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# Blue Aqua Gulf announces new COO and future plans

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Blue Aqua Gulf, a subsidiary of the aquaculture solutions specialistÂ Blue Aqua International, has announced the appointment of Dr Antonio Garza de Yta as its chief operating officer, who will be working directly with Dr Farshad Shishehchian, chief executive and founder of Blue Aqua International, towards Omani aquaculture goals.

Dr Garza de Yta enters his new role with a wealth of experience and knowledge, having distinguished himself throughout his career in the aquaculture industry. In his previous role as senior advisor for Aquaculture at the Sustainable Technologies and Innovation Development Company in Oman, he played a key role in fostering innovative practices within the sector.

Further proving his aquaculture expertise, Dr Garza de Yta formerly occupied the role of president of the World Aquaculture Society (WAS), and Secretary of Fisheries and Aquaculture of Tamaulipas, Mexico.

The Omani government is making a concerted effort to rapidly develop its aquaculture industry, placing faith in its potential to address food security concerns and diversify the economy. As part of the National Strategy for Sustainable Development of Aquaculture, Oman has set an ambitious target of 200,000 tonnes of farmed fish production by 2040 to address these concerns.

By addressing the challenges of aquaculture, and continuing its development efforts, Oman has the potential to become a major player in the aquaculture industry, boosting food security and economic growth.

Blue Aqua Gulf aims to support the ambitions of the Omani government with their innovative plans. In 2024, they will launch the country's first hyper-intensive round tank system, targeting an annual production of 1000 tonnes of shrimp.

The company also plans to extend its influence beyond production by serving as a training center for future shrimp farmers and hosting a dedicated research and development department to continuously improve their technology. Their facilities will serve as a showcase for next-generation shrimp aquaculture.

Furthermore, Blue Aqua Gulf aims to develop an RAS trout farm with a 3000 tonne annual capacity, along with a 10,000 tonne feed mill. Through these ambitious plans for the future, Blue Aqua Gulf aims to establish itself as a leader in the aquaculture world