



## **‘Leaving a lasting legacy’**

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Mixing nuances, diversity, light and shadow, perpetuation and youth, strength and fragility are the symbols used in this picture to reveal the qualities needed to deliver a lasting legacy.

### **Inner Wheel Attent, Sûre et Semois, District 163, Belgium**

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What could be more beautiful and inspiring than sharing space and time with the next generations? There is no society able to survive without the transmission of values across generations. Understanding our history and our origin, is giving the opportunity to transmit a sustainable legacy to the next generation. This legacy is both a gift and a debt. Indeed, if we consider part of it, the environment, seen as a cultural patrimony, deserves to be preserved at the same level as cultural masterpiece or exceptional architecture, and survival of species, including mankind, will depend indeed on our actions today, for our child, grandchild and all the coming generations. And nothing in this world should be taken for granted. As stated by Prof. Einstein: ‘My dear children: I rejoice to see you before me today, happy youth of a sunny and fortunate land. Bear in mind that the wonderful things you learn in your schools are the work of many generations, produced by enthusiastic effort and infinite labor in every country of the world. All this is put into your hands as your inheritance in order that you may receive it, honor it, add to it, and one day faithfully hand it on to your children. Thus do we mortals achieve immortality in the permanent things which we create in common. ‘