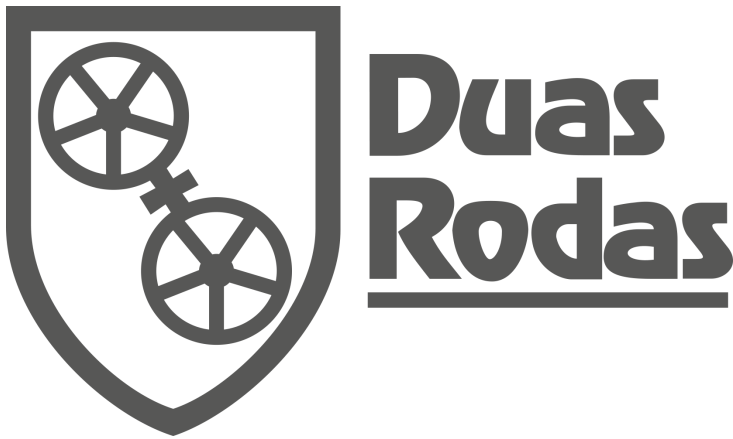


Duas Rodas acquires German company for expansion in Europe

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Duas Rodas, a Brazilian multinational producer of flavours, botanical extracts and ingredients for the food and beverage industry, has just acquired 100 per cent of tropextrakt GmbH, a company based in Frankfurt, Germany. The transaction is part of a new growth cycle for Duas Rodas, a company that is about to celebrate its 100th anniversary, with headquarters in Jaraguá do Sul, Brazil, production units in four countries, offices in the US and China and more than 10,000 customers worldwide, with a total turnover of 1.6 billion reais in 2023. "We are a company based on excellence and constant innovation", says Leonardo Zipf, president of Duas Rodas. "With the acquisition of tropextrakt, we will create a business, research and innovation centre for the European market."

tropextrakt GmbH imports and distributes botanical extracts and a wide variety of natural tropical fruit products, such as purees and concentrated juices, to about 1,000 customers. In addition to supplying fundamental items to the manufacture of food and beverages, tropextrakt operates a laboratory for testing the application of ingredients in the final product. With the acquisition, this laboratory will be transformed into an innovation and technology centre, which will expand the research and development of products aimed at the supplements and functional food industry. The health food market is one of Duas Rodas' main avenues of growth in the European market.

"The European market for botanical extracts and other ingredients for the production of nutraceuticals is one of the most sophisticated in the world", says Rosemeri Francener, international business director at Duas Rodas. "From now on, we'll be closer to local customers to develop increasingly innovative, healthy and sustainable products in partnership."