## Balancing: Dynamism with Stability

Fermenta Biotech Limited | Annual Report 2021-22



**Fermenta Biotech Limited** 

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#### Forward-looking statement

This document contains statements about expected future events and financial and operating results of Fermenta Biotech Limited ('Fermenta'/'Company'), which are forward-looking. By their nature, forward-looking statements require the Company to make assumptions and are subject to inherent risks and uncertainties. There is significant risk that the assumptions, predictions, and other forward-looking statements will not prove to be accurate. Readers are cautioned not to place undue reliance on forward-looking statements as a number of factors could cause assumptions, actual future results, and events to differ materially from those expressed in the forward-looking statements. Accordingly, this document is subject to the disclaimer and qualified in its entirety by the assumptions, qualifications and risk factors referred to in the management's discussion and analysis of the annual report.

# Balancing: Dynamism and stability

At Fermenta, we believe that sustainable growth is derived from the capacity to balance various priorities.

At the heart of our commitment to balance lies the ability to blend the existing business of the Company with emerging portfolios.

Our longstanding focus on Vitamin D for human nutrition application was scaled during the year under review; our flagship product played a critical role in protecting the health of individuals the world over.

Fermenta embarked on the journey to launch differentiated products and emerge as a holistic nutritional ingredients player.

#### CORPORATE SNAPSHOT

Fermenta Biotech Limited.

One of a handful of Vitamin D manufacturers the world over.

Respected for its quality, capabilities, service and efficiency.

The Company is making a decisive shift to play a larger global role in the emerging segment of nutraceuticals.

This extension of our business will widen our value chain and deepen our role in reinforcing the health of communities globally.

#### Ethos

**Vision:** To create a system and nurture it to reach a state of functioning, enabling it to acquire a state of timeless stability and growth.

**Mission:** To produce high quality niche products, used in every line of pharmaceutical, food and fine chemical manufacture, through innovative and concentrated research efforts, thus becoming the most preferred eco-friendly solutions provider in bio-catalysis and pharmaceuticals.

#### Values:



#### Track record

Fermenta Biotech Limited ('Fermenta'/ 'Company') was incorporated in 1951 by Dr. D. V. K. Raju. The Company has built a reputation in the pharmaceutical, enzyme technology and environmental solution spaces. The Company is respected for its capacity to reconcile its rich legacy of seven decades with a forward-looking approach.

#### State-of-the-art facilities

The Company possesses competence in the quality of its manufacturing facilities, cutting-edge technologies and capabilities, strengthening its leadership. The Company has two state-of- the-art manufacturing units - Kullu (Himachal Pradesh) and Dahej (Gujarat). The Company recently expanded its R&D centre based in Thane. The proposed greenfield project in Saykha received the necessary environmental clearances and consent to establish.

70 +

Years, Rich experience in the business

#### Manufacturing units

Location	Products
Kullu, Himachal Pradesh	Vitamin D, specialty Active Pharmaceutical Ingredients (APIs) and enzymes, Vitamin AD2 premix
Dahej, Gujarat	Vitamin D, Fish oil cholesterol

#### Financial integrity

The Company's credit rating was reaffirmed at CARE A – (A minus) with a Stable outlook for long-term bank facilities for fund-based limits and term loans, and CARE A2 (A two) for short-term bank facilities for no-fund-based limits.

#### Listing

The Company is listed on the Bombay Stock Exchange Limited, where its equity shares are actively traded. The market capitalisation of the Company stood at ₹506.40 Crore as on March 31, 2022.

#### Global footprint

The Company's superior products, quality service and excellent manufacturing capability have been validated through a sales footprint across 60+ countries and being a reliable supplier to 350+ global consumers. The Company's subsidiaries in Germany and the US continued to build on the global presence through operations in Europe and US.

#### **Employees**

604

The Company's human resource strength as on March 31, 2022.

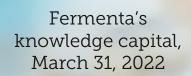
#### Product portfolio

Fermenta is one of the world's largest Vitamin D manufacturers. The Company produces Vitamin D variants that can be used in pharmaceuticals, dietary / nutritional supplements, food, beverages, veterinary, feed and rodenticide applications. The Company also offers niche APIs, enzymes (for use in various industries), nutritional premix as well as integrated biotech-based and engineering-based environmental solutions.

Fermenta produces enzymes for manufacturing ingredients with applications in the pharmaceutical, food & fragrances, oleo, biodiesel, leather and fine chemical industries. The Company offers products and services related to waste water management and treatment solutions. The Company offers fish oil-derived cholesterol for aquaculture nutrition and recently added natural astaxanthin as well as Vitamin AD2 premix to its nutritional ingredients basket.









18 PHD and Pharmacists



21 Scientists



59
MBAs and Chartered
Accountants



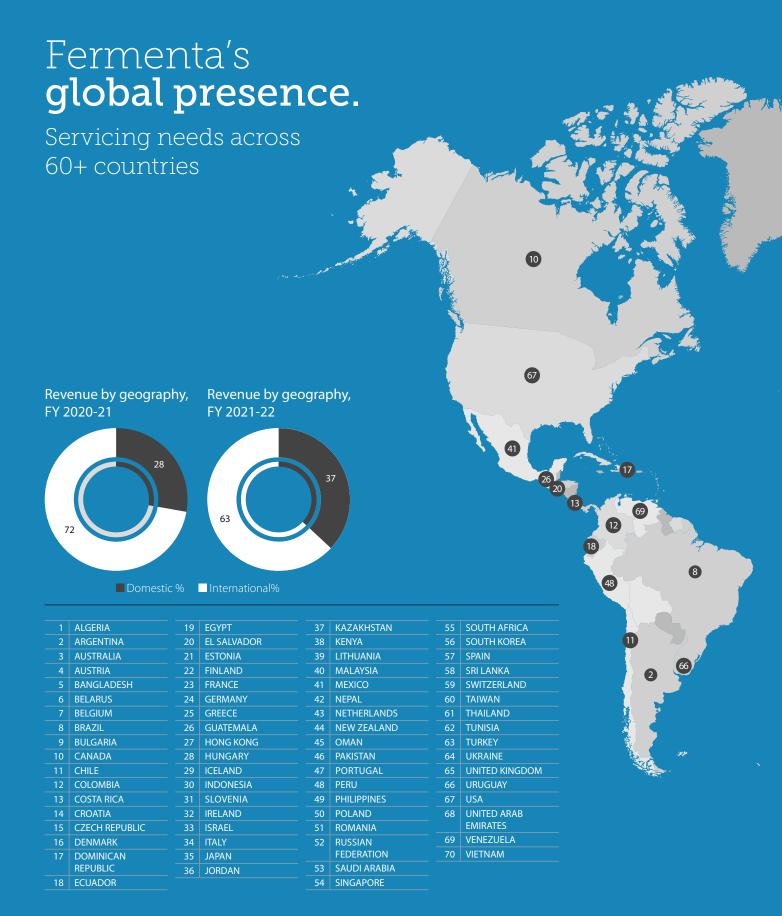
74
Post-graduates



182
Graduates



250 Undergraduates





# How we have grown across the decades

## 1951

Incorporated International Franchises Private Ltd., a company specialising in the toll manufacturing of pharmaceutical products.

## 1963

Obtained technical knowhow for manufacturing Vitamin D from Philips N.V. Duphar-Interfran Limited with whom a joint venture was established i.e. Crookes Interfran Limited

## 1967

Commenced the commercial manufacture of Vitamin D

## 1980

Philips Duphar SV taken over by Solvay and Solvay became the joint venture partner

## 1986

Founded Fermenta Biotech Limited with its manufacturing plant in Kullu, Himachal Pradesh

## 2002

Demerged pharmaceutical business to Solvay

### 2003

Expanded manufacturing capacity with Vitamin D and other products such as Phenyramidol at Kullu

The Company's name was changed to DIL Limited

## 2011

Commenced the second plant for manufacturing Vitamin D at Dahej

## 2012

Launched new and improved Penicillin G Acylase catalyst – Fermase PA 850

Augmented Vitamin D resin manufacturing capacity in Dahej