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Portuguese construction company responsible for the design and build project, which will contribute to bringing together the entire biotech operation

# Garcia Garcia builds new research centre for FairJourney Biologics in Porto

- *The construction company has looked after the complete process for the new building, signing off on the architectural and engineering projects, as well as their execution*
- *Located in front of Avenida AEP, one of the main entry arteries to the city, this is going to be a world-class research centre in the field of biotechnology*
- *Project distinguished by its differentiated architecture and image*

Guimarães, 5<sup>th</sup> April 2021 – FairJourney Biologics, a biotechnology company and one of the world leaders in the discovery, engineering and production of antibodies, entrusted Garcia Garcia, specialised in the design and build of industrial, logistics and services buildings, with the **complete process for its new research centre, in Porto**. The construction company is responsible for the **architectural and engineering designs**, as well as for the **execution of the construction work**, the investment in which will enable FairJourney to continue on the path of scientific progress that has marked its history.

**Scheduled for completion in May**, the project has been undertaking the construction of a world-class research centre in Sciences and Biology. Founded in 2012, FairJourney operates on a global scale and provides services to a vast number of pharmaceutical companies, particularly in the discovery and development of antibodies to treat diseases. The lines of research developed by this biotechnology company include oncological, cardiovascular, autoimmune and certain rare diseases. It is made up of a large team of researchers and scientists, its main clients being some of the largest international pharmaceutical laboratories. It is currently the world leader in antibody-based drug research.

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## **Bold architecture and efficiency**

The new building is located in front of Avenida AEP, one of the main entry arteries to the city of Porto. One of the differentiating aspects of this project is its bold architectural component, which will mark the surrounding landscape and contribute towards renewing the urban line of the entrance to Greater Porto area. This striking architecture was inspired by the identity of Fairjourney Biologics.

Taking the activity of the company as a reference, the architectural project developed the complete façade of the building by taking inspiration from the IgG1 antibody, one of the research work areas of the Porto biotechnological company. Thus, an irreverent façade was designed, marked by the imposing three-dimensional white concrete prefabricated panels, highlighted by various points of light. This project allowed Garcia Garcia to develop and create architectural details related to its client's core business, which are reflected in an aesthetically unique final result.

The new research centre will consist of various functional areas, of note being the 140 laboratories, the foyer, meeting rooms and social areas. Also in evidence are the various outdoor patios scattered around the building, which are even prominent on the façade of the building, providing the opportunity for small garden spaces to be discovered. One of the ex-libris of the building is the interior patio on the ground floor, which can be seen from various angles from the centre. With a total of seven floors, the building will have three below ground level and four above.

This new centre will provide FairJourney's employees with all the conditions necessary for carrying out their professional activity in this new centre, with fully equipped laboratories, as well as green spaces and leisure areas to promote their well-being.

It should also be noted that the building will be equipped with an energy efficiency system, through photovoltaic energy production, which will enable the use of solar energy to reduce its environmental impact. Permeable outdoor paving solutions were also utilised, with a large part of the area being covered with grass. Another principle adopted was to keep the trees already present at the site, and conservation and protection measures were employed during the execution of the work.

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## **Project Technical Data Sheet**

Location: Porto

Architecture, Engineering and Construction: Garcia Garcia

Total Floor Area: 8100 m<sup>2</sup>

Date of Conclusion: May 2021

### **About Garcia, Garcia**

Specialising in the Design & Build of residential, commercial, industrial and logistical buildings, Garcia Garcia is a Portuguese construction company that started its business at the end of the 19th century, engaged in the construction of chimneys for textile industry factories, which today are part of the historic heritage. Based in Guimarães, the company is currently run by a fourth generation, and in 2016 was considered the best construction company of the year by the Prémios Construir awards. Thanks to the know-how it has accumulated in the industrial sector, it has been the partner of multinationals that have decided to establish or strengthen their activity in Portugal, such as Leica, Borgwarner, WEG, Elis, GMD, Bosch, etc. In some of these projects, Garcia Garcia provides a service that ranges from the selection of the location to execution, including architectural and engineering projects. With a diversified portfolio, the construction company also has two industrial parks in Mide (Guimarães) and Ermida (Santo Tirso), the latter having recently been extended.

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