



## Press Release

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Expanding in-house capabilities to scale ideas faster

### Henkel opens new Global Technology Center in India

- Accelerate digital innovation to deliver on Henkel's purposeful growth agenda
- Further pursue insourcing strategy with regards to digital skills and tech expertise
- Leverage scaling capabilities and speed up time-to-market

Henkel opened a Global Technology Center (GTC) in Bengaluru, India, and thus takes another important step on strengthening its competitive edge through digitalization across all business activities. The Global Technology Center will allow Henkel to scale innovations faster and speed up its time-to-market. The team will be working closely together with other internal digital expert teams around the world to boost Henkel's business with digital innovations and create customer and consumer value.

#### Accelerating in-house capabilities

"Our industries are being disrupted like never before. New technologies and digital business models transform the way we do and understand business. Time and speed are key to success. Considering this massive shift towards digitalization, we are convinced that the right set of digital skills and tech knowledge have become a crucial core competence for Henkel", explains Michael Nilles, Chief Digital and Information Officer at Henkel. "With the opening of the GTC in Bengaluru, we are now extending our capability footprint. Bengaluru is a natural fit for us as the city is being repeatedly labelled as the 'Silicon Valley of India'," he adds.

Next to many digital expert teams in Düsseldorf, Berlin, Shanghai and other sites across the globe, further digital & IT competencies are now put under the company's own roof with the launch of the Global Technology Center to allow more agility and achieve better and faster results in bringing innovations to life.



## **Bengaluru: thriving technology ecosystem**

Bengaluru has been strategically selected as location because it has emerged as a diverse ecosystem for technology and entrepreneurship, attracting digital experts from across the globe. "In line with Henkel's strategic framework in which we identified digitalization as one of our key drivers to boost our competitive edge, we see a great opportunity in increasing digital and tech capabilities to grow faster. In Bengaluru, we will have access to a vibrant ecosystem and technology, digital infrastructure, an attractive workplace and facilitated collaboration in a state-of-the-art, agile setup. This will allow us to breathe a start-up culture and scale Henkel's innovations," says Mithun Kumar, Head of Global Technology Center.

### **About Henkel**

Henkel operates globally with a well-balanced and diversified portfolio. The company holds leading positions with its three business units in both industrial and consumer businesses thanks to strong brands, innovations and technologies. Henkel Adhesive Technologies is the global leader in the adhesives market – across all industry segments worldwide. In its Laundry & Home Care and Beauty Care businesses, Henkel holds leading positions in many markets and categories around the world. Founded in 1876, Henkel looks back on more than 140 years of success. In 2021, Henkel reported sales of more than 20 billion euros and an adjusted operating profit of about 2.7 billion euros. The company employs more than 52,000 people globally – a passionate and highly diverse team, united by a strong company culture, a common purpose, and shared values. As a recognized leader in sustainability, Henkel holds top positions in many international indices and rankings. Henkel's preferred shares are listed in the German stock index DAX. For more information, please visit [www.henkel.com](http://www.henkel.com).

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