



A large, stylized Müller logo. The word 'müller' is written in white lowercase letters with a thick black outline. It is centered within a red banner that has a white border and a slight shadow, giving it a 3D appearance. The banner has a wavy bottom edge.

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# MÜLLER CONFIRMS NEW FRESH MILK & INGREDIENTS LEADERSHIP TEAM

Unternehmensgruppe Theo Müller has confirmed details of the team who will lead its UK fresh milk and ingredients business following the acquisition of Dairy Crest's dairy operations.

Müller is preparing to conclude the acquisition by December 27<sup>th</sup>, 2015, following recent Competition and Markets Authority approval.

The company will then bring Müller Wiseman Dairies and Dairy Crest's dairies operations together to create a new organisation which aims to be the biggest and best fresh milk and ingredients business in the UK.

Müller has taken a decision to clarify and confirm its leadership team in advance so that work can progress as quickly as possible after the deal concludes to realise this vision.

Andrew McInnes, currently Acting Managing Director of Müller Wiseman Dairies, has been appointed Managing Director and leads a team of executives drawn from the Müller Wiseman Dairies and Dairy Crest dairy businesses.

It includes a new executive appointment with specific responsibility for the organisation's links with dairy farmers and strong finance representation reflecting the complexity of the business and Müller's desire to drive transparency, accuracy and informed decision making.

Ronald Kers, Chief Executive of Unternehmensgruppe Theo Müller said: "At Müller we want the best people to drive and deliver our vision. I believe this new leadership team will do just that. It brings together the best blend of talent from across Müller Wiseman Dairies and Dairy Crest's dairy operations.

"I am confident that this group will inspire and deliver results with a strong desire to create something new for the future which will benefit customers, colleagues, dairy farmers and of course, our shareholder.

"The addition of an agriculture director to our team at board level reflects our increased scale. The new organisation will process 25% of Britain's milk production and we want to ensure that this aspect of our business is given the focus it deserves.

"I look forward to working closely with Andrew and his team and everyone across our new organisation to build the biggest and best fresh milk and ingredients business in the UK."

The leadership team will communicate its plans, including the name of the new organisation, to colleagues, customers, farmers and suppliers soon after the acquisition completes.

The enlarged fresh milk and ingredients business will sit alongside Müller's existing yogurt and chilled desserts business which continues to be run by

its own management team, with both business units able to access shared functions including HR, IT, procurement, legal, communications and project management.

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### **Note**

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### **Müller UK & Ireland**

Müller UK & Ireland is wholly owned by the Müller Group. It has 19 sites nationwide and employs almost 6,000 people across two business units: Müller Dairy and Müller Wiseman Dairies.

Müller Dairy is the UK's leading branded yogurt manufacturer, with major brands such as Müller Corner, Müllerlight and Müller Rice.

The business makes chilled desserts including Cadbury Bubbles of Joy, Pots of Joy, Layers of Joy and Twin-pot products, produced under license from Mondelez.

Müller Dairy also supplies the UK private label yogurt market from a state of the art yogurt facility in Telford, Shropshire.

Müller Wiseman Dairies is a leading fresh milk, cream and butter business with a network of dairies and depots servicing customers throughout the country.

The business recently commenced butter-making, opening a major facility in Shropshire with the capacity to produce up to 45,000 tonnes of salted, unsalted and lactic butter each year for the manufacturing, food service and retail sectors.

To make its range of dairy products, the Müller UK & Ireland buys milk from more than 1,200 British dairy farmers, all of whom are Red Tractor Farm Assured.

Müller Wiseman Milk Group Dairy members elect a representative farmer

board which works with the business to discuss milk supply issues, including the Group's commitment to maintain a competitive milk price and contractual position.

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