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## **Business growth precipitates consolidation and expansion opportunities at YMC in USA.**

*YMC plans expansion of lab development services and consolidation of its Allentown, PA location into its larger Devens, MA facility. The new location will facilitate an increase in customer services and a larger site staff to support future growth of consumable products.*

**Allentown, PA; Devens, MA USA; 8 January 2021** – [YMC America business operations will relocate to expansive YMC facility in Devens, MA to add resources, space, and improved access to the epicenter of the global bio/pharma industry.](#)

YMC America, a leading supplier of separation resins, services, and systems for the pharmaceutical market, will expand its operations into the YMC Devens, MA facility beginning 1 Feb 2021. This move from its existing location in Allentown, PA will provide more space for inventory and a larger employee base. The move seeks to retain the majority of YMC America employees.

The YMC Devens, MA facility is the 32,000 ft<sup>2</sup> (2,900 m<sup>2</sup>) R&D and manufacturing site of the former LEWA Process Technologies, which YMC acquired in 2019.

The YMC Devens location is simultaneously establishing a new lab facility in a recently acquired building adjacent to the current site. This lab facility will support the heritage YMC America products, and serve as a center for conducting short and long-term studies as well as hands-on training.

The YMC Group provides a range of chromatography resins, columns, and services which enable small and large molecule researchers and manufacturers to access a full complement of resources to facilitate the cost-effective production and QC of next generation drugs. This expansion of capabilities will have a positive impact on customers using YMC technology by bringing closer together the consumable components of YMC (resins, pre-packed columns, related accessories) and the lab/GMP systems manufactured by YMC's Devens bio/pharma systems group.

The addition of the new lab building will enable YMC and YMC customers to evaluate and develop processes using the entire suite of YMC purification products. As an example, the use of leading C18 chemistries (YMC-Triart) has recently proven to further enhance the productivity of novel YMC system technologies such as YMC's patented MCSGP technology for continuous purification of peptides, oligos, RNA- and DNA-based therapies, and vaccines.

This strengthening of capabilities in the Americas builds on YMC's global leadership in continuous separation/purification technology. In Kyoto, Japan, at its recently opened lab complex known as "Kyoto Works," YMC is escalating R&D of the continuous separation/purification platform in parallel with the expansion at the Devens location.

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The YMC Group intends to accelerate development of the continuous separation/purification business on a global basis by leveraging its manufacturing, R&D, and laboratory infrastructures in Japan, Europe, and the Americas.

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#### **About YMC Co., Ltd.**

YMC is a private life science company headquartered in Kyoto, Japan. Founded in 1980, YMC has 9 affiliates and facilities in Asia, Europe, and the Americas. Over 500 YMC employees are providing best-in-class lab and process solutions to bio/pharmaceutical industry.

YMC delivers and supports these solutions in all major global geographies on six continents.

YMC's focus is on innovation, production, and sales of packing materials, packed columns, and systems for High Performance Liquid Chromatography (HPLC), Low Pressure Liquid Chromatography (LPLC) and custom purification and custom synthesis.

YMC operates a CMO facility and pilot plant incorporating state of the art simulated moving bed (SMB) purification.

YMC America has been in operation for over 30 years serving the Americas. In 2019, YMC acquired the former LEWA Process Technologies (Devens, MA USA) and ChromaCon AG (Zurich, CH).

YMC's intellectual properties, cultivated from many years of experience, will continue to push the limits to create a prosperous future for purification and discovery of small and large molecule therapies.

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**Product Image and  
Frequently Asked Questions  
found below**

**Photo:** Shown are YMC DAC packed columns on a YMC Contichrom TWIN HPLC system.

This illustrates the synergy between products from YMC America and the YMC Devens MA system production facility.



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## YMC America location change FAQs

### **What is changing at YMC America?**

This is simply a site change for inventory and accounting to another YMC owned facility. All products and key staff will remain. The new shipping / billing information is:

#### **NEW ADDRESS:**

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### **Why did YMC decide to move this business?**

The growth of YMC in the Americas region has accelerated, and the acquisition of significant new facilities presented an opportunity to increase capacity in both footprint and support resources. The move is seen as securing a larger, more robust site to house the distribution and growth of all YMC products.

### **How will this move impact customers?**

The move is expected to be seamless for customers as the Company anticipates no delays in shipping due to the change in location. The inventory transfer is planned to be completed over a weekend. Systems and records for product management and billing are being transferred electronically to existing departments within the Devens facility.

### **Will my account manager change?**

The present YMC America field sales team will remain and will be enhanced by the addition of the current YMC Process Technologies commercial team. The two sales teams will be cross trained to provide support for both consumables and capital equipment.

### **Is there a website change? E-mail or phone change?**

No. The move comes with a planned investment to update the website later in the year, and to add other YMC products such as HPLC, LPLC and other downstream lab and GMP systems manufactured by YMC. Users will continue to access us at [www.ymcamerica.com](http://www.ymcamerica.com). Contact information such as phone and e-mail addresses will remain unchanged.

**What will change at YMC Process Technologies (Devens, MA) location? Will there be a name change?**

No name change for YMC America. However, the YMC Process Technologies (the former LEWA Process Technologies acquired by YMC in 2019) will assume the name YMC America, Inc. and operate as the Process Technologies Group of YMC America, Inc.

**Whom should I contact if I have questions about the change?**

Please contact the Sales Director, Wayne Nettnay (wnettnay@ymcpt.com)  
or contact: info@ymcamerica.com

**What is the purpose of the new lab building?**

Contract methods development, feasibility studies, product demonstration and training of YMC technologies will be carried out in this 3,580 ft<sup>2</sup> (330 m<sup>2</sup>) recently acquired facility which is just adjacent to the YMC Devens 32,000 ft<sup>2</sup> (2,900 m<sup>2</sup>) manufacturing and inventory facility. As a separate building dedicated to bench and pilot scale purification technologies, customers can exploit the state-of-the-art facility for short or longer term studies and hands-on training.

Capacity to test small QC columns through larger pilot scale systems (up to 1 LPM) is a unique capability previously not consolidated under one roof at YMC America.

Additionally, a controlled environment is included in this building for the final assembly and QC of YMC's Contichrom CUBE FPLC bench top systems.

**Can you tell me about YMC?**

Founded in 1980, YMC is a technology and services supplier to the pharmaceutical/biopharmaceutical industry. YMC employs over 500 people focused on technologies to support the development and production of drug therapies in all major global geographies.

YMC is a privately held, growth-oriented company with a balanced consumables, hardware, and services strategy. The Company offers a proven and robust portfolio of liquid chromatography media, columns, and systems for both research and production scale applications.

More at: <http://www.ymc.co.jp/en/>

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