 collaborators, works mainly for web agencies and large companies with high standards of tailored solutions, flexibility and availability. Combell, the Belgian market leader in hosting services, has now taken over Openminds.

DevOps ideology in the DNA of Openminds

Combell sees a clear market development where projects benefit from a 'DevOps' approach. This is an approach in which the application of the customer is approached from both the development and the operational viewpoints. The combination of both visions with a DevOps mindset makes it possible to build more reliable applications and guarantees faster delivery.

This approach, which is in Openminds' DNA, is fully in line with the DevOps ideology that Combell also pursues. The expertise brought by Openminds allows us to take this approach even further. In addition, it will speed up many automation projects for delivery and maintenance of platforms for various customers.

By joining Combell, Openminds will be able to focus even more on its strengths. As a result, we will be able to provide an even better service to our customers. Thanks to Combell's expertise, they will also benefit from many new products.

— Frank Louwers, business manager at Openminds

Intense collaboration between Combell and Openminds

Openminds and Combell both see a particularly bright future ahead. The teams of both companies will get to know each other in the next few months and will develop a long-term cooperation plan.

The knowledge that Openminds has acquired over the past years is a perfect addition for Combell. Together, we will be able to take application management to the next level.

— Frederik Poelman, Managing Director SME at Intelligent

For now, the Openminds brand will continue to exist. The current business managers, Frank Louwers and Bernard Grymonpon, will remain in charge of the daily management of the business.



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OVER INTELLIGENT

Intelligent is een bedrijvengroep die actief is op twee domeinen: hostingdiensten voor SME's en Large Enterprises. De SME-tak van de groep heeft vertrouwde merken zoals Combell, Register, Byte, Flexmail en Stone IS. Voor Large Enterprises biedt het producten en diensten aan onder de naam Sentia en ReasonNet.

Intelligent is de absolute marktleider in de Benelux in hostingdiensten. Van domeinnamen, klassieke webhosting en e-maildiensten biedt het eveneens cloudservers en complexe hosting op maat en outsourcing aan, voor grote en internationale bedrijven.

De groep heeft meer dan 420 experts in dienst die werken op verschillende locaties in Gent (BE), Brussel (BE), Hasselt (BE), Genk (BE), Nieuwegein (NL), Delft (NL), Nijmegen (NL) en Amsterdam (NL). De geconsolideerde omzet voor 2015 bedroeg 59 miljoen euro. De groep verwacht de komende jaren verder sterk te groeien zowel organisch als door overnames dankzij haar Buy & Build strategie. De groep gelooft rotsvast in diepe productkennis en staat voor kwaliteit en vertrouwen.

Intelligent is a group of companies that operate in two sectors: hosting services for SMEs and for large enterprises. The SME branch of the group includes trusted brands such as Combell, Register, Byte, Flexmail and

Stone IS. For large enterprises, the group provides products and services under the names Sentia and ReasonNet.

Intelligent is the absolute market leader in hosting services in the Benelux. Services include domain names, regular web hosting and e-mail services, but also cloud servers and tailored complex hosting and outsourcing solutions, for large and international companies.

The group employs more than 420 experts who work from different locations in Ghent (BE), Brussels (BE), Hasselt (BE), Genk (BE), Nieuwegein (NL), Delft (NL), Nijmegen (NL) and Amsterdam (NL). Its consolidated turnover for 2015 was 59 million euros. Over the coming years, the group intends to continue to grow, both organically and through acquisitions, thanks to its Buy & Build strategy. The group strongly believes in deep product knowledge and stands for quality and trust.

Intelligent est un groupe d'entreprises actives dans deux domaines : services d'hébergement pour PME et pour grandes entreprises. La branche PME du groupe inclut des marques de confiance telles que Combell, Register, Byte, Flexmail et Stone IS. Pour les grandes entreprises, le groupe fournit des produits et services sous les marques Sentia et ReasonNet.

Intelligent est le leader absolu du marché des services d'hébergement dans le Benelux. Outre les noms de domaines, l'hébergement web traditionnel et les services e-mail, le groupe propose aussi des serveurs cloud et des solutions d'hébergement et d'externalisation complexes, adaptées aux besoins de grandes entreprises internationales.

Le groupe emploie plus de 420 experts qui travaillent depuis différents endroits : Gand (BE), Bruxelles (BE), Hasselt (BE), Genk (BE), Nieuwegein (NL), Delft (NL), Nijmegen (NL) et Amsterdam (NL). Pour 2015, son chiffre d'affaires consolidé était 59 millions d'euros. Pour les années à venir, le groupe entend poursuivre une forte croissance, tant organique que par le biais d'acquisitions grâce à sa stratégie Buy & Build. Le groupe mise tout sur une connaissance approfondie des produits et est synonyme de qualité et confiance.


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