

Barry Callebaut and Maersk to open new cocoa bean warehouse in Malaysia

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A.P. Moller-Maersk (Maersk) and Barry Callebaut Group, the world leading manufacturer of high-quality chocolate and cocoa products, have entered into a long-term partnership to build and operate a new Built-To-Suit cocoa bean warehousing and dispatching facility in Malaysia. A groundbreaking ceremony of this dedicated facility was held in Pasir Gudang, Malaysia on 18 May 2023.

This warehouse supports Barry Callebaut's strategic growth to continuously provide high quality cocoa and chocolate products and services to their customers in Malaysia and Asia Pacific region. It is also a testament of Maersk's ambition to expand current ocean and landside logistics service into an integrated end-to-end logistics solution for its customers.

Located in the Johor Bahru district, the main industrial zone in the city of Pasir Gudang close to the Johor port, this new multi-storey facility is one of the largest cocoa bean warehouses in Southeast Asia. It spans across more than half a million square feet and has a fit-for-purpose design with operational efficiency as a priority. It is also at a 1-kilometre distance from Barry Callebaut's cocoa processing factory in Pasir Gudang, Malaysia.

The Built-To-Suit warehousing and dispatching facility is expected to be completed by the end of second quarter in 2024. It will be equipped with cutting-edge technology and sustainable solutions like solar panel roofs, LED lights and natural ventilation, which improve the environmental footprint.