



Lactalis Expands in Chicago, Continues Growth

Newest U.S. division of the world's largest dairy company adding 110 new jobs and expanding West Loop office space.

CHICAGO (Nov. 16, 2023) – [Lactalis Heritage Dairy](#) announced the continued expansion of jobs and office space at its location at 540 W. Madison St. in West Loop. Lactalis Heritage Dairy manufactures and markets iconic and beloved dairy product brands in the U.S., including Kraft Natural Cheese, Knudsen, Breakstone's and Cracker Barrel. Lactalis Heritage Dairy is part of Lactalis USA, which offers an unrivaled collection of dairy brands enjoyed in homes across the United States. Lactalis USA is part of Lactalis Group, headquartered in France and is the world's largest dairy company.

Lactalis in Chicago announced that it will have added 110 new jobs in 2023 across several business functions, including supply chain, finance, marketing, accounting, research and development, and information technology to support organizational growth. Many of the new roles support Lactalis Heritage Dairy's iconic product brands while others support Lactalis' overall U.S. business. By January 2024, the company's Chicago office will house 230 positions, representing more than 280 percent growth in positions since the office opened in late 2021.

Lactalis' Chicago corporate office will expand its lease by 13,000 square feet to accommodate the growth in employees, making its total office space over 48,000 square feet. The expansion will create additional offices and collaboration workspace. Lactalis is partnering with real estate advisor Savills, on the lease agreement and office expansion.

"It's an exciting time to work at Lactalis in Chicago and be a part of the world's largest dairy company," said Peter Cotter, chief executive officer, Lactalis Heritage Dairy. "In our Chicago office, we support our employees by cultivating a people-first culture and inspiring them to take initiative, be ambitious and make meaningful contributions in their work."

Lactalis Heritage Dairy opened its office at 540 W. Madison St. in November, 2021. Lactalis Heritage Dairy is the latest chapter in Lactalis' U.S. growth story, illustrated by a steady evolution of the business since entering the U.S. market in 1980. This evolution is a mix of steady growth of employees, customers, and consumers as well as strategic acquisitions. Today, the United States is Lactalis' second largest market after France.

Lactalis' office at 540 W. Madison allows employees close access to several dining options, a fitness and wellness center, on-site parking, a rooftop garden, and convenient access to the Metra and all Chicago public transportation. Lactalis also offers its Chicago employees a myriad of culture-building and professional development activities such as monthly cheese tastings and education sessions, development opportunities, and community service days.

To learn more and apply for open roles at Lactalis Heritage Dairy, please visit <https://lactalisheritagedairy.com/careers/>.

About Lactalis USA

Lactalis USA is committed to enriching lives by producing nutritious and great tasting dairy products. The company offers a strong, well-regarded portfolio of dairy products in the United States including [Galbani](#)[®] Italian cheeses, [Président](#)[®] specialty cheeses and gourmet butters, Kraft[®] brands in natural and grated cheeses, [Breakstones](#)[®] cottage cheese, ricotta and sour cream, [Knudsen](#)[®] cottage cheese and sour cream, [Cracker Barrel](#)[®] cheese, [Black Diamond](#)[®] cheddar cheese, Parmalat[®] milk, [siggi's](#)[®] and [Stonyfield Organic](#)[®] yogurt brands. In the United States the company has approximately 3,700 employees, is present in eight states with 11 manufacturing facilities and corporate offices located in New York City and Buffalo, N.Y., Chicago, Ill., Londonderry, N.H., and San Fernando, Calif. Lactalis USA is part of Lactalis Group, the world's leading dairy company, a French family business founded in 1933 in Laval, France. For more information, visit <https://lactalisamericangroup.com/>, www.lactalisheritagedairy.com, www.stonyfield.com, www.siggis.com and www.karoucheese.com. Follow Lactalis USA on [Instagram](#) and like us on [Facebook](#).

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