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Himalaya Drug Company to launch global research center in Dubai

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Himalaya to Expand Footprint at Dubai Science Park to Enhance R&D Capabilities in the Region



Dubai Science Park (DSP), a holistic science-focused business community, has announced its construction of a new Global Research Centre for Himalaya Drug Company. Set to launch in 2021, the state-of-the-art facility aims to enhance Himalaya's R&D capabilities at DSP to serve the GCC region.

The Himalaya Global Research Centre (HGRC) has been part of DSP's eco-friendly Laboratory Complex since 2013, with product development, quality control and standardisation serving as priority areas of focus for the new facility. With Dubai emerging as a knowledge epicentre, the project aligns with the objective of the UAE Vision 2021 to shape a competitive knowledge economy. The thriving innovative ecosystem at the Emirates invites overseas companies to expand in the UAE, attracting large numbers of professionals in diverse fields and creating numerous job opportunities.

Himalaya is the world-leading producer of over 300 cosmetics, nutritional supplements, herbal medicines and pharmaceutical-grade Ayurvedic products in over 90 countries. Himalaya's research-driven mandate endeavours to bring a global perspective to its core operations through the study and research of worldwide healthcare trends. Over the last 88 years, the company has been a leader in the research and manufacturing of pharmaceutical, personal care, baby care, nutritional and animal health products. Himalaya product undergoes years of primary research and clinical trials supported by published literature to substantiate efficacy claims before it reaches the market.

Marwan Abdulaziz Janahi, Managing Director of DSP and Chairing Member of the Pharmaceuticals and Medical Equipment Taskforce of the Dubai Industrial Strategy 2030, said: "In line with our ambition to consolidate Dubai's position as a prime destination for scientific, R&D and manufacturing activities, we are pleased to support the expansion of Himalaya, a company dedicated to enhancing its expertise in the pharmaceutical and personal care fields." He added: "Over the last decade, the UAE and India have continued to strengthen their long-standing ties, evidenced by the significant number of Indian firms based in Dubai. Our robust infrastructure and business-friendly environment are among

the key factors that encourage these companies to establish their Middle East head offices in the UAE."

Meraj Manal, Chairman, Himalaya Global Holdings, said: "We aim to establish Himalaya as a science-based, problem-solving, head to heel brand, not only within Dubai but within the wider GCC region and surrounding international markets. Himalaya invests in markets with an in-depth and long-term approach, maintaining high ethical standards at each step of the way. The UAE is positioned as a perfect place for us to initiate this expansion."

Neil Cabral, Executive Director of Himalaya Global LTD and CEO of the Single Family Office, said: "Himalaya is firmly committed to upholding high ethical standards of research. Dubai's capacity to attract skilled and talented people will enable the new HGRC complex to evolve into a global think tank and boost its success in setting future trends in herbal research as well as in launching innovative and internationally competitive products. The opening of the Centre will represent an important milestone in advancing our vision of 'Wellness in Every Home, Happiness in Every Heart'."

He added: "DSP's collaborative environment acts as a hub where companies can innovate and grow. It supports leaders in science, R&D, and business by providing unique facilities in a prime location that cater to industry needs. With Dubai's business-friendly government policies and smart infrastructure, we are confident that this innovative ecosystem will give us the tools to reach new heights."

Currently, home to over 350 business partners with more than 4,000 employees, DSP's vibrant business community continues to attract leading international companies within the science sector. The ongoing expansion of Himalaya is yet another example of DSP's sustained support for its stakeholders.