

## Press release

# IMCD opens a new Beauty & Personal Care Laboratory and Beauty Studio in South Korea

**Rotterdam, the Netherlands (29 January 2026)** – IMCD Group ("IMCD" or "Company"), a global leading partner for the distribution and formulation of speciality chemicals and ingredients, has opened its first technical expert facilities in South Korea with the launch of a *Beauty & Personal Care Application Laboratory* and the *IMCD Beauty Studio Seoul*. The new facilities mark a major step in strengthening local technical support for customers and suppliers in one of the world's most dynamic and influential beauty markets.

The opening, held in the presence of Onny Jalink, Deputy Head of Mission at the Embassy of the Kingdom of the Netherlands in South Korea, follows the acquisition of Dong Yang FT announced in October 2025, and underlines IMCD's commitment to investing in local expertise, capability, and partnerships in South Korea.

The new laboratory is designed to support close collaboration with customers, from formulation development and technical troubleshooting through to early-stage innovation. It is equipped for a broad range of cosmetic applications including skin care, hair care, colour cosmetics, sun care and toiletries.

Key equipment includes mixing and homogenising systems, as well as analytical and stability testing instruments. These enable IMCD Korea's Beauty & Personal Care team to validate performance and specifications required for today's market and regulatory expectations.

Next to the laboratory, the new IMCD Beauty Studio acts as a practical product development accelerator. It reduces R&D time and risk, while giving customers direct access to local and global technical expertise and IMCD's wider network of laboratories.

At the centre of the new facility is the Beauty Studio Seoul, a hands-on innovation space that helps brands and OEMs move faster from idea to prototype. Using predeveloped chassis formulations with different textures and sensorial profiles, customers can customise formulations with active and sensory ingredients and leave with a tailored prototype in as little as half a day.

The new facilities also provide space for technical workshops, trend seminars and targeted training, reinforcing IMCD's role as a long-term partner to the beauty and personal care industry in South Korea.

**Dongjoon Lee**, Managing Director, IMCD South Korea, comments: *"This opening is about being closer to our customers and doing the work side by side. South Korea is a fast moving and demanding beauty market, and our teams here understand what it takes to succeed. The lab and Beauty Studio give our supplier and customer partners a place to test, learn, and create together."*

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From left to right: Irene Cantos, Global Business Group Director, IMCD Beauty & Personal Care, Onny Jalink, Deputy Head of Mission at the Embassy of the Kingdom of the Netherlands in South Korea, Narendra Varde, President of APAC, IMCD Group, Dongjoon Lee, Managing Director, IMCD South Korea (Photo: IMCD)



IMCD Beauty Studio in Seoul, South Korea (Photo: IMCD)



IMCD Beauty & Personal Care Laboratory in Seoul, South Korea (Photo: IMCD)

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### About IMCD Group

IMCD Group, headquartered in Rotterdam, The Netherlands, is a leading global partner for the distribution and formulation of speciality chemicals and ingredients. A strong, innovative business partner and solutions provider for producers of consumer, industrial and durable goods in multiple business sectors: Advanced Materials, Beauty & Personal Care, Coatings & Construction, Food & Nutrition, Home Care and Industrial & Institutional Care (I&I), Industrial Solutions, Lubricants & Energy, and Pharmaceuticals.

In partnership with our suppliers, we offer a broad and deep product portfolio. With our over 80 application laboratories across 60 countries, we co-create formulations and offer 'Sustainable Solutions' that allow our business partners to make products with a positive impact on the world of today, and tomorrow. Our teams focus on providing commercial and operational excellence, using the best digital and logistics tools available to create a world of opportunity for our partners.

In 2024, with over 5,100 employees, IMCD realised revenues of EUR 4,728 million. IMCD N.V.'s shares are traded at Euronext Amsterdam (symbol: IMCD) and are included in the Dutch ESG AEX index, as one of 25 companies within the AEX and AMX indices demonstrating best ESG practices.

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