



International Europe

Client
ALZA Corporation

Location
Cashel, Ireland

ALZA Corporate Headquarters & Manufacturing Facility

Project Description

ALZA Corporation, a subsidiary of Johnson & Johnson, is a pharmaceutical company and leader in drug delivery technologies. ALZA's first facility in Ireland serves as a corporate headquarters and manufacturing site of transdermal products. The campus site is a gateway into the community of Cashel from the south. The new facility is afforded spectacular views of the town, an ancient ring fort and the Rock of Cashel, a limestone outcrop with ruins dating back to the 3rd century.

ALZA requested subtle historic references in the building's architecture while presenting the image of a modern, contemporary, pharmaceutical industry leader. The ring fort's shape influenced the curved administration block's front façade and roof, softening the front of the building, contrasting with the manufacturing block behind. The curved façade links the new facilities to an existing building that houses labs and utilities. Generous windows in the administration block provides substantial natural light to offices and meeting rooms and affords views of the ring fort and the Rock of Cashel.

The all-glass main entrance lobby welcomes both visitors and staff and frames views of the Irish landscape. Regional plantings are employed to enhance and screen the facility preserving the predominant rural character of the area.

Building Statistics:

- 81,000 SF New Construction
- 23,000 SF Retrofit
- Guaranteed Maximum Price Design
- Steel Frame, Window Wall and Metal Skin
- 11 Months for Construction

Program Elements:

- Ireland Headquarters
- Transdermal Production Facility
- Quality Control Laboratory
- Canteen
- Warehouse
- Central Utility Plant