

Claims

1. An apparatus (1) for roasting coffee beans, the apparatus (1) comprising:
a chamber (10) in which coffee beans can be received for roasting, wherein the chamber (10) comprises an opening (13), and
5 a device for roasting the coffee beans received in the chamber (10),
wherein the chamber (10) is movable with respect to a movement axis into different positions, wherein these positions comprise a roasting position and a bean discharge position, wherein
 - in the roasting position the device is arranged to roast the coffee beans
10 received in the chamber (10), and
 - in the bean discharge position the chamber (10) is arranged such that the coffee beans can be discharged via the opening (13) from the chamber (10).
2. The apparatus (1) according to claim 1, wherein the chamber (10) is rotatably
15 movable into the different positions, and/or wherein the movement axis extends horizontally.
3. The apparatus (1) according to claim 1 or 2, wherein the chamber (10) is
20 adapted to move manually and/or automatically into each of the different positions, and/or wherein the apparatus (1) further comprises a user interface (30, 32), such as a handle and/or a knob, for manually moving the chamber (10) into each of the different positions.
4. The apparatus (1) according to any one of the preceding claims, wherein the
25 apparatus (1) comprises a mating part (70), such as a lid, for covering and preferably engaging with the opening (13) in the roasting position in order to close and preferably seal the chamber (10) for roasting the coffee beans.
5. The apparatus (1) according to claim 4, wherein the opening (13) is arranged
30 such that, when the chamber (10) moves into the roasting position, the

opening (13) moves towards the mating part (70) in order to come into an engagement with the mating part (70) in the roasting position, wherein said engagement is preferably a sealing engagement.

- 5 **6.** The apparatus (1) according to claim 4 or 5, wherein, when the chamber (10) is in the roasting position, the mating part (70) and the opening (13) are relatively movable to one another so that the opening (13) and the mating part (70) can come into an engagement with one another, wherein said engagement is preferably a sealing engagement.
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- 7.** The apparatus (1) according to any one of the preceding claims, wherein the chamber (10) comprises a sidewall (12), and wherein the distal end of the sidewall (12) defines the opening (13), wherein the distal end of the sidewall (12) is preferably slanted such that the opening (13) extends obliquely with respect to the sidewall (12).
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- 8.** The apparatus (1) according to any one of the preceding claims, wherein in the bean discharge position the chamber (10) is arranged to discharge by gravity the coffee beans from the chamber (10) via the opening (13), wherein in the
- 20 bean discharge position the opening (13) is preferably oriented downwards,
- 9.** The apparatus (1) according to any one of the preceding claims, wherein the different positions further comprise a bean reception position, wherein in the bean reception position the chamber (10) is arranged to receive, via the
- 25 opening (13), coffee beans for subsequent roasting in the roasting position, wherein in the bean reception position the chamber (10) is preferably arranged to receive by gravity the coffee beans in the chamber (10) via the opening (13), and/or wherein in the bean reception position the opening (13) is preferably oriented upwards.
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- 10.** The apparatus (1) according to any one of the preceding claims, wherein in the bean discharge position the device is adapted to provide a current of air in order to discharge the coffee beans from the chamber (10) via the opening (13).

11. The apparatus (1) according to any one of the preceding claims, further comprising a housing (20) for housing at least the chamber (10) and preferably also the device, wherein the housing (20) preferably comprises a bean
5 reception opening (24) and a bean discharge opening (25), wherein the bean reception opening (24) and the bean discharge opening (25) are arranged such that the opening (13) of the chamber (10) can be selectively aligned with the bean reception opening (24) or the bean discharge opening (25).
- 10 12. The apparatus (1) according to any one of the preceding claims, wherein the device is arranged to generate a current of air in order to agitate the coffee beans received in the chamber (10).
13. The apparatus (1) according to any one of the preceding claims, wherein the
15 apparatus (1) is a home appliance apparatus.
14. Method for roasting coffee beans in a chamber (10) in which coffee beans can be received for roasting, wherein the chamber (10) comprises an opening (13), the method comprising the steps of:
20 receiving coffee beans in the chamber via the opening (13),
roasting, in a roasting position, the coffee beans received in the chamber (10),
moving, with respect to a movement axis, the chamber (10) into a bean discharge position,
discharging, in the bean discharge position, the coffee beans via the opening
25 (13) from the chamber (10), and
moving, with respect to the movement axis, the chamber (10) into the roasting position.
15. The method according to claim 14, further comprising the step of moving, with
30 respect to the movement axis, the chamber into a bean reception position,

preferably further comprising the step of receiving, in the bean reception position of the chamber (10), coffee beans in the chamber via the opening (13).