# VITAGOS™ Galacto-oligosaccharides (GOS)



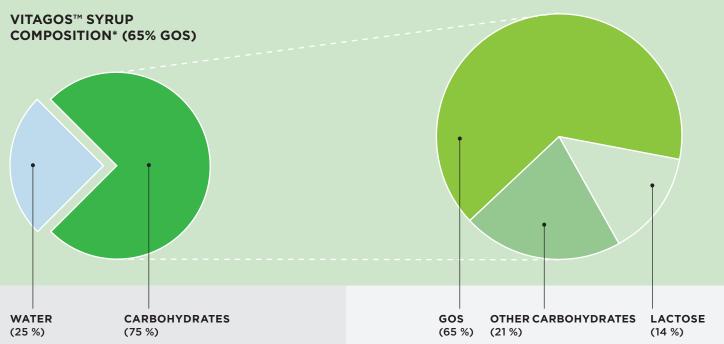


#### What is GOS?

Galacto-oligosaccharides (GOS) are non-digestible carbohydrates produced from lactose, the sugar naturally found in milk. They are considered dietary fibers and/or prebiotics in many countries.

# What is VITAGOS™ Syrup?

VITAGOS™ is a sweet syrup containing GOS. It can easily be incorporated into a wide range of food and beverage formulations.



### Why use GOS?

Over the past two decades, GOS nutritional and physiological effects have been extensively studied. In infants, they have been shown to support the growth of bifidogenic bacteria and to help with stool frequency and consistency [1]. In other demographics, the consumption of GOS has also been found to have an impact on gut microbiota [2] as well as to help support immune function [3]. Moreover, research has suggested that GOS could increase calcium absorption [4].



#### Why use VITAGOS™?

- Clean, sweet taste, with 1/3 the sweetness of sucrose
- Smooth mouth feel
- Easily pairs with any flavour
- Excellent stability at a wide range of temperature and pH
- Clear syrup
- Highly soluble



# **Applications**

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| HEALTHY<br>AGING                   |   |   | • | • | • | • | • |
| INFANT/<br>GROWING UP              | • | • |   | • |   | • |   |
| LIFESTYLE<br>BALANCE               |   |   | • | • |   | • | • |

Vitalus has more than 30 years of experience as one of Canada's top dairy exporters, supplying large-scale processors and top-tier brands. From a small, family-owned business, we have grown to become a global brand producing premium specialized dairy ingredients for use in a wide range of food and beverage applications.

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<sup>\*</sup> Based on typical analysis.