

Interparking honoured with two awards in recognition of the quality of its facilities at the 17th EPA (European Parking Association) Congress

The Markthal car park in Rotterdam and the Contipark Stachus car park in Munich – both of which are managed and made available to the public by the Belgium-based Interparking Group – were crowned winners in the “New parking structures” and “Renovated parking structures” categories respectively during the European Parking Association (EPA) award ceremony held on 23 September 2015 in Berlin.

Every two years, the European Parking Association honours the structural and service-related quality of public car parks by crowning the best winners of the European Parking Awards (EPA). The Markthal car park – which has 1,100 parking spaces, 800 of which are reserved for use by visitors – is located beneath the Markthal at the heart of the district known as Laurenskwartier. This shopping centre boasts an innovative architecture and, incidentally, won the MIPIM Award 2015 in the “Best shopping centre” category in March of this year.

A new gateway to Rotterdam

“This award only serves to confirm that the car park beneath the Markthal is internationally recognised as the jewel of Rotterdam,” says Johan Tol, CEO of Interparking in the Netherlands. He firmly believes that car parks like the one beneath the Markthal will be always be just as indispensable in the future too.

“Rotterdam is booming and becoming increasingly popular. There is a growing influx of tourists, to whom we would like to show the best possible hospitality. The city simply cannot do without modern, customer-focused car parks such as this one. The car park beneath the Markthal is the new gateway to Rotterdam,” affirms Mr Tol. The spectacular Markthal project is certainly meeting its goals: it is a place where people can shop, work, live and go out – all in a building 40 metres tall. Users of the car park can reach the Markthal directly using the magnificent escalators and lifts in the direction of the Laurenskerk church or walk to the Oude Haven. Drivers of electric vehicles can recharge their vehicles at four charging stations. The car park is also equipped with a large number of spaces for disabled people and toilets. A human presence is guaranteed 24 hours a day.

A high quality level

The car park was created based on a high level of quality and equipped with the very latest in ultra-modern technology. It benefits from a space location system, a specific floor coating, LED lighting, number plate recognition and adapted signage. Taking an innovative approach, the Eco Parking system offers a discount for environmentally-friendly cars.

Munich: the best renovation

Meanwhile, the Stachus car park which is operated by Contipark – a wholly-owned subsidiary of Interparking – is located beneath Karlsplatz in Munich. Built in 1970, this car park spread over two floors

has undergone a full two-year renovation. Parking spaces were widened, all the technical facilities have been renewed and both modern car park equipment and new signage have been installed.

Interparking: *For over 55 years, Interparking has been maintaining high-quality car parks in Europe. Founded in Brussels in 1958, Interparking today has more than 670 car parks all over the continent which were visited by 92 million clients in 2013. Interparking has car parks in Belgium, Spain, France, Italy, Poland and Romania. Interparking operates 53 car parks with a total of 22,000 parking spaces in the Netherlands. Interparking also operates more than 400 car parks in Germany and Austria under the brand Contipark. Furthermore, Interparking manages all the car parks at German stations as part of a joint venture with Deutsche Bahn (Bahn Park).*

For information about Interparking, please visit www.interparking.com. For more information about Interparking in the Netherlands and the Markthal car park, please visit: www.interparking.nl and <http://markthalrotterdam.nl/parkeren>

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