

PRECISION FERMENTATION: A NEW ERA OF FOOD TECHNOLOGY

### THE POWER AND POTENTIAL OF FOOD TECHNOLOGY

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### Food production has made leaps for millenia, with new technology continuously driving methods forward.

At its core, precision fermentation represents progress in food production. As a new way of using established fermentation methods to create quality ingredients with high nutrition and functionality, while minimizing cost to the planet and animals, precision fermentation is the next leap.



## Consumer appetite is growing for new ways of food production

According to a recent study by Hartman Research Group, **40% of US adults (over 90 million people) are immediately ready to try foods made with precision fermentation based ingredients** with minimal education efforts.<sup>1</sup> With 69% saying we need to find ways to meet our society's nutritional needs with fewer resources like energy, water, or carbon, their reasons are a clear response to the challenges of food production today: the primary drivers are around making healthier food choices; the ethics of food production today on climate and animals; and enjoying a food experience in taste and texture that feels like food made through conventional methods.

With a bit of education around the technology, interest in foods made using precision

fermentation is compelling. A 2022 survey of 5000 participants across five countries by precision fermentation cheesemaker Formo found an average of **over 70% claiming that they'd be definitely or probably likely to buy precision fermentation made dairy cheese.** The study found that even dairy enthusiasts are interested in the benefits of cheese made from precision fermentation. In fact, the strongest predictor of willingness to purchase animal-free dairy cheese was the current level of cheese consumption.<sup>2</sup>

While the adoption of a more sustainable lifestyle in food choices is on the rise, nearly 1 in 2 consumers struggle with trusting companies on their sustainability commitments.<sup>3</sup> The PFA's formation is intended to help add clarity around standards and practices of members to help build trust around the sustainability and safety of foods made using precision fermentation.



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# Evolving technology to build a better future.

Precision fermentation is a key example of leveraging science and new food production techniques for a positive outcome-to create nutritious and delicious foods in a much more sustainable way. With significantly less impact to the environment, climate, and animals, precision fermentation ushers in a new era of food production technology.

<sup>1</sup> 1 The Hartman Group.. "Fermenting the Future: The Growing Opportunity for Products Made with Precision Fermentation." Pg 10 <sup>2</sup> ZT, O. (2022) WE ASKED 5000 PEOPLE ABOUT CHEESE, Formo.bio. Available at: <u>https://formo.bio/5000-people-thinking-about-cheese</u> <sup>3</sup> Archer, T., Cromwell, E. and Fenech, C. (2022) Sustainability & Consumer Behaviour 2022, Deloitte United Kingdom. Available at: <u>https://www2.deloitte.com/uk/en/pages/consumer-business/articles/sustainable-consumer.html</u>

