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Barry Callebaut to Build Third Chocolate Factory in Indonesia by 2029

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Investment reinforces Barry Callebaut's long-term commitment to serving customers in Indonesia and across Southeast Asia



Barry Callebaut, the world's leading manufacturer of high-quality chocolate and cocoa solutions, announced plans to build a new greenfield chocolate factory in Karawang, West Java. The new facility will become the company's third chocolate factory and fourth manufacturing site overall in Indonesia and is set for commercial production by March 2029.

The new factory marks the latest step in Barry Callebaut's long-term growth in Indonesia, bringing the company's investments in the country over the past 15 years to more than $150 million. These investments span cocoa processing, chocolate manufacturing, innovation and capabilities supporting the company's work across the cocoa and chocolate value chain.

Located at the Suryacipta Industrial Estate, approximately 80 kilometers east of Jakarta, the Karawang facility will complement Barry Callebaut's existing chocolate factories in Gresik, East Java, and Rancaekek-Sumedang, West Java, as well as its cocoa processing factory in Bandung. The new greenfield factory will feature modern production capabilities designed to serve customers seeking high-quality, premium and sustainable chocolate solutions in Indonesia and across Southeast Asia. Development of the site will progress in phases, aligned with customer needs and market development.

"Asia Pacific is an important growth market for Barry Callebaut, with a dynamic food industry, evolving consumer preferences and significant opportunities for chocolate. Indonesia is priority market under our Focus for Growth strategy, reflecting its strong long-term potential. Our continued investment is about staying close to our customers and building the capabilities to grow alongside them. The new Karawang factory is an important part of this commitment, strengthening our ability to innovate, manufacture and serve customers in Indonesia and across Southeast Asia," said Vamsi Mohan Thati, President Asia Pacific at Barry Callebaut.

The announcement comes against a backdrop of stronger cocoa processing activity in Asia. According to the Cocoa Association of Asia, regional cocoa grindings reached 233,767 tonnes in the third quarter of 2026, up 29 per cent from the same period a year earlier. While grinding data is not a direct measure of chocolate consumption, the increase points to renewed processing activity across the region and supports Barry Callebaut's long-term confidence in Asia's chocolate and cocoa market.