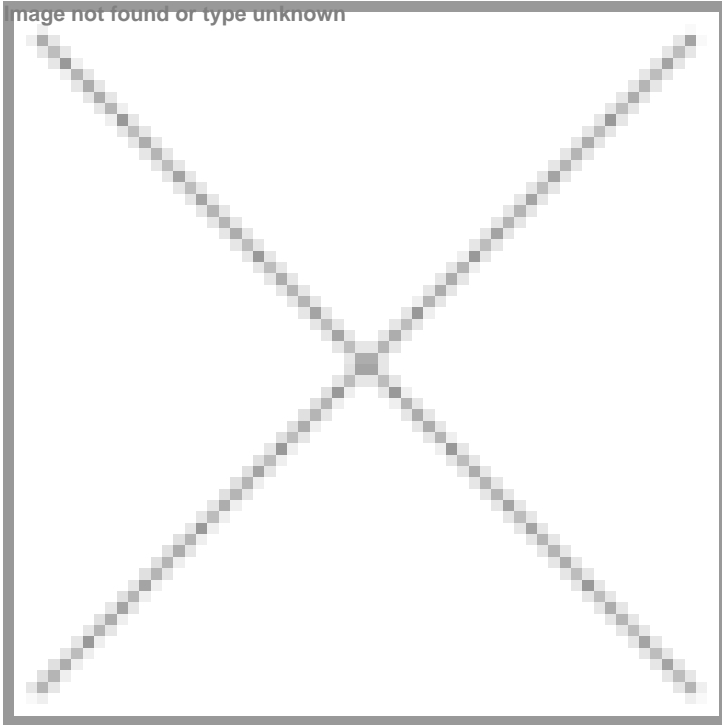


## Merck announces opening of new healthcare R&D office in Bengaluru

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### Elevating Merck Healthcare's R&D India Hub as a premier talent powerhouse



Merck, a leading science and technology company across healthcare, life science, and electronics, has announced the successful strategic move of its Healthcare Research & Development (R&D) India Hub to a new, state-of-the-art office at the Bagmane Solarium City, a premium business park in Whitefield, Bengaluru.

Spanning expansive, thoughtfully designed spaces, the new office has a significantly larger footprint to accommodate an expanded workforce and prioritizes collaboration, inclusivity, employee experience and sustainability; all while adhering to gold standards with ergonomic workstations, smart technology, and future-ready global design.

Formerly based in Electronic City, Software Park, the transition marks a significant milestone in Merck's long-term commitment to India as a strategic hub for global healthcare innovation, advanced research, and scientific excellence.

Commenting on the strategic move, Suneela Thatte, Vice President and Head, Healthcare R&D India, Merck, said, "India plays a vital role as Merck's fourth-largest global workforce hub- after Germany, the US and China- with unmatched operational excellence and technical expertise. Our excellent, specialized scientific talent makes India pivotal to Merck's global Healthcare R&D strategy. As India emerges as an innovation-led nation, we are strategically harnessing these developments to propel Merck's sustained growth in the years ahead."

Launched in 2022 as the Merck India R&D Excellence Centre, the Merck Healthcare R&D Hub has scaled remarkably in headcount and capabilities across R&D domains. The hub now supports global R&D functions including Regulatory Affairs, R&D Quality & Risk Management, Regulatory Quality Operations, Drug Safety & Pharmacovigilance, Clinical Operations,

Portfolio Strategy & Management, and multiple sub-functions, in addition to serving as the Centre of Excellence for Scientific Communications, Medical Writing, Project Management and Biostatistics teams.

In addition to this new, larger R&D Hub headquarters in Bengaluru, the team continues to maintain and fortify its presence with a dedicated Hyderabad site and a footprint in our Merck Mumbai office. The new office inauguration in Bengaluru will herald a vibrant era of growth, collaboration, and sustained R&D momentum.