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In his role as Open Innovation Leader, Chris is focused on executing Thai Union's open innovation strategy, working collaboratively with internal R&D stakeholders to understand their innovation needs and drive external collaboration. He is responsible for supporting food tech startups as a member of the working team and operational committee of SPACE-F, Thailand's food tech incubator and accelerator. In addition, he is part of Thai Union's Corporate Venture Capital team.

Prior to joining the Thai Union Group, Chris led the innovation sourcing team of Mitr Phol Group where he focused on building international collaborations to create new business opportunities. Chris obtained his PhD. in Food Science from Cornell University, USA, and holds a B.Sc. (Honours) in Food Science from the University of Guelph, Canada.