

Press release

AAK launches TROPICAO™, a revolutionary chocolate solution

AAK, a leading provider of value-adding vegetable oils and fats, has today launched TROPICAO™, the company's latest innovation within business area Chocolate & Confectionery Fats. This innovation, which is the first of its kind, has been developed for hot climate markets such as Latin America, Asia and the Middle East.

Despite chocolate consumption being on the rise in these markets chocolate manufacturers face significant challenges as the properties of chocolate change in hot climates. Heat-related bloom, which gives the chocolate an undesirable white surface and a sandy, dry texture, is cited as the most frequent reason for chocolate quality complaints in hot climates.

With AAK's TROPICAO™, it is now possible for chocolate manufacturers to produce bloom-stable chocolate and still maintain the chocolate's sensorial properties.

"It has been proven that chocolate with TROPICAO™ will maintain a non-bloom appearance as well as its sensory attributes when exposed to temperatures up to 37°C (98.6°F)", says René Schou, Marketing Director, Chocolate & Confectionery Fats.

Moreover, AAK's TROPICAO™, which is immediately available, is compatible with all chocolate process lines and can be easily integrated into any production set-up.

"We're extremely proud to present this revolutionary chocolate solution and product to our customers and to add it to our extensive portfolio of solutions for the Chocolate & Confectionery industry", says Arne Frank, CEO, AAK. "We believe this could be the largest value-adding novelty in our industry since many years."

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AAK is a leading provider of value-adding vegetable oils & fats. Our expertise in oils & fats within food applications, our wide range of raw materials and our broad process capabilities enable us to develop innovative and value-adding solutions across many industries – Chocolate & Confectionery, Bakery, Dairy, Infant Nutrition, Food Service, Personal Care, and more. AAK's proven expertise is based on more than 100 years of experience within oils & fats. Our unique co-development approach brings our customers' skills and know-how together with our own capabilities and mindset for lasting results. Listed on the NASDAQ OMX Stockholm and with our headquarters in Malmö, Sweden, AAK has 17 different production facilities, sales offices in more than 25 countries and more than 2,500 employees. We are AAK – The Co-Development Company.