

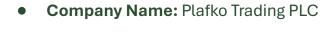
**COMPANY PROFILE** 



# WHO WE ARE

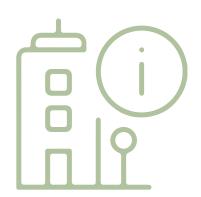
PLAFKO is committed to making plant-based living easy, accessible, and enjoyable for everyone. We believe that dietary choices should not be a barrier to a happy, healthy life. We provide nutritious, high-quality plant-based food alternatives, specifically our range of [e.g., dairy-free milk, cheeses, plant-based protein powders, vegan snacks], that don't compromise on taste, affordability, or sustainability. Our products cater to individuals avoiding animal-based foods due to health-related dietary restrictions, religious or lifestyle-based food choices, and those seeking everyday essentials or nutritious solutions.F

## Basic Company Information



- Tagline: Sustainable & Nutritious Plant-Based Solutions
- **Headquarters:** Addis Ababa, Ethiopia
- Branch: Nairobi, Kenya
- Year Established: 2024
- Legal Structure: Private Limited Company (PLC)
- Logo:





## Mission Vision and Values



### Mission:

To provide easy access to delicious, nutritious, and authentic plant-based food products that promote health, drive economic growth, and champion environmental stewardship.



### Vision:

To become a leading brand in transforming the African food industry by producing plant-based food alternatives that are nutritious, sustainable, and affordable, while fostering a thriving agri-processing ecosystem that uplifts communities.



### **Core Values:**

Sustainability
Health and Wellness
Innovation
Inclusivity and Empowerment
Integrity and Quality



## **Products** and Services

# Vegan





**Future Products** 



### **Unique Selling Points**

- 100% vegan and lactose-free
- Locally sourced and produced
- No compromise on quality
- (Future Focus): Fortified for improved nutrition and biofortification

Plafko provides a range of healthy, dairy-free food options:

## **Our market entry** product is Oat Milk

- Plain Flavored Milk
- Vanilla Flavored Milk
- Honey Flavored Milk
- Barista Oat Milk

## **Key Achievements** and **Milestones**



- Selected for the Jasiri Talent Investor Program 2024
- Secured future B2B clients cafes and restaurants across Addis Ababa
- Launched first product line within 6 months of founding
- Made sales of 187 liters and generated first round of revenues
- Onboarded over 370 liters in pre-orders during pilot launch
- Built partnerships with local ingredient suppliers
- Accepted for the BIC Africa Catalyzer program

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# Market and Customer Focus

### **Target Audience:**

- Health-conscious consumers eg. lactose intolerance or dairy allergies
- Lifestyle-Conscious Consumers, e.g.Vegans & Vegetarians
- Fasting communities (Orthodox Christians, etc.)



- Affordable plant-based nutrition
- Proudly local, culturally rooted
- Accessible through online and retail channels



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## Business Model



- Direct sales through online and offline retail
- Bulk supply to cafes, restaurants, and corporate partners
- Future subscription model for regular deliveries

### **Key Channels:**

- E-commerce platform (website), whatsapp business
- Supermarkets, organic mini markets
- B2B partnerships



# Social and Environmental Impact



- Local Sourcing: Supporting Ethiopian farmers and local economies
- Empowering Women: Actively involving women vendors and producers in the value chain
- Sustainability: Promoting plant-based diets to reduce environmental impact
- Nutrition Focus: Addressing malnutrition through nutrient-rich products and future fortification plans
- Climate Action: Commitment to track and reduce carbon footprint

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# Future Plans and Goals

- Launch new product lines (oat yogurts with various flavors, soy milk)
- Launch of a Barista Oat Milk Edition
- Invest in a larger production facility by 2026
- Expand distribution nationally and regionally (East Africa)
- Implement fortified plant-based products to combat micronutrient deficiencies
- Partner with health organizations to promote sustainable nutrition campaigns
- Track and reduce carbon footprints





### Leadership Team



### **Selam Yihun – Chief Executive Officer (CEO)**

With a background in Mechanical Engineering and Business Development, Selam has supported 40+ startups and helped create over 10,000 jobs through her work at iceaddis. As Chair of the EU-Ethiopia Youth Sounding Board and being lactose intolerant herself, she leads Plafko with purpose and personal conviction. She is deeply committed to building inclusive, health-conscious solutions for communities across Africa.



### Nigist Awish - Chief Operating Officer (COO)

With an MSc in Process Engineering and expertise in Quality Assurance and Management System Auditing (ECAE), Nigist precision-leads Plafko's operations. Driven by a mission for Ethiopia's self-sufficiency, she ensures efficient local delivery of genuine plant-based solutions like oat milk, contributing to national growth.



### **Dennis Gitau - Chief Commercial Officer (CCO)**

A people-driven strategist with a background in Economics and experience in intervention design, Dennis is passionate about harnessing the power of agrifood systems to drive both profitability and community empowerment. He brings a unique blend of creativity, systems thinking, and purpose to build impactful, sustainable ventures.

## **Testimonials:**



### **Bami**

Gender Expert

"Ever since I began my vegan journey, I've been struggling to find high-quality, affordable milk alternatives. Plafko Oat changed that for me. I no longer have to worry about my dietary choices. Plafko is here for me."



### **Tadesse**

Gym instructor

"I take Plafko Oat with my breakfast cereals sometimes, but my favorite recipe is when I use it for iced coffees. I'm lactose intolerant and can't take milk. It was very difficult for me to avoid macchiatos and iced coffee, but because of Plafko, I don't have to anymore."

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