



Grifols buildings win out on the Irish architectural design heat

GRIFOLS facility in Grange Castle Business Park, Clondalkin has won the Irish heat of the 'Be Inspired' design competition voted for by attendees at this year's Royal Institute of the Architects of Ireland (RIAI) Architecture Expo show in Dublin. It now goes forward to represent Ireland for the global prize.

The centre, which was officially opened last year, employs 140 people and represented a \$100 Million investment by the global healthcare company, the first such investment by a Spanish company in Ireland.

The 22,000 sq m facility on an 11-hectare site was developed by PM Group and designed to facilitate the global distribution of plasma-derived products supporting Grifols' global operations in

over 67 countries by maximizing the flexibility and security of supplies.

The building was described as "an excellent example of well-designed and well-executed industrial architecture" and complimented for "the selection of materials" and "the handling of the office façades".

Curated by Kingspan Insulated Panels, 'Be Inspired' is an international competition with finalists chosen in heats hosted around the world and an overall winner announced at the end of 2017.

General Manager of Grifols Ireland, Albert Grifols Coma-Cros, commented; "We are delighted to be recognised by this award. Good design is vital in our place of work, not just to inspire those who work

in the building every day, but also in order to integrate the building into its attractive business park surroundings."

Grifols opened its new facility in Ireland in 2015 as part of a global expansion plan, choosing Grange Castle Business Park for its first-class infrastructure, and as a strategic gate to the European market. Grange Castle Business Park is now the home to some of the world's largest companies, including Microsoft, Google, Arysza, Takeda, Interxion, Edge ConneX and Pfizer.

Currently, two of the top three IT companies, four of the world's top R&D investors and two of the top 20 pharmaceutical companies in the world have operations in the business park where almost 3,000 people are currently employed.

