



# AntwerPPen & More

## Another Conid day experience



Antwerp's sincerity, daring character and confidence have allowed the city to develop an iconic style and identity. From the legendary Antwerp Seven to the MAS-museum; Antwerp is definitely not 'your average city'. With Antwerp as our home base, Conid is very proud to be located in one of Belgium's most renowned cities, but what exactly makes Conid match perfectly with this peculiar Antwerpian spirit?

Antwerp is a city that seeks constant innovation without ever losing its distinctive personality. Resembling its characteristic diamond, Antwerp is a multi-faceted city, reflecting its many vibrant shades as perceived through various angles.

and timeless desire to explore beyond borders are key to Antwerp's worldly allures. From housing the most prestigious diamond suppliers to hosting the world's biggest dance festival: Antwerp truly has the courage to make a statement on a global level.

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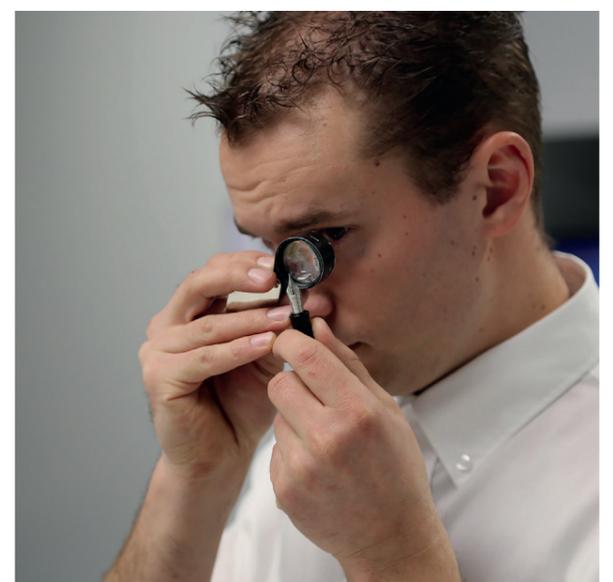
Alongside the river Scheldt, the port of Antwerp successfully exchanges ideas, products and cutting-edge technology. This dynamic atmosphere allows new influences to flow into the city, as well as assuring a solid reputation for Antwerp and Belgium on a global level. Antwerp also has always been the home of people and companies who try to break the mould and dare to go off the beaten path. Its multiculturalism

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With great respect to its rich cultural heritage, Antwerp finds harmony between tradition and modernisation. In this regard, Conid supports this essential balance. We aim to let Antwerp's pioneering role in the history of manuscript go hand in hand with contemporary technology, in order to empower and reinforce Antwerp's passion for handwriting. Through creating our fountain pens, we hope to pay great tribute to our city, spreading sparks of our passion among our future Conid writers.

## Engraving

Every Conid client benefits from a personal service. When ordering from the webshop you can specify the desired nib grinding and personalised engraving on the clip of your new Bulkfiller. We believe our Bulkfillers could also be a timeless and elegant gift for any special occasion, or simply for those who deserve it. Another service we offer is to engrave a unique little message on the clip, in order to lift your gift to an even more personal level. This could be your name or initials, a special date or even your company logo. Please contact our team to discuss your personal preferences. We will take care of your finishing touch by putting our laser engraving machinery to work.



*“Engineered for people who love writing”*



# “All over the world, people are writing with our fountain pens”

In May, our unique Conid story got picked up by the Belgian press. Eventually, a page-long article appeared in the newspaper, portraying how a growing company like Conid has built up an international reputation in the fountain pen world.

“We only purchase our pen nibs, but even those get their finishing touch at Conid”, says Johan Robbroeckx, our nibmeister. Every pen is made to match our client’s personal preferences. “I finetune every pen nib until it has the desired shape. The buyer then gets a personal certificate for his pen and nib when it arrives at home.”

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Conid was founded ten years ago with the aim to design our own products of Antwerp origin. “We want to improve techniques that already exist for a while, and we already did many exciting experiments. One day, fountain pen collector Francis Goossens entered our company with a fountain pen from the early 1930’s. He wanted to fix the filling mechanism and asked if he could use the machines from our company”, Werner explains. “He complained about the small filling capacity of the older fountain pens in his collection. Together we brainstormed about a better system. Francis came up with a filling mechanism inspired by a

medical syringe. Through dipping the nib in an ink well, and pulling the handle of the built-in syringe, the pen can fill up with ink.

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That is how our very first fountain pen was born”, says Werner, who claims to have always written with a pencil before the production of the first Conid Bulkfiller.

But who still uses a fountain pen today? After several pen shows, our Bulkfiller got picked up by Stephen Brown, a pen guru providing reviews on his renowned YouTube channel. Today, collectors from all over the world have found their way to Conid. “Half of our pen production goes to the United States, where fountain pens are still widely used. It’s a popular gift for a graduating son or daughter, for example”.

“After all, the Bulkfiller is designed to be durable and last a lifetime. Why not starting young?”



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*Please let us know at least a week beforehand when to expect you.*