

ADM grows reach in Africa with takeover of SA's Comhan

Global nutrition business, Archer Daniels Midland (ADM), has acquired South African flavour distributor Comhan, growing its reach and footprint in the high-growth African market.



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The global company is in the business of transforming natural products into a portfolio of ingredients and flavours for foods and beverages, supplements, and nutrition for pets and livestock

ADM has worked with the local business for a number of years, with the formal acquisition now giving new and current customers more direct access to ADM's extensive portfolio and network of experts.

"This acquisition marks a very exciting moment for ADM, as we continue to develop our nutrition business in key growth markets including Africa. I am confident that this acquisition will open up opportunities for our customers in the region and build on the capabilities of our existing offices in Nigeria and Kenya," said Calvin McEvoy, president global beverages ADM.



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Extending production and supply chains

"At ADM we believe it is critical to invest in flavour creation assets globally to extend production and supply chains, making it easier to get unique and consumer-preferred flavours to local customers. The acquisition of Comhan means we can bring together our 80 years' experience in the flavour industry and Comhan's unique market insight to generate innovative products which cater to local tastes and interests.

“Comhan’s business is currently focused on beverages but through this new partnership we plan to grow the distribution capabilities to include food and savoury products,” added McEvoy.

Welcoming Comhan into ADM’s portfolio comes together with other recent investments in alternative flavour production, including the company’s recent state-of-the-art facilities in Pinghu, China and Berlin, Germany.

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