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Work to be
proud of

Combiwerk, Den Hoorn





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Combiwerk is a community workplace for people that can’t find a regular job on their own. Most people that work here are physically, mentally or socially challenged. At Combiwerk they develop their talents and work without the commercial pressure. This often gives people back their pride. We wanted to give them a work place to be just as proud of.

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To make sure the interior would really work for the people that work at Combiwerk, we interviewed them before we started designing. This gave us the insight that a lot of them are very attached to their surroundings and routines and not very fond of change. That’s why we restored and reused a lot of furniture and over 250 wooden chairs. We let everyone pick his/her favourite old chair. This not only helped a softer landing in the new interior but also fit the limited budget.

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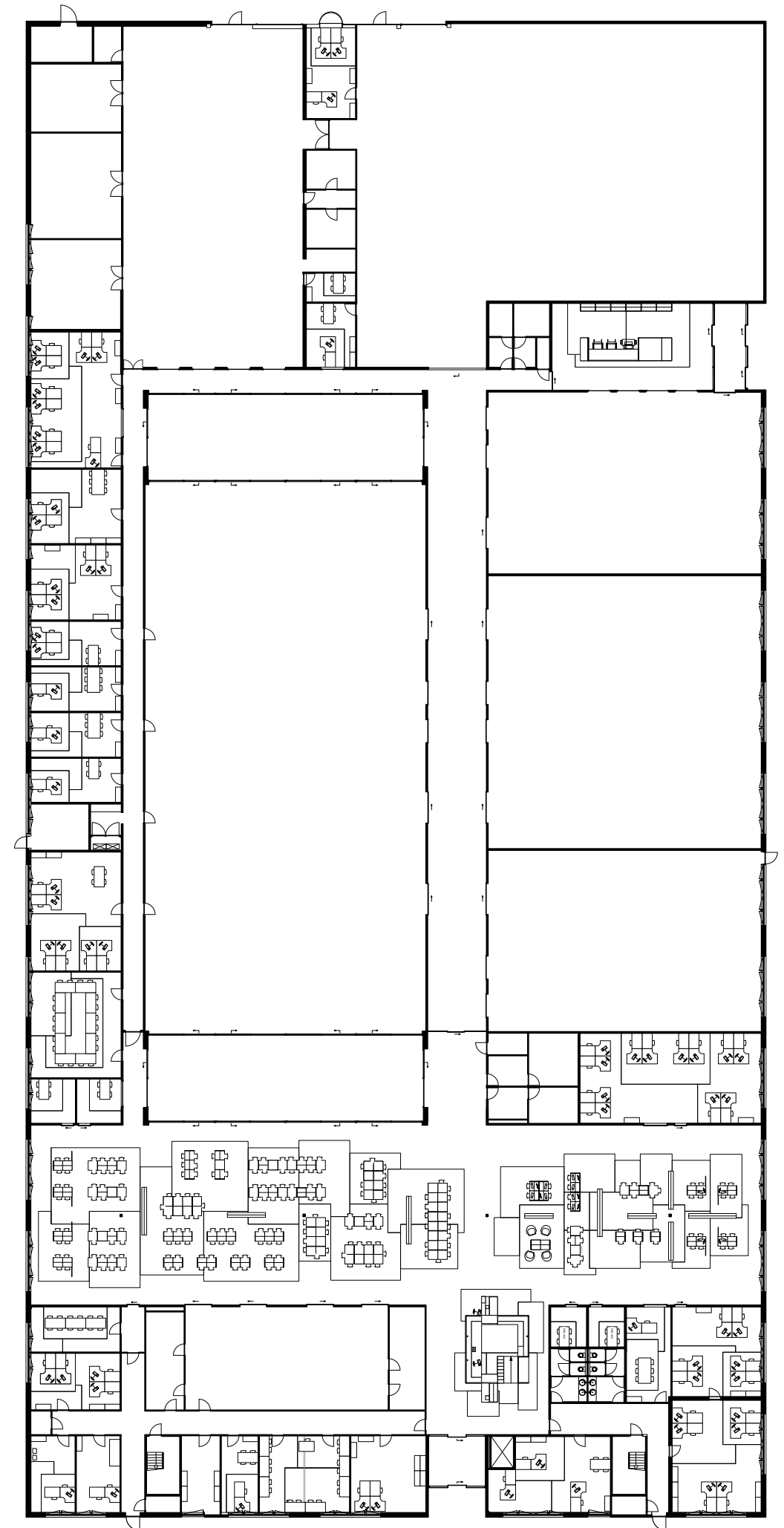
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