

## **Yakult Europe B.V. Establishes Austria Branch and Will Absorb Yakult Oesterreich GmbH through Merger**

**TOKYO, September 25, 2025** - Yakult Honsha Co., Ltd. (President: Hiroshi Narita) today announced that Yakult Europe B.V. (hereinafter referred to as “Yakult Europe”), its European headquarters has established an Austria branch and that it will merge with and absorb Yakult Oesterreich GmbH (hereinafter referred to as “Yakult Austria”), a wholly owned subsidiary of Yakult Europe on October 1, 2025.

This will enhance operational efficiency in the European market while strengthening our sales structure in the Austrian market through the utilization of management resources within the Yakult Europe Group.

1. Profile of Austria Branch, Yakult Europe B.V.
  - (1) Location: Vienna, Republic of Austria
  - (2) Established: August 7, 2025
  - (3) Sales coverage: Across Austria
  - (4) Sales channel: Retail sales through supermarkets and other retail outlets
2. Merger by absorption
  - (1) Overview of the merger by absorption
    - (i) Planned merger date: October 1, 2025
    - (ii) Merger method: A merger by absorption with Yakult Europe as the surviving company and Yakult Austria as the disappearing company
  - (2) Surviving company
    - (i) Company name: Yakult Europe B.V.
    - (ii) Paid-in capital: 30,276,000 euro (wholly owned by Yakult Honsha Co., Ltd.)
    - (iii) Location: Almere, Kingdom of the Netherlands
    - (iv) Representative: Hiroyasu Matsubara
    - (v) Established: March 18, 1996
    - (vi) Number of employees: 120 (as of the end of December 2024)
    - (vii) Sales volume: 26,000 bottles per day (Average daily sales from January to December 2024)  
\*Total sales volume of the Yakult Group in Europe: 661,000 bottles per day  
(Average daily sales from January to December 2024)
  - (3) Disappearing company
    - (i) Name: Yakult Oesterreich GmbH
    - (ii) Paid-in capital: 250,000 euro (wholly owned by Yakult Europe B.V.)
    - (iii) Location: Vienna, Republic of Austria
    - (iv) Representative: Hiroyasu Matsubara
    - (v) Established: November 19, 2005
    - (vi) Number of employees: 2 (as of the end of December 2024)
    - (vii) Sales volume: 11,000 bottles per day (Average daily sales from January to December 2024)