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Eaton Center

Out of the Land

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- The story of the creation of the new workspace for the company Eaton within the former farmland of northern Ohio

"The new campus was conceived to change how we work, interrelate, and spur collaboration and innovation. All are fundamentally important to Eaton's ability to attract the best talent, ensure we perform at the highest levels, and further heighten our historic capabilities to solve the world's most demanding power management problems. Our new campus is meeting all of these lofty objectives." – Alexander M. Cutler, Chief Executive Officer, Eaton.

Eaton Center is the expression of the values of a century-old company with deep roots in the American Midwest. Rising above the rolling terrain of northern Ohio that was once farmland, the building takes its place between woods and a reflecting pond, with a bearing that recalls a manse in the countryside. The experience of Eaton is planar: it extends space and views, both close and distant, through the landscape, connecting the building and its people to the place, and the values held in common. Eaton Center is the product of a dedicated client and design team and the values that brought them together to create a special place to work. Authored by architecture critic Dr Michael J. Crosbie, this highly visual book documents that collaboration between Eaton and the design team and the resulting dramatic transformation of the land into Eaton's new home on the North American plain.