

IFMA Facility Awards 2017 - “Project of the Year”:

UZ Brussels wins Public Audience Award, thanks to an SDM engineered project

The annual IFMA Facility Award goes to the Project of the Year team that contributes to a company’s success, in recognition of projects relating to building services, working environment and facility services.



One case in point is the full operational continuity of an entire hospital and its campus for several days, in case of a grid breakdown: ever since 2016, the Brussels Health Campus is fully prepared for such an eventuality. UZ Brussels, in partnership with VUB Health & Pharmacy Faculty, is the first hospital in Belgium to guarantee this degree of operability – and ultimately patient safety – should the public grid break down or be interrupted for any reason whatsoever. For this reason, hospital and campus have been nominated for the 2017 Facility Awards.

In order to achieve this ambitious and landmark objective, UZ Brussels selected SDM as their privileged partner. “The entire smart grid intelligence was designed by SDM’s engineers: for over 2 years 4 FTEs have elaborated technical automation concepts, written software and subsequently emulation-tested during 6 months, prior to implementing everything live whilst the hospital remained fully operational throughout” explains Bavo De Man (SDM CEO). In view for the project’s complexity, the extended automation and the provision of back-up systems, SDM were fully entrusted with the maintenance contract.

The winner of the 2017 IFMA Facility Awards were made public on May 11th. UZ Brussels and thus SDM were selected amongst more than 3000 companies by voting, and awarded this prestigious award.



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