



UCB Advances Long-Term Innovation Strategy with New Research & Development Facility at Braine-l'Alleud Campus

Brussels (Belgium), February 10, 2025 – 7:00 CET – UCB (Euronext: UCB) is proud to announce the start of the construction of its state-of-the-art research & development facility at its Braine-l'Alleud Campus, a pivotal component of the company's long-term innovation strategy. Designed to enhance the Campus's role as a global hub for innovative research, development, manufacturing and supply, the facility, known as the Arkelia project, aims to strengthen UCB's position as a leader in delivering breakthrough solutions for patients worldwide. This project represents an investment of over 100 million euros.

Strategically located within the UCB Campus, the new facility will connect physically with UCB's Braine gene therapy pharmaceutical development center currently under final stage of construction and with the key neurology research infrastructure. This integration represents a major step toward creating a seamless environment where research, development and high-tech manufacturing coexist, accelerating progress and fostering collaboration across critical phases of innovation.

A Hub for Innovation and Collaboration

The facility will focus on advancing UCB's research in neurodegeneration, neuroinflammation, epilepsy, and some key early development activities. Approximately 170 colleagues will work in this collaborative space, which is designed to promote cross-disciplinary teamwork. With cutting-edge automated systems and advanced scientific tools, this investment will enhance UCB's R&D capabilities, driving efficiency and innovation.

Luc Uylenbroeck, Head of External Innovation and Operations at UCB, remarked: "The new facility is more than just a building; it's a collaborative ecosystem where our scientists can thrive. This project underscores our dedication to nurturing innovation and delivering transformative solutions for patients around the world."

A Vision for Sustainable Growth

"This investment is a cornerstone in our vision for the Braine-l'Alleud Campus," said Myriam Juckler, Braine-l'Alleud Campus Head. "It strengthens collaboration between our research, development, manufacturing and supply activities, ensuring alignment across critical phases to accelerate progress while maintaining flexibility and reducing environmental impact. This facility aligns with our Campus growth strategy, positioning us for sustained success and continued impact for patients."

The facility is set to be fully operational by mid-2028.





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