



Towers of Brussels

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Why I love towers

Orientation in the city

Nice view from up there

They just show up in my photos

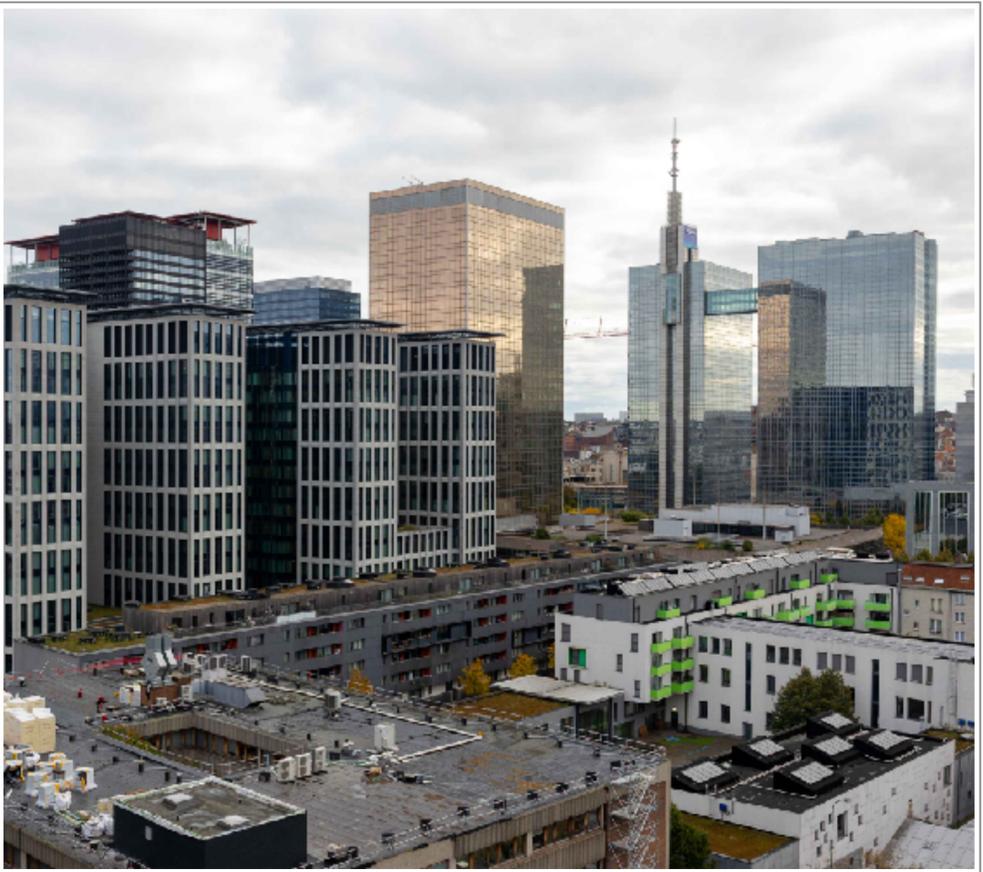
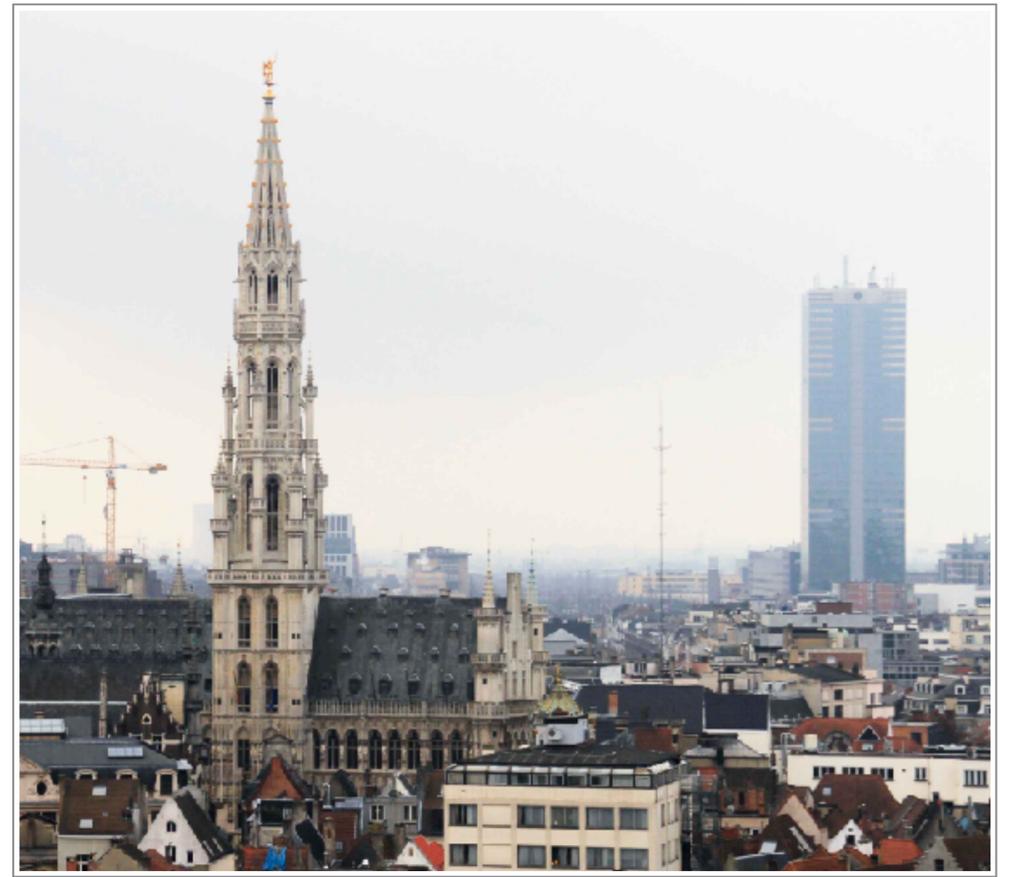
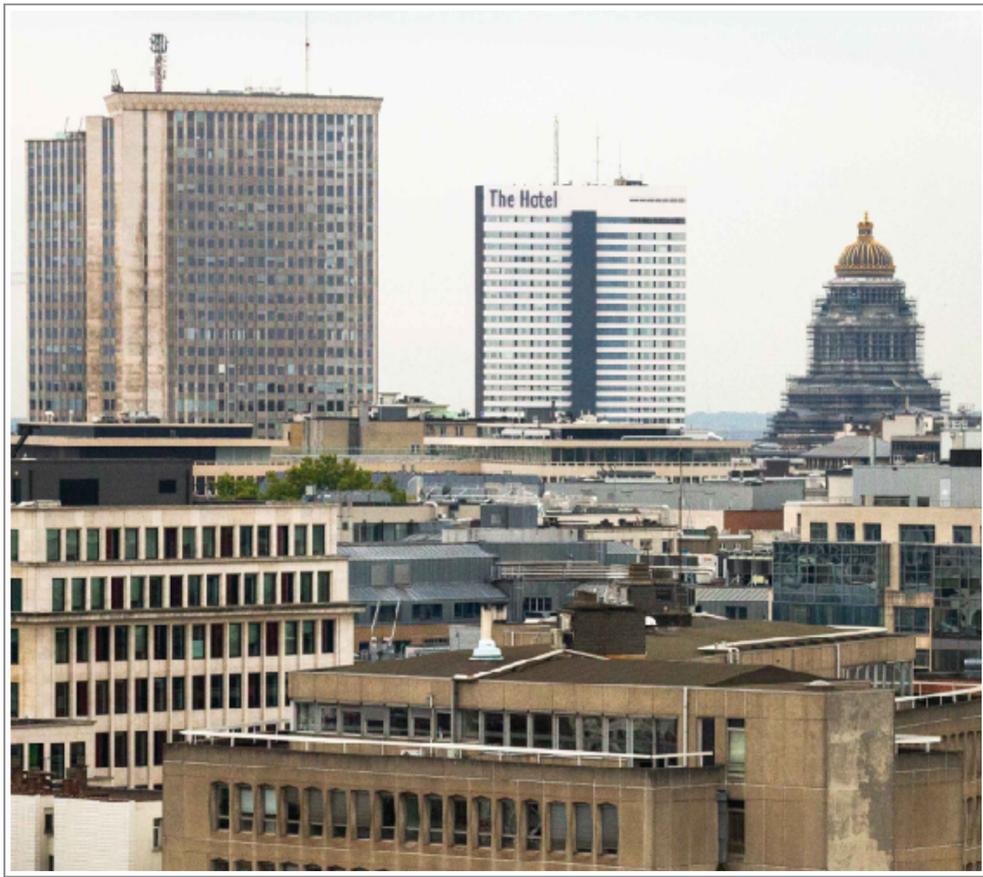
Legend has it that the city has 7 hills

They all have stories





**What's your
favourite tower?**





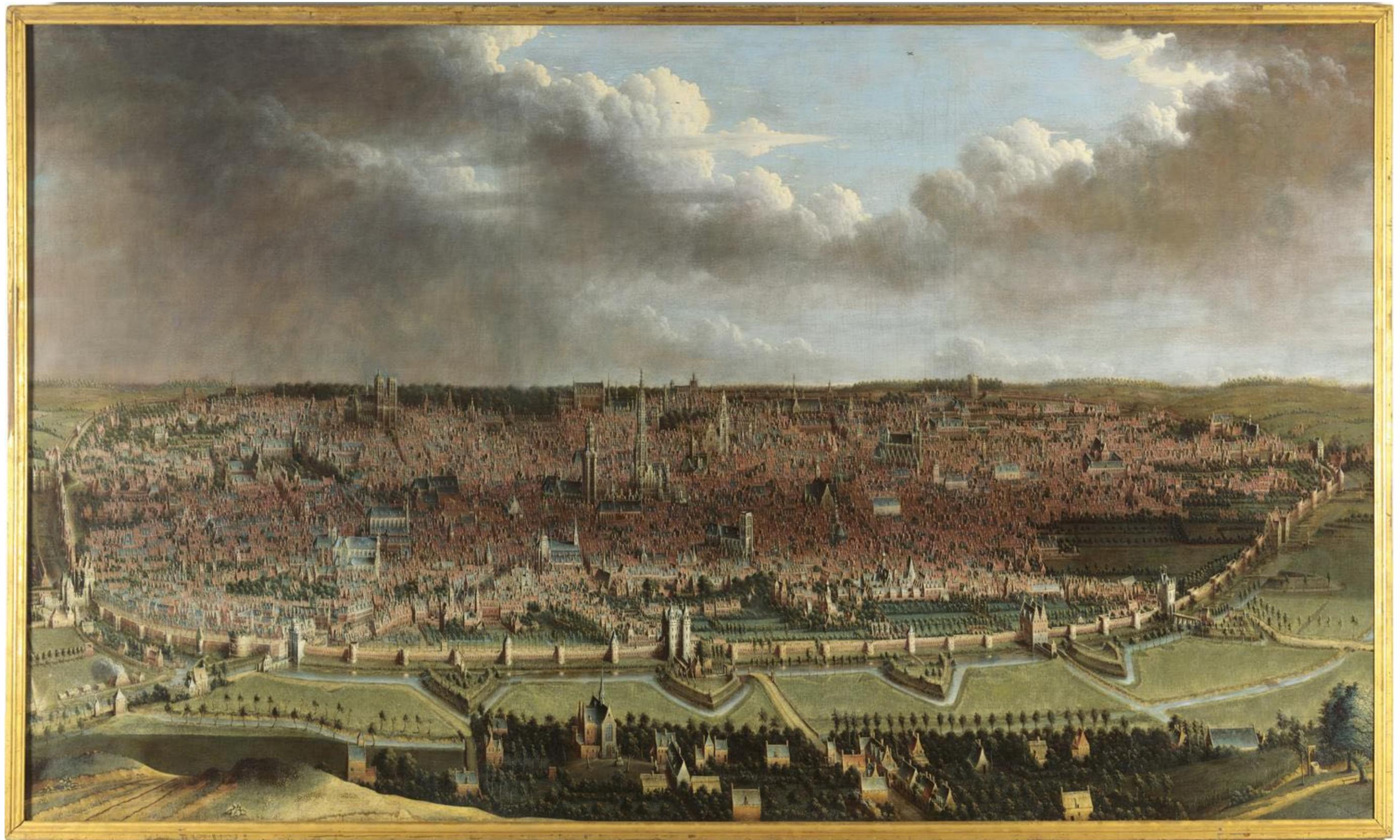




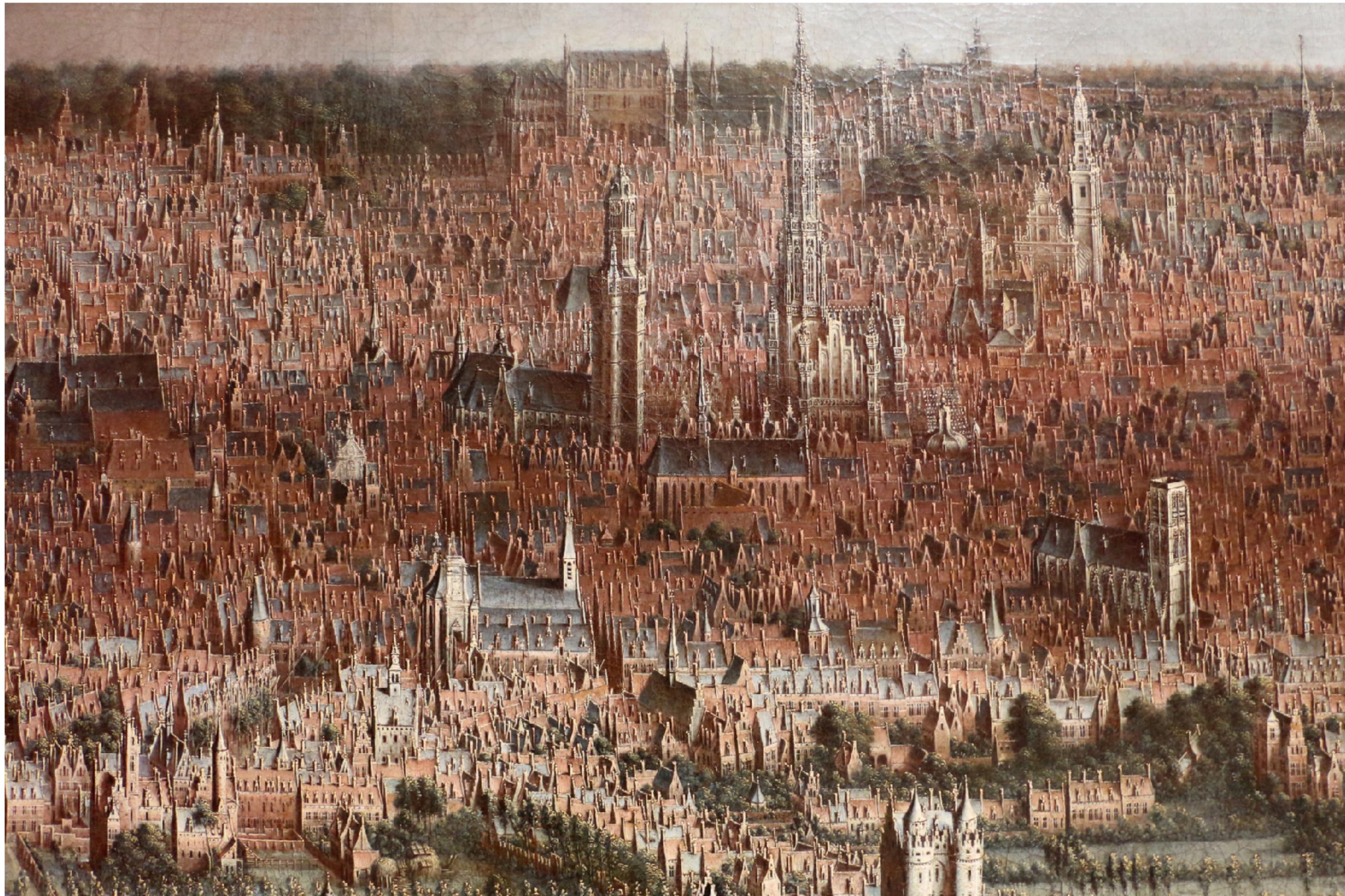
Towers are not new

Examples from Old Brussels SPQB





Jean Baptiste Bonnecroy - Zicht op Brussel /
Vue sur Bruxelles (1665)





J. G. Weyerman delin
VUE DE BRUXELLES, VU DU CÔTÉ DE LA CAMPAGNE DE SCHEUT.

1777

GEZIGT VAN BRUSSEL, GEZEN VAN OP HET SCHEUT VELD.

*Col. Cardon fecit April 1777
Lut. et Imprii p. J. C.*



362. - BRUXELLES. - PANORAMA

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135 — BRUXELLES. — Vue générale. — General view.

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PANORAMA DE BRUXELLES, VU DE LA TERRASSE DE OLD ENGLAND, MONTAGNE DE LA COUR



Photogravure Agence Rossel rue de la Madeleine



video> Bruxelles 1958
archives RTBF Sonuma
Réalisateur Daniël Vos

How many towers do we have?



	N° No	Nom de la tour Name of the tower	Année Year	Hauteur Height	Architecte Architect
1930 - 1969	-	20 bd Général Jacques	1936	42 m	Peeters
	2	Assurances P&V	1957	65 m	Van Kuyck
	3	Botanic Building	1965	75 m	Genval, Montois, Accarain et Bouillot
	4	Madou plaza	1965 2006	120 m	Goffaux
	5	Tour Sablon	1966	80 m	Wanderauwera
	6	Tour Louise (Generali)	1966	84 m	Polak
	7	Hilton Hotel	1967	99 m	Montois
	8	Tour du Midi	1967 2002	150 m	Bressers, Van Acker, Petit, Aers...
	9	Tour Broukère	1969	63 m	Groupe Structures
	10	Résidence Aigle	1969	78 m	-
1970 - 1979	11	Bastion	1970	90 m	Goffaux
	12	Centre Monnaie	1971	63 m	Polak
	-	27 av Marius Renard	1971	85 m	-
	14	World Trade Center	1972	102 m	Groupe Structures
	-	Magnolias	1973	80 m	-
	-	Mistral	1973	80 m	-
	-	Les Mouettes	1973	80 m	-
	18	Manhattan Center	1973	102 m	Groupe Structures
	19	Brusilia	1974	100 m	-
	20	TBR Building	1975	84 m	-
	21	Blue Tower	1976	88 m	Montois
	22	World Trade Center II	1976	102 m	Groupe Structures
	23	Astro	1976	107 m	-
	24	Victoria Regina (IBM)	1978	76 m	ELD Partnership
	25	Résidence Nord	1978	80 m	-
1980 - 1989	26	Tour des Finances	1982 2005	145 m	Jaspers et Eyers & Partners
	27	World Trade Center	1983	105 m	Groupe Structures
1990 - 1999	28	Belgacom I	1994	102 m	Jaspers
	29	Belgacom II	1994	102 m	Jaspers
2000 - 2009	30	Euroclear Operation Center	1997	80 m	ELD Partnership
	31	North Galaxy B	2004	107 m	Art & Build, Jaspers, Eyers & Partners et Montois
	32	North Galaxy A	2004	107 m	Art & Build, Jaspers, Eyers & Partners et Montois
	33	Central Plaza	2006	54 m	Montois Partners
2010 -	34	Ellipse Building	2006	85 m	Art & Build et Montois Partners
	35	Dexia	2006	137 m	Jaspers, Eyers & Partners et Samyn and Partners
	36	Covent Garden	2007	100 m	Art & Build et Montois Partners
	37	Tour Zenith	2009	95 m	CERAU, SCAU
	38	Tour Premium	2013	145 m	Ateliers Lion, architectes/urbanistes
	39	Tour 1	Annulée	250 m	Jaspers, Eyers & Partners
	40	Tour 2	Annulée	200 m	Jaspers, Eyers & Partners

My heat map



This is how end up there
>urban exploration









**8/12/15 urbex @ Sheraton
Schuman**











**12/3/23 urbex @ old KBC,
Havenlaan**









Victoria tower



As seen from Victoria tower



As seen from Victoria tower



As seen from Victoria tower



As seen from Victoria tower

Les Pavillons français



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Disappeared towers: The Westbury Hotel



Westbury tower, Lotto tower (1963 - 2003)





Westbury tower



Hôtel d'Ursel (1590)





Central Plaza (2006)



Hôtel d'Ursel (1590)

Some key shots of Brussels



As seen in Saint Josse



As seen from North to South



As seen in North district



As seen all over town



As seen during sunset



As seen at night when you're in luck



Framed long perspectives







From the outside looking in

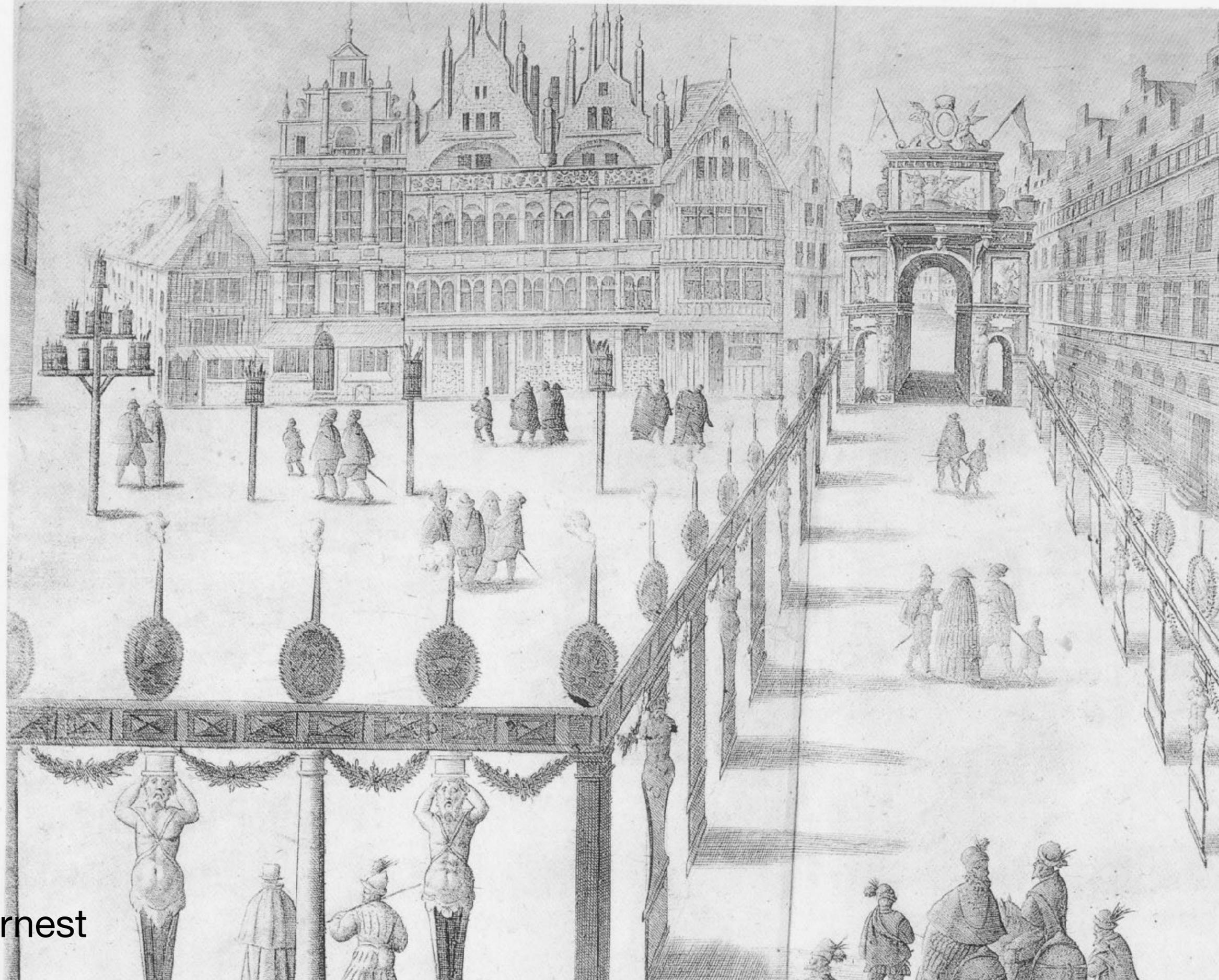






Ammanskamerke
Gulden Koopman / Marchand d'Or

Intrede van aartshertog
Ernest te Brussel, 1594.
Afbeelding uit het album
*Descriptio et explicatio
pegmatum arcuum et
spectaculorum quae bruxellae
exhibita fuere sub adventum
s. princ. Ernesti.*
Brussel, Stadsarchief.



1594, triumphal arch for
grand entrance of archduke Ernest

Marchand d'Or / Gulden Koopman

Aka Ammanskamerke / Chambrette de l'amman

Aka Aux armes de Brabant / het Wapen van Brabant

Originally built in baroque style, likely by architect Jacques Walckiers in 1709, its current appearance is the result of restoration work by architect Adolphe Samyn between 1896 and 1897. Samyn worked on several buildings in the Grand-Place.

The name "chambrette de l'amman" originates from its historical association with the Amman, a notable Brussels figure who presided over local courts and regulated public performances. The area where the house stands was originally developed when the city expropriated several homes at the end of the 14th century during the expansion of the Grand-Place.

Originally made of wood, the house was rebuilt in stone in 1709 for a ceramicist named Corneille Mombaerts. By 1767, it was known as "De Waepen van Brabant." In recent restorations completed in 2011-2012, the building's façade was temporarily covered with painted tarpaulins replicating its original appearance.



1625, painting by Tobias Verhaecht
collection of castle of Gaesbeek



1690's, before the bombardment of August 1695

Painting by Pieter Bout,

Royal Museum for Fine Arts of Belgium



13-15 August 1695, anonymous





Thank you