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The facilities, which include a research laboratory, customer technical services as well as the new regional headquarters, will allow Roquette to tailor its products and address the specific health and dietary challenges of the region such as obesity or diabetes.

The new facilities will complement Roquette’s existing research and application centers in the Americas, Asia and Europe and will allow the company to partner with customers, universities and research institutions, such as Singapore’s Agency for Science, Technology and Research (A*STAR) or the National University of Singapore. They will reinforce Roquette’s deep expertise to support customer innovations in food, nutrition and pharma.

Jean-Marc Gilson, CEO of Roquette, said: “As a global business leader, we know that we need to adapt our solutions to the specific needs of the different markets. By expanding our international research capability, we can ensure our products contribute to improving health and well-being of millions of consumers around the world. Our facilities in Singapore will allow us to explore new ways to address specific health and nutrition needs of Asian customers and consumers through plant-based ingredients such as sugar alternatives, vegetal proteins or pharmaceutical excipients, among many others.”

The more than 1,100 square meter innovation center is located in Biopolis, an international research and development hub in Asia Pacific for fast-growing sectors such as food and nutrition, biomedical sciences, bioengineering, and medical technology. It adds to Roquette’s existing presence in Asia, which includes today a large commercial presence in many countries and several sites in China, India and South Korea.

The burgeoning middle class throughout Asia and their distinct tastes and requirements underpin Roquette's decision to continue growing its presence in the area. At the same time, rising health consciousness and consumer concerns over sustainability across the region create an increased demand for Roquette's plant-based products, such as new protein sources.

This announcement in Asia, the world's fastest growing region, follows a series of recent global investments by Roquette into North America, Latin America and Europe, and will help propel the future growth of the company's food and pharmaceutical businesses.