

## Fastned opens first shop at fast charging station in Belgium

**Located between Antwerp and Breda, the new site boasts the company's sustainable vision reflected in the design of the shop and its offer.**



Fastned has officially opened its very first shop and restaurant at its fast charging station on the E19 between Antwerp and Breda, near Brecht.

The company's first shop stems from its mission to accelerate the transition to electric driving. This not only involves being able to charge the car as pleasantly and quickly as possible, but also about being able to relax and get healthier products along the motorway.

Its sustainable vision is also reflected in the design of the shop through, for example, the use of sustainable building materials such as wood. The building is also very energy-efficient and partly generates its own energy with a heat pump and solar panels on the green roof.

"When developing this shop, we put the traveler's needs first. The shop is an oasis of light and calm,

designed to offer visitors a moment of relaxation on comfortable lounge sofas in our 'Greenhouse'. Here they can enjoy fresh Bocca coffee, use the washroom facilities or order a fresh meal in the restaurant while their vehicle is being charged,” explains Luuk Valk, Retail Development Manager at Fastned.

The opening of the shop in Brecht not only marks a milestone for the company, but also serves as a valuable pilot location.

This first Fastned shop and restaurant is an important step for the company towards the 'motorway service areas of the future' which involves motorway car parks with all facilities for electric drivers, with no supply of fossil fuels.