

## Servier Paris-Saclay Research Institute: laying the first stone for the new Servier Research Centre in Saclay

**Paris (France) 19 June 2019: Servier, an independent international pharmaceutical company, has laid the first stone for its future Research Institute at the Paris-Saclay cluster (Paris, France). Known as the Servier Paris-Saclay Research Institute, the new Institute will house all of the Group's research activities in France by 2022.**

The ceremony, chaired by Olivier Laureau, President of Servier, took place in the presence of Abdel-Kader Guerza, Sub-Prefect for Palaiseau, Cédric Villani, Deputy of Essonne, Jean-François Vigier, Mayor of Bures-sur-Yvette, Île-de-France Regional Councillor, and representing Valérie Pécresse, President of the Île-de-France Region, Michel Bournat, Mayor of Gif-sur-Yvette and President of the Paris-Saclay Combined District Council, Philippe Van de Maele, Managing Director of Paris-Saclay Public Development (EPAPS), and Jean-Michel Wilmotte, Architect for the project.

*"It is with great joy and great pride that I can today lay the first stone of the future Servier Paris-Saclay Research Institute, within this formidable eco-system of innovation. Our Group reaffirms its commitment to the discovery of new therapeutic solutions for patients,"* announced Olivier Laureau. *'By combining the research activities of our four French sites into a single, unique and innovative centre in Paris-Saclay, the Servier Group is supporting France and committing to a forward-looking project that will add a long-term dynamic to its research, whilst attracting researchers from around the world'.*

### Paris-Saclay, one of the world's top 8 innovation clusters

This benchmark project supported by the Paris-Saclay cluster resonates perfectly with the Servier Group's policy of open innovation via a strategy of dynamic partnerships. At this new Research Institute, the Servier Group will work side by side with scientific organizations paving the way in innovation. Paris-Saclay is one of the world's top 8 innovation clusters and is home to 40% of all industrial R&D in the Paris region.

The research environment cultivated within Paris-Saclay creates a significant advantage when developing new therapeutic solutions. Furthermore, the Servier Group will be able to call upon the expertise of CentraleSupélec, the French Alternative Energies and Atomic Energy Commission (CEA), the French National Centre for Scientific Research, Paris-Sud University, the Ecole Normale Supérieure and the Ecole Polytechnique, some of which have already been working with the Group for several years.

*'The laying of first stone of the new Servier Research Institute has embodied the collaboration between the Paris-Saclay Public Development and the Servier Group. We are delighted to welcome the Servier Group to our cluster, whose presence will strengthen the potential for innovation and excellence of the Paris-Saclay site. The synergies that will be created between the major players, thanks to the Servier Group's presence, will make France an even more attractive prospect in terms of scientific and medical innovation',* explained Philippe Van de Maele.

**Accelerating research for the benefit of the patient**

### A Group driven by innovation:

- 25% of brand-name drugs revenue invested in R&D each year
- 2,900 R&D employees around the world
- 600 researchers in France
- 33 research projects (January 31, 2019)
- 33 drug candidates, including 23 new molecular entities
- + 50 partnerships worldwide
- Research focused on 5 therapeutic areas: cardiovascular diseases, immune-mediated inflammatory diseases, neurodegenerative diseases, cancers and diabetes



The Servier Group now has nearly 2,900 employees working in research and development around the globe. The future Servier Paris-Saclay Research Institute will, in a single site, house 600 researchers who are currently spread across four locations in France (Croissy-sur-Seine, Suresnes, Orléans and Gidy). By gathering its French research activities within a single research centre, Servier's teams will be able to accelerate the decision-making process, explore new ways of working, share knowledge more efficiently, disseminate best practices and encourage partnerships.

This research dynamic will be boosted even further by the creation of a one of a kind incubator in France, at the Institute. It will be home to the most innovative start-ups in the medical sector, which will be able not only to develop their projects independently, but also to share their expertise with Servier teams to make the collaboration even more dynamic. Covering 1,850 sqm, this innovation hub will offer 80 workstations for start-ups, including fully-equipped laboratories, collaborative areas and office spaces.

The new facility will also speed up research efforts, especially in oncology which is one of Servier's strategic priorities and a key branch of its therapeutic research. Currently, 700 employees in 50 countries are working to develop innovative oncology therapeutic solutions. Over the next 2 years, oncology will account for half of the Group's R&D budget. Five cancer treatments are available, so far, and the Servier group is working to develop 12 drugs candidates. Servier has signed 21 partnership agreements with academic institutions, as well as industrial partners and biotech companies in this field.

*"This new Research Institute is a formidable tool that will make the Servier Group even more effective at addressing the unmet needs of the patients. By uniting our experts at what will become the Group's largest research centre, we ensure an even faster exploration of new therapeutic pathways, whilst benefiting from the cutting-edge knowledge and experience offered by one of the most dynamic research environments available, where creativity, innovation and entrepreneurship spirit are both encouraged and valued,"* explains Claude Bertrand, Executive Vice President R&D at Servier.



## A responsible Research Institute

### Servier Paris-Saclay Research Institute key figures:

- €290 million investment
- 45,000 sqm
- Work to be completed in 2022
- 5 000 m<sup>2</sup> of gardens and nearly 9,000 m<sup>2</sup> of green roofs
- Capacity for up to 800 employees
- 70 research sectors working within the Institute

Designed by *Wilmotte et Associés*, the new Research Institute will be built to the highest environmental standards to promote the health and well-being of occupants and protect biodiversity. It aims to achieve both HQE (High Environmental Quality) and WELL certification, as well as the BiodiverCity® label. Construction of the future Servier Research Institute, covering approximately 45,000 sqm, is scheduled for completion in 2022.

*‘This harmonious and highly ambitious project is designed around green spaces and a central harnessing element, a symbol of the unity and dynamic nature of the Servier group. This crystalline circular structure interacts with slender sculpted spaces to promote conversation, create synergies and drive real innovation’*, says Jean Michel Wilmotte.

## Staying true to French roots

By housing its new Research Institute in Saclay, the Servier Group, currently the second largest French pharmaceutical company employing 5,000 people in France, has reiterated its desire to bolster the worldwide influence of French research. The added value that this investment will create for the country reflects the Group’s conscious decision to remain strongly rooted in France, where it also has two production plants and its original head office.

Find all the information on [www.servier.com](http://www.servier.com)

### About Servier:

Servier is an international pharmaceutical laboratory run by a Foundation, with its head office in Suresnes in France. With a solid international footing in 149 countries and revenues of €4.2 billion in 2018, Servier employs 22 000 people around the globe. Wholly independent, the Group reinvests 25% of its income (excluding generics) into Research and Development and ploughs all its profit into its growth. The Group attributes its growth to an incessant quest for innovation in five fields of excellence: cardiovascular diseases, immune-mediated inflammatory diseases, neurodegenerative diseases, cancers and diabetes, as well as its development of high-quality generics. Servier also offers e-health solutions in addition to its medicinal products.

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The Etablissement public d'aménagement Paris-Saclay promotes and coordinates the development of the scientific and technological centre of the Saclay plateau, as well as its international economic influence. It is a developer of cooperative development zones operating within the scope of the National Interest Operation.

Paris-Saclay is a major territory for development and innovation based on: an academic centre structured around the University of Paris-Saclay and the "Institut Polytechnique de Paris" representing an exceptional scientific concentration in terms of its scale, disciplinary diversity and level of excellence; an innovative dynamic at work in several strategic sectors to promote growth and job creation; existing urban centres and a protected natural agricultural area accompanied by innovative services and new technologies; line 18 of the Greater Paris automatic metro which will link Orly to Saclay in 2027 and then to Versailles in 2030.

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Along with its design studio Wilmotte & Industries, it currently employs 270 people of 25 nationalities in France, the UK, Italy and South Korea, working on over 100 projects in 28 countries with a strong focus on the luxury, hospitality, cultural and service industries.

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