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PanAmerican Seed Purchases Indoor Veggies from Dalina

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PanAmerican Seed has purchased the Kitchen Minis program from Danish breeder Dalina Genetics. The deal includes breeding lines, as well as Dalina's commercial lines of compact tomatoes and cucumbers. The new genetics supplement PanAmerican's wide range of indoor edible peppers procured from another Danish breeder, Ex-Plant. The company can now offer a complete assortment of compact vegetables for growers worldwide.

"Urban and small-space gardening is a strong trend around the world, especially by younger consumers," says Sean Valk, Global Sales Director of PanAmerican Seed. "With the innovative breeding these new genetics bring, partnered with our best distribution of seeds, there's real potential to take this segment to the next level."

Besides their compact growth habit, which eliminates the use of growth-regulating chemicals, the Kitchen Minis' taste and shelf life at retail has been an important aspect of continued breeding. Ongoing development will remain in Denmark where it will be merged into PanAmerican Seed-DK (formerly Ex-Plant A/S). Dalina breeder Hans Henrik Kampmann will lead the program until it is fully integrated into PanAmerican Seed. **GT**