

## Solvay unveils the transformation project of its Brussels headquarters and ambition for its Campus

**Brussels, June 11, 2018** --- Solvay today unveils the project of its future headquarters, reflecting its transformation into a global leader in advanced materials and specialty chemicals.

Solvay has selected the project proposed by the consortium consisting of Danish firm **Schmidt Hammer Lassen Architects** and Belgian firms **MODULO Architects** and **VK Engineering**. Their design will unite Solvay employees in one building with dynamic spaces for open collaboration and co-creation and will embody Solvay's pioneering spirit of scientific innovation and sustainability ambitions.

*"Over the past six years, Solvay went through one of the most profound business transformations in its 155-year history. This project embodies the start of a new era for the Group's long-term growth, fostering closer connections and creativity between colleagues, customers and the business,"* said Jean-Pierre Clamadieu, CEO of Solvay.

Works on the new building on the Solvay Campus in Neder-Over-Heembeek, north of Brussels, are expected to begin mid-2019 and to end by 2021.

Solvay's corporate, business and research teams and its new Materials Science Application Center will be grouped in a carbon neutral building, highlighting the Group's sustainable commitments. State of the art digital capabilities will support the building's energy efficiency as well as enhance the well-being and productivity of employees.

Solvay moreover has the ambition to turn its 22-hectare site into an open innovation campus, by attracting startups and other companies and by strengthening its ties with the science community at universities and research institutions.

This project will contribute to the urban and economic development of the Brussels' canal area and improve the site's connectivity with the city.

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