Versius Surgical Robotic System wins prestigious iF DESIGN AWARD

- Versius, the next-generation surgical robot from CMR Surgical, has picked up one of the world’s leading design prizes
- iF DESIGN AWARD is renowned as an arbiter of exceptional design, having celebrated world class innovation for 67 years

CAMBRIDGE, UK – 27 April 2021 00:01 (GMT). CMR Surgical (CMR), the global company that has developed the next-generation surgical robot Versius®, today announced it has won a leading design award. Versius was successful in the iF DESIGN AWARD Medicine / Health product category, impressing a 98-strong jury.

Versius captivated the panel of independent experts with its small and modular form that allows the surgical robotic system to be moved easily around the operating room, between suites or even hospital floors, maximising usage.

The experts also praised its ergonomic design that has the potential to reduce surgeon strain and facilitates open communication within the surgical team.

Almost 10,000 entries from 52 countries were submitted across several categories into this year’s awards, which is organised annually by the world’s oldest design organisation, iF International Forum Design GmbH. Now in its 67th year, the awards are recognised as a marker of world-class design.

Luke Hares, Chief Technology Officer of CMR Surgical, commented: “With Versius, we set out to create a sophisticated tool to help surgeons deliver the highest quality care to patients, that surgeons desired to use. Not only did the robot need to be functional and modular – to seamlessly work around the surgeon, team and operating room – it also needed to deliver ergonomic benefits for surgeons too, to help reduce the physical strain often associated with laparoscopic surgery.

With its fully articulated wrists, direct hand to instrument mapping, and integrated 3D HD visualisation, the design of Versius provides precision, control and dexterity as well as superb depth perception for surgeons.

We’re delighted these features have been recognised by the iF’s prestigious awards.”

This recognition for Versius comes at an exciting time for CMR as it continues to roll out Versius in new markets around the world.

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About iF DESIGN AWARD

The iF DESIGN AWARD has been a globally recognized trademark when it comes to excellent design since 1954. The iF Design brand is internationally established as a symbol of design excellence. The iF DESIGN AWARD is one of the most important design prizes in the world. It honors design achievements in all the following disciplines: Product, Packaging, Communication and Service Design, Architecture and Interior Architecture, as well as Professional Concept, User Experience (UX) and User Interface (UI). All the award-winning entries are presented in the iF WORLD DESIGN GUIDE and published in the new iF design app.

The Versius Surgical Robotic System

Versius® resets expectations of robotic surgery. Versius fits into virtually any operating room set-up and integrates seamlessly into existing workflows, increasing the likelihood of robotic minimal access surgery (MAS). The portable and modular design of Versius allows the surgeon to only use the number of arms needed for a given procedure.

Biomimicking the human arm, Versius gives surgeons the choice of optimised port placement alongside the dexterity and accuracy of small fully-wristed instruments. With 3D HD vision, easy-to adopt instrument control and a choice of ergonomic working positions, the open surgeon console has the potential to reduce stress and fatigue and allows for clear communication with the surgical team. By thinking laparoscopically and operating robotically with Versius, patients, surgeons and healthcare professionals can all benefit from the value that robotic MAS brings.

But it’s more than just a robot. Versius captures meaningful data with its wider digital ecosystem to support a surgeon’s continuous learning. Through the Versius Connect app, Versius Trainer and CMR clinical registry, Versius unleashes a wealth of insights to ultimately improve surgical care.

About CMR Surgical Limited

CMR Surgical (CMR) is a global medical devices company dedicated to transforming surgery with Versius®, a next-generation surgical robot.

Headquartered in Cambridge, United Kingdom, CMR is committed to working with surgeons, surgical teams and hospital partners, to provide an optimal tool to make robotic minimal access surgery universally accessible and affordable. With Versius, we are on a mission to redefine the surgical robotics market with practical, innovative technology and data that can improve surgical care.

Founded in 2014, CMR Surgical is a private limited company backed by an international shareholder base.