

Dole Packaged Foods Worldwide and Future Group have announced a partnership to expand the brand's presence in India, [BusinessLine](#) reports.

For Dole, this means entering into the packaging business in the country.

"We do believe that globally speaking, we can double the size of our business in the next five years and that cannot happen without us playing a big role in India as well. India for us remains a very strategic market," said Pier-Luigi Sigismondi, the global president for Dole Packaged Foods.

Dole Packaged Foods Worldwide operates under the umbrella of Dole International Holdings.

Future Group will work with Dole to provide Indian shoppers with a range of packaged fruit and fruit-based products, said group CEO of Future Group, Kishore Biyani.

Over 750 Future Group stores in more than 30 cities will include Dole products. It is planning to launch new products in India in December or January.

Dole looks to launch a variety of offerings from its global snacking and beverage portfolio.

For example, dried fruits, fruit and nuts, fruit jellies and juices may be included. It will also include local flavors to appeal to Indian consumers.

"It is our priority at Dole Packaged Foods to reduce the distance between people and good nutrition. We now bring this mission to India with nutritious products that fit with the Indian consumers' lifestyles and culinary choices. We could not have asked for a better partner than Future Group on this journey," said Sigismondi.

Currently, it imports tropical fruits from Southeast Asia. Dole is opening plants in India for the next year. It is in discussions with companies in India to begin planning this at present.

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