

Press Release

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Symrise invests in Cellibre, a U.S.-based biotechnology company, to accelerate innovation for taste balancing and cosmetic actives markets

- Investment in Cellibre's advanced precision fermentation platform to accelerate commercialization of high-value, natural flavor ingredients and cosmetic bioactives
 - Co-development of next-generation manufacturing technologies for globally important ingredients.
 - Portfolio expansion in taste balancing and clean beauty, addressing rising consumer demand for natural and responsible products.
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Symrise announces today a strategic equity investment in Cellibre, a U.S.-based biotechnology company specializing in sustainable biomanufacturing. This partnership positions Symrise at the forefront of fermentation-derived ingredients that are better for both people and planet. It will initially focus on innovation across taste solutions and cosmetic actives, reinforcing its long-term competitiveness and sustainability leadership.

By partnering with Cellibre, Symrise gains preferred access to proprietary, fermentation-based technology, enabling scalable production of high-value ingredients across food, beverage, cosmetics, and nutraceutical sectors. With this investment, Symrise will leverage Cellibre's world-class biotechnology platform to enable a more resilient supply chain, mitigating seasonal and cultivation variability.

"This investment accelerates our biotechnology roadmap and strengthens our ability to deliver sustainable, high-quality solutions to our customers. Together with Cellibre, we will combine scientific expertise with application know-how and market reach to unlock new growth opportunities," says Imke Meyer, Project Lead for Biotechnology at Symrise.

Cellibre brings a significant track record in designing and engineering microorganisms for the production of cultured natural products and chemicals that are utilized in pharmaceuticals, functional health, beauty ingredients, industrial applications, and more.

"Since 2017, we have been led by the belief that biology is the future of manufacturing and we are committed to creating more resilient supply chains, delivering products that are lower cost and higher quality while limiting the impact on natural ecosystems.", says Ben Chiarelli, CEO of Cellibre. "This partnership represents another external validation of our approach, technology, and team, and will leverage the Symrise team's global market access and deep expertise in flavors, fragrances and cosmetics — creating powerful synergies for both companies."

This collaboration supports Symrise's ambition to integrate biotechnology across its operations, ensuring long-term resilience, portfolio diversification, and competitive advantage. It also aligns with the company's sustainability commitments and consumer-driven innovation strategy.

About Cellibre:

Cellibre is a biomanufacturing technology company that employs an organism-agnostic approach to turn cells into specialized, sustainable factories for the manufacture of globally significant products at scale. The Company's world-class scientific team has led programs from ideation to commercial, pioneering revolutionary breakthroughs in energy, ingredients, medicines and more with a focus on making products higher quality and more accessible while ensuring supply chains become more resilient. Cellibre was founded in 2017 and headquartered in San Diego, California. For more information visit www.cellibre.com.

About Symrise:

Symrise is a global supplier of fragrances, flavorings, cosmetic active ingredients and raw materials, as well as functional ingredients. Its clients include manufacturers of perfumes, cosmetics, food and beverages, the pharmaceutical industry and producers of nutritional supplements and pet food. With sales of around €5.0 billion in the 2024 financial year, the company is one of the world's leading providers. The Group, headquartered in Holzminden, Germany, has more than 100 locations in Europe, Africa and the Middle East, Asia, as well as in North and Latin America. Together with its customers, Symrise develops new ideas and market-ready concepts for products that form an indispensable part of everyday life. Economic success and corporate responsibility are inextricably linked.

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