



## Food Application & Development Center – Brenntag Colombia

### Where is this Food Application & Development (FA&D) Center?

Founded in 1921, Brenntag Colombia expanded its specialty portfolio in 2015 with the acquisition of chemical distribution company SurtiQuimicos. It now has sites in five locations across the country. One of those sites – in Colombia’s second-largest city, Medellín – is home to Brenntag Food & Nutrition’s FA&D Center.

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*The size, in square meters, of Brenntag Food & Nutrition’s FA&D Center in Medellín.*

### When was the Center opened?

The building that houses the FA&D Center was opened as a laboratory in 2008 by its original owner, SurtiQuimicos. It was transformed into an FA&D Center shortly after Brenntag Colombia acquired the company. With a laboratory and three pilot plants, it is Brenntag’s best-equipped application and development facility in Latin America.

*“This is a unique opportunity to leverage our most valuable asset: knowledge. I believe with our new set-up, we have set the basis to take full advantage of our global capabilities, formulation and application lab infrastructure, customer and supplier relationships, and market trends knowledge. The autonomy of this organization empowers the team to aggressively pursue additional growth.”*



Tomás Navarro, VP Food & Nutrition Brenntag Latin America.



### *What happens at the FA&D Center?*

Our experts work closely with customers to choose the right ingredients and additives for their products, as well as developing new solutions that are tailor-made for their specific needs. We help customers to achieve cost optimization and flexibility by suggesting alternative ingredients, and create innovative flavor profiles in a range of areas, including: ingredient design, ingredient applications, stability studies and shelf life. To ensure that the highest standards are met at all times, the FA&D Center complies with the provisions of ISO 2001 quality management system.



Medellín's FA&D Center is split into separate divisions, each one dedicated to a key sector of the food industry:

- Dairy
- Beverages
- Bakery and confectionery
- Sauces & Dressings
- Meat processing

### *Is there anything else to know?*

The FA&D Center also houses offices and conference facilities. By hosting regular workshops and seminars, we are able to pass on our expertise and experience in food applications, to help customers compete in today's market.



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