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ingenhoven architects awarded first prize for the University Hospital of Munster Masterplan

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At the beginning of the year, the University Hospital of Munster (UKM), together with the City of Munster Department of Urban Development, City Planning and the Department of Traffic Planning launched an urban development competition with 12 participating architects. The aim of the competition "Future Medicine Munster 2020 – the new UKM" was to develop an urban concept as well as a transport and development concept for the Central Clinic area. The first prize awarded to ingenhoven architects, was a decision made by representatives of the UKM, the city of Munster and city planners and experts.
The masterplan provides for a spatial, functional and structural reorganization of the entire hospital area and focusses on the spatial consolidation and linking of the health care, research and teaching areas. The various departments of over 70 clinics and institutes are to be grouped depending on usage to form centralized zones.
The design by ingenhoven architects is characterized by a clear division of the building mass into a logical arrangement of individual buildings. The scheme is successful in its inherent flexibility and simplicity. In order to optimize the location, a generous main road running east-west is integrated into the campus. With its carefully considered location, it connects all important institutions and through its use of materiality achieves to enable clear, readable circulation. The scheme will continue to meet future emerging needs through the provision of development areas which are located to the east and west of the North Central Clinic.
The area for planned developed covers a total area of approximately 20 hectares. The concept, which was developed within the framework of the competition, is to serve as the basis

for a subsequent development plan.