

Medtech manufacturer Ypsomed opens first production facility in China

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Switzerland-headquartered Ypsomed has opened its first dedicated production site in China. The new facility, located in Changzhou's high-tech industrial park near Shanghai, was completed in just 14 months and marks a further milestone in the company's global growth strategy.

The new plant in Changzhou covers an area of more than 15,000 square metres. In addition to modern production facilities, the site also includes administrative offices and storage areas.

Going forward, up to 100 million injection systems will be manufactured here each year for the Chinese market. Fifty employees are currently working at the site, with staff numbers expected to reach around 100 by year-end. All employees are trained and qualified in line with Ypsomed's global standards.

The facility was built with a strong focus on sustainability and has been certified to the internationally recognised LEED Platinum standard (Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design) for environmentally conscious construction. The company has invested nearly CHF 150 million in the site and secured an additional 30,000 square metres of land for future expansion. From a regulatory standpoint, the new site is market-ready: ISO 13485 certification for medical devices by TÜV Süd has been successfully completed, and the first commercial products have already been manufactured.

The expansion into China is a logical step to meet the growing demand for innovative selfcare solutions in the treatment of chronic conditions – directly where they are needed. In the United States, the evaluation of a suitable production site is well advanced, with the project expected to launch later this year. In Schwerin, Germany, ground was broken for a second factory this spring, while in Switzerland, production capacity is continuously optimised and expanded at the Burgdorf and Solothurn sites.