

# Arkema announces a new project to produce polyamide 12 in China mid-2020

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To complement its major project in the bio-based polyamide 11, Arkema announces a 25% expansion in its global polyamide 12 polymers production capacities to support its customers' strong demand in Asia.

Arkema announces an investment plan to increase by 25% its capacity of polyamide 12 polymers, commercialized under the trademark Rilsamid<sup>®</sup>. This new capacity will be added at Arkema's Changshu platform in China and is expected to come on stream by mid-2020. With this latest investment plan, Arkema continues to reinforce its specialty polyamide business in all three major global regions – Europe, North America and now Asia.

This investment which represents several tens of millions of euros, will support the strong demand in growth applications such as [cable](#) protection, lightweighting (metal replacement) in [automobiles](#), improved high performance [sports](#) shoes (running, soccer, etc.) and evolving applications in the consumer electronics segment.

The mid-term growth rates in these applications are expected to exceed 7% per year in Asia.

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*"With this latest project, the specialty polyamides business will continue to bolster its industrial, commercial and R&D presence in Asia, and confirms its commitment to supply its global customers locally. It's energizing for our customers to see how quickly we are evolving into a local sourcing supplier, into a world-class manufacturing presence in Asia with R&D and service to match"*

Julie Zhang,  
Regional President of Arkema's Technical Polymers business in Asia

To find out more

## Rilsan, a large range of Specialty Polyamides

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