Spotlight on Strasbourg

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Strasbourg in France has several new developments to entice event planners. C&IT checks out what's new in the last year and beyond.

Additional access: Easyjet launched a service in March last year from London Gatwick to Strasbourg, with four departures a week, adding to the existing flights by Ryanair to and from London Stansted.

Improved meeting venue: By the end of 2016, the Strasbourg Convention Centre will offer three new auditoriums, offering 520, 1,200 and 1,800 seats respectively, alongside 25 fully equipped rooms with natural light, with capacity for 20 to 500 seated. There is also a 2,000 msq adaptable catering space and a 10,000 msq adaptable space for exhibitions, catering and conferences.

New conference centre: The Aar Conference Centre opened in November, offering two plenary rooms and four reception areas, including the Salons de l'Aar , a 300 msq reception area with a 200 msq flowered terrace.

Incentive inspiration: The four-star Hotel Regent Petite France & Spa opened a 200 msq spa in December last year, offering a sauna and steam room. A terrace complete with Jacuzzi gives visitors a breathtaking view over the half-timbered houses bordering the river.

Events on water: Launched this year, Batorama is a brand new dock built next to the Parliament's building, catering for groups from 20 to 50.

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