

Roquette appoints Rohit Markan as Managing Director for India

This appointment reaffirms Roquette's leadership in India and supports the company's growth ambitions in the country

Mumbai (India), 3 September 2018 – Roquette, a global leader in plant-based ingredients for Food, Nutrition and Health markets, announces today the appointment of Rohit Markan as Managing Director for India, effective 1 September 2018. He succeeds Marc Dilly, who will be moving to a new role inside the Group.

Roquette has developed a growing presence in India since 2006. As one of the largest producers of food ingredients and pharma excipients in India, Roquette works with more than 2,000 local customers, who are supported by three manufacturing facilities in Pantnagar, Gokak and Viramgam. The company also counts on a Customer Technical Services (CTS) center, based in Mumbai, which has been establishing close collaborations and supporting the Group's customers thanks to a broad expertise in a comprehensive range of application segments that include Food and Specialized Nutrition.

Rohit Markan's appointment is a strong affirmation of Roquette's commitment towards its talent development plans and its growth ambitions in India. Markan joined Roquette in 2016 and has an extensive business experience, ranging from marketing to sales to finance, strategy and business development. Prior to joining Roquette, he worked for Dow Corning for close to 14 years in various roles that ranged from country, to regional and global responsibilities. Markan holds a bachelor's Degree in Engineering with a major in Production and an MBA in Marketing. He also completed executive programs at the University of Michigan's Stephen M. Ross School of Business and the Northwestern University – Kellogg School of Management.

This decision is in line with the Group's strategy to be closer to its customers locally and meet India's and Asia's strong and growing demand for tailored nutrition products. India is set to be the world's most populous country by 2024¹. Its burgeoning middle class and their distinct tastes and requirements underpin Roquette's decision to continue growing its presence in the area.

Moreover, the recent announcement in July 2018 of an agreement to acquire Sethness Products Co., the worldwide leader in the production of caramel color, who has a strong footprint in India, opens new development opportunities for Roquette. The recent move of the India headquarters to Mumbai is also a strategic decision to allow Roquette to better serve its customers around the country – ready to bring its global innovation and tailored-solutions to Indian consumers.

On the occasion of this announcement, Jean-Marc Gilson, CEO of Roquette, said: *"We are particularly pleased with the appointment of Rohit Markan as India Managing Director. India is a key market for the Roquette Group and an important contributor to our expansion in Asia. Rohit brings a vast international experience and market knowledge which will help us accelerate our development and achieve new milestones. He will continue building a strong and sustainable*

¹ Source: YaleGlobal study, August 2017



business in India, a path successfully initiated by Marc Dilly, his predecessor. Working closely with our partners and customers, Rohit will lead the team to tailor our solutions to the distinct preferences, health requirements and cultural needs of Indian consumers.”

Roquette employs more than 1,400 people in the country, with 150 based in its headquarters in Mumbai.

About Roquette: “Offering the best of nature”

Roquette is a global leader in plant-based ingredients and a pioneer of new vegetal proteins.

In collaboration with its customers and partners, the Group addresses current and future societal challenges by unlocking the potential of Nature to offer the best ingredients for Food, Nutrition and Health markets. Each of these ingredients responds to unique and essential needs, and they enable healthier lifestyles.

Thanks to a constant drive for innovation and a long-term vision, the Group is committed to improving the well-being of millions of people all over the world while taking care of resources and territories.

Roquette currently operates in over 100 countries, has a turnover of around 3.3 billion euros and employs 8,400 people worldwide.

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