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CARAT+ TO IMPRESS WITH NEW COLOURED GEMSTONES SECTOR AT 2018 EDITION

Feedback from visitors in 2017 has encouraged the specialist loose diamond and diamond jewellery event to unveil a curated Coloured Gemstones Sector in 2018

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CARAT+, The World's Premier Diamond Event, will welcome leading coloured gemstone specialists for a debut **Coloured Gemstones Sector** at its second edition in May 2018.

This carefully curated new show feature will host world-renowned exhibitors, offering a vast array of loose coloured gemstones, gemstone sets, fantasy cuts, carvings and show-stopping stones for astute buyers, retailers and designer jewellers.

With exhibitor numbers tightly controlled to ensure impeccable quality, the Coloured Gemstones Sector will add an extra dimension to CARAT+ while maintaining its reputation as the only specialist diamond event in the iconic city of Antwerp.

Exhibitors already confirmed for the new CARAT+ Coloured Gemstones Sector include Germany-based and leading international gemstone expert, Paul Wild, and Antwerp-based gemstone dealer, Shapiro Gems.

On exhibiting at CARAT+ 2018, Paul Wild CEO Markus Wild, comments: "The gemstone and diamond markets are closely connected through jewellery. Because of the high-quality level of diamond exhibitors at CARAT+, we can see a natural synergy for our customers and other gemstone exhibitors by participating in CARAT+ in Antwerp."

Having exhibited at the very first CARAT+ in 2017, Oded Shapiro, CEO and Founder of Shapiro Gems, is confident of another successful year. He comments: "Our CARAT+ 2017 experience was very positive, and we believe that Antwerp needs a show like this. We were very pleased with the way the show was organised, the design and the space."

Event founder and director, Filip Van Laere, adds: "We are delighted to introduce the Coloured Gemstones Sector to the second edition of CARAT+. Feedback from visitors in 2017 revealed that a selection of leading coloured gemstone specialists would support buyers and retailers looking to fulfil specific customer requests, bespoke designs or new collection requirements.

"Now, more than ever, CARAT+ is the only trade-only buying platform to bring the best in diamonds, diamond jewellery and coloured gems to the iconic city of Antwerp."



CARAT+ has ambitions to become *the* reference in diamonds; offering an annual meeting place for buying, networking and debating the future of the diamond industry. Launched in 2017, the event attracted more than 3,000 visitors and 130 exhibitors in its first year alone. Partners and sponsors joining CARAT+ in 2018 include; Brussels Airlines; security expert Brinks; insurance broker Driesassur; ABN AMRO bank; industry specialist Rapaport; and motor company, Bentley.

CARAT+ takes place on 6, 7 & 8 May 2018 at Antwerp Expo in Antwerp, Belgium. For more information please visit caratplusantwerp.com.

To secure your entrance pass to the event, please [REGISTER TODAY](#) via the website or email info@caratplussantwerp.com.

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About CARAT+

Covering the full spectrum of the diamond and diamond jewellery trades, CARAT+ features four sectors: loose diamonds, branded diamond jewellery, non-branded diamond jewellery and services for the diamond and diamond jewellery industry.

Taking place in Hall 1 and Hall 4 of the Antwerp Expo, entry to the show is restricted exclusively to industry professionals, including diamond and jewellery wholesalers and manufacturers from around the world, and jewellery retailers from across Europe and the wider world.

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