

ARCHITECTURAL AND URBAN DESIGN COMPETITION

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The University Hospital Hradec Králové will soon launch an international architectural and urban design competition. Its aim is to find a design team that will create, in cooperation with the investor, an original and functional architectural solution for the hospital's new surgical centre. The launch is planned for the first half of April this year.

The competition will request local and foreign architects to search for the form of a hospital suitable for the 21st century, and to build on the existing high-quality architectural and construction activity of the University Hospital Hradec Králové. The subject of the competition will consist of the design of a new building in relation to the Academician Bedrna's Pavilion, and of the subsequent reconstruction of this pavilion. The new surgical centre will include ambulatory facilities, operating rooms, an intensive care department, wards, a central sterilization department, and imaging methods department. This challenge will be even greater, for during the construction and renovation the hospital must remain fully operational.

Professor Vladimír Palička, the director of the University Hospital Hradec Králové, explains the decision to organize an architectural competition: *"Modernization of the surgical centre is a unique project for our hospital and for a significant part of the city of Hradec Králové. From the competition we would like to get the best solutions by skilled authors; after all, the result will remain here for decades to come. We were inspired by the architectural competition Albertov Campus, which brought very interesting ideas and quality results. We believe that we will be similarly successful in Hradec."*

The competition is organized by the Prague-based MOBA studio, which has been behind large competitions such as the already mentioned Albertov Campus for the Charles University and Modernization of the County Hospital Liberec. *"For us as architects it is very important that the architectural competition has become a guarantee of quality solutions, and that this path is taken more often in cases of public contracts for design work. The positive spirit and professionalism with which the team of the University Hospital Hradec Králové approaches this task is a guarantee that we can rise to another case that will point out the positive aspects of open international competitions,"* says Igor Kovačević from MOBA studio.

When putting together the jury, the management of the hospital focused on its independent architectural part being composed both of the academic sphere, in the personality of Professor Zdeněk Zavřel, as well as of those with a rich experience with designing the medical buildings – Mario Corea from the Spanish studio Mario Corea Arquitectura, Sergio Bruns from the Swiss office Aeschlimann Hasler Partner Architekten and Richard Klinger from Austria, a co-founder

of the Architects Collective studio. Other architects–jurors will be Martin Tycar from Prague-based studio Znamení čtyř and Kristina Richter Adamson from London office Steffian Bradley Architects. The investor will be represented in the jury by Professor Vladimír Palička, the director of the University Hospital Hradec Králové; Professor Jan Vojáček from the Cardiac Surgery Clinic, who contributed significantly to the composition of building programme; Veronika Bartošová, operational and technical deputy director; Karel Antoš, strategic management and development deputy; and Michal Hudík, medical deputy.

The competition will be open, anonymous and international - all documents will be issued in English and Czech and the competition designs can be submitted in both languages. There will be two stages of the competition. The first stage is expected to be closed by mid-July this year. The jury will then select 6 to 8 of the best and most promising designs to be developed in the second stage. Their authors will have until 20. 10. 2017 to complete them.

Three best designs coming from the second stage will be awarded. Their authors will be invited to negotiations on signing a contract for further design works in order of their placement.

All information will be published on the competition website: www.nextlevelFNHK.cz

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