

## Press Release

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### **Brenntag expands Life Sciences innovation capabilities with new Innovation & Application Center in Shanghai**

- **The new center expands the technical and application expertise for Beauty & Care and Food & Nutrition industries**
- **It enables the development of innovative formulations and application concepts across both sectors**
- **Customers and suppliers across China and Hong Kong will benefit from the value-added services offered**

Brenntag, the global market leader in chemicals and ingredients distribution, today announced the opening of its new Life Sciences Innovation & Application Center in Shanghai, strengthening its commitment to supporting customers and suppliers in China and Hong Kong with advanced technical capabilities and closer access to application expertise.

Liu Hua, President Brenntag Specialties China and Hong Kong, said, “The new center in Shanghai allows us to work even more closely with partners across China and Hong Kong. As a collaborative innovation platform, it enables formulation development, application testing, and concept creation across Brenntag’s Life Sciences portfolio, helping us translate ingredient expertise into practical solutions for the market.”

#### **Beauty & Care Applications**

The center supports the development of Beauty & Care formulations for a wide range of personal care and home care products. Equipped with formulation and testing capabilities, the facility enables activities such as emulsion structure analysis, surfactant foam performance evaluation, hair combing force testing, skin analysis, and laundry performance testing, while a laboratory-scale mixing system supports small-batch production trials and process validation for formulation optimization.

Francois Bleger, Global President Beauty & Care, and President Brenntag Specialties APAC, said, “Through our new Life Sciences Innovation & Application Center in Shanghai, we are strengthening our ability to develop Beauty & Care formulations tailored to the rapidly evolving needs. By working closely with partners across the value chain, we can accelerate innovation and deliver solutions that respond to emerging consumer trends.”

#### **Food & Nutrition Applications**

The center also focuses on Food & Nutrition application development, supporting key categories including ready-to-drink beverages, dairy, bakery, confectionery, and savory

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products. Through formulation development and tasting evaluations, Brenntag helps customers develop innovative product concepts that respond to changing consumer preferences and emerging health and wellness trends.

Kenneth Keh, Regional President Nutrition APAC, Brenntag Specialties, said, “With our new Life Sciences Innovation and Application Center in Shanghai, we are strengthening our ability to support innovation in food and nutrition applications. The facility enables us to develop new concepts in areas such as sports nutrition, children’s health, and healthy ageing, helping translate ingredient expertise into market-ready solutions.”

### **About Brenntag**

Brenntag is the global market leader in chemicals and ingredients distribution. The company holds a central role in connecting customers and suppliers of the chemical industry. Headquartered in Essen, Germany, Brenntag has more than 17,300 employees worldwide and operates a network of around 600 sites in more than 70 countries. In 2025, Brenntag generated sales of 15.2 billion EUR. The two global divisions, Brenntag Essentials, and Brenntag Specialties, provide a diversified and broad portfolio of industrial and specialty chemicals and ingredients as well as tailor-made application, marketing and supply chain solutions, technical and formulation support, comprehensive regulatory know-how, and digital solutions for a wide range of industries. Brenntag pursues an ambitious sustainability agenda and is committed to sustainable solutions in its sector and the industries served. Brenntag shares have been listed on the Frankfurt Stock Exchange since 2010, and DAX since September 2021. In addition, the Brenntag SE shares are listed in the DAX 50 ESG and DAX ESG Target. For more information, visit [www.brenntag.com](http://www.brenntag.com).

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