

Leatherhead boosts position in health and wellness with key industry hire

Leatherhead Food Research, the leading food and beverage science and regulatory consultancy and a Science Group company, today announces that it has hired Adam Fenton, an experienced industry practitioner as VP Sales. The move reflects the increasing importance of health and wellness in food and beverage innovation, and the complexity of the associated regulatory environment.

Fenton has significant experience joining Leatherhead from Carlsberg, where he was director of new ingredients, and prior technical and sales roles at SAB Miller, AB InBev, Lion Nathan and specialist consultancies.

"This first-hand experience, coupled with a PhD in biochemistry and bioprocess engineering, makes Fenton a perfect fit for Leatherhead", says Commercial Director Mark Butcher. Butcher explains, "The area of health and wellbeing is particularly complex from a technical and regulatory perspective as it is at the intersection of the medical and food & beverage regulatory regimes. Our clients and members will benefit hugely from Adam's scientific, product and consumer understanding."

As he steps into his new role, Fenton says he is keen to help Leatherhead's members deliver more effective product innovation and brand development: "This is an exciting time to join Leatherhead. The ability to engage with and anticipate change in the global regulatory landscape has become a significant differentiator for food and beverage brands. I am looking forward to joining this industry-leading team."

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About Leatherhead Food Research

Leatherhead Food Research provides expertise and support to the global food and drink sector with practical solutions that cover all stages of a product's life cycle from consumer insight, ingredient innovation and sensory testing to food safety consultancy and global regulatory advice. Leatherhead operates a membership programme which represents a who's who of the global food and drinks industry. Supporting all members and clients, large or small, Leatherhead provides consultancy and advice as well as training, market news, published reports and bespoke projects. Alongside the Member support and project work, our world-renowned experts deliver cutting-edge research in areas that drive long term commercial benefit for the food and drink industry.

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