

News Release

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Science in the Spotlight: BASF's Plantapon® Amino ASP Honored with 2026 Ringier Technology Innovation Award

- **Plantapon® Amino ASP receives the prestigious 2026 Ringier Technology Innovation Award in the Functional Chemicals – Surfactants category.**
- **The next-generation amino acid-based technology delivers deep yet gentle cleansing and high-performance efficacy, while supporting sustainability goals.**
- **The award reflects BASF's commitment to shaping the future of Personal Care through meaningful innovation.**

Shanghai, China – September 1, 2026 – BASF has received the 2026 Ringier Technology Innovation Award for Plantapon® Amino ASP in the Functional Chemicals – Surfactants category, recognizing the company's commitment to advancing science-driven innovative solutions for the Personal Care industry.

Widely recognized as one of China's most respected industry awards, the Ringier Technology Innovation Awards celebrate breakthrough innovations, technologies, and solutions that drive industry progress and deliver value to customers and consumers. The award was presented during a ceremony in Shanghai, attended by industry leaders, experts, and innovators.

Dr. Chang Wang, Vice President, Business Management, Personal Care, Asia Pacific, BASF, said: “We believe the future of Personal Care lies in solutions that bring together science, performance, and sustainability. Plantapon® Amino ASP embodies this vision, and we are proud to see it recognized by the industry. This award reflects the passion, expertise, and dedication of our teams, as well as the strong collaboration with our customers and partners, that help turn innovation into meaningful customer value.”

Plantapon® Amino ASP: Amino acid-based technology for multi-functional cleansing

Launched at PCHi 2026 in China, Plantapon® Amino ASP has quickly gained momentum in the market as a next-generation amino acid-based cleansing technology designed for modern beauty routines. It offers a comprehensive suite of advanced performance benefits, including high sebum and sunscreen removal efficiency for deep yet gentle cleansing, aligned with the needs of daily routines. The easy-rinse profile supports reduced water use, while fast blow-dry capabilities contribute to energy savings with perceivable hair conditioning benefits in haircare applications. Additionally, its anti-stain properties help enhance oral hygiene formulations. Designed to speak to the needs of conscious consumers, Plantapon® Amino ASP is vegan, RSPO-certified, and preservative-free. The versatility of the ingredient spans facial cleansing, body wash, shampoo, and oral care, empowering brands to formulate with both purpose and high performance.

From consumer-centric performance to sustainability benefits, Plantapon® Amino ASP demonstrates how BASF is translating scientific expertise into meaningful innovation for the Personal Care industry.

About the Care Chemicals division at BASF

The BASF division Care Chemicals offers a broad range of ingredients for personal care, home care, industrial & institutional cleaning, and technical applications. We are a leading global supplier for the cosmetics industry as well as the detergents and cleaners industry, and support our customers with innovative and sustainable products, solutions and concepts. The division's high-performance product portfolio includes surfactants, emulsifiers, polymers, emollients, chelating agents, cosmetic active ingredients and UV filters. We have production and development sites in all regions and are expanding our presence in emerging markets. Further information is available online at www.care-chemicals.com

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About BASF

At BASF, we create chemistry for a sustainable future. Our ambition: We want to be the preferred chemical company to enable our customers' green transformation. We combine economic success with environmental protection and social responsibility. Around 95,000 employees in the BASF Group contribute to the success of our customers in nearly all sectors and almost every country in the world. Our portfolio comprises, as core businesses, the segments Chemicals, Materials, Industrial Solutions, and Nutrition & Care; our standalone businesses are bundled in the segments Surface Technologies and Agricultural Solutions. BASF generated sales of around €60 billion in 2025. BASF shares are traded on the stock exchange in Frankfurt (BAS) and as American Depositary Receipts (BASFY) in the United States. Further information at www.basf.com.