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Location

Sittard-Geleen, NL

Client

Chemelot Campus

Initiated

2013

Size

14.700 sqm

Project Team

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Chemelot Campus is a redevelopment project that turned the previous DSM chemical plant into a new campus for chemical research, education and business. A design competition was launched for a new central building to bring together three different departments (Center Court, Academy and DSM Innovation Centre). The strength of this project is that it brings together three users and opens up new innovative collaboration opportunities. The building itself has no clear front or back, but a sort of universal receptiveness, as well as a square to accommodate a constant whirl of visitors. It is a solid structure with a patio and delineated corner entrances to be open to the pedestrian flow. The plan breaks free from the surrounding grid by being rotated 30 degrees, amplifying its public character. The programme includes offices, public spaces, restaurants, meeting rooms and laboratories, with use gradually changing from public to private over three floors.

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