

Press release

Sodexo acquires award-winning corporate restaurant group K-märkt in Sweden to accelerate its sustainable food transformation

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Investing further in sustainable food, Sodexo in Sweden acquires the corporate restaurant group K-märkt, known for its high-quality, tasty food and innovative methods for enhancing sustainability and reducing food waste. K-märkt restaurants are currently situated at six locations in Stockholm, with an objective to expand to more cities in Sweden together with Sodexo.

K-märkt's sustainable food model is based on a strong supply chain network which makes it possible to source food products that otherwise would have been wasted. One result of this is the "Chef's Choice" concept, where meals are created using the food available each day rather than offering set menus.

This acquisition in Sweden is part of Sodexo's broader ambition to become the leader in sustainable food. Aligned with this ambition, **Sodexo is undertaking a gradual yet profound transformation of its food operations worldwide**. The farm-to-fork food system is estimated to generate 1/3 of the global greenhouse emissions, making it essential to change the way we produce and consume food*.

"We are driving change by how we source and cook food, what we offer to our consumers, and how we manage waste. At Sodexo we develop creative and plant-forward menus and work successfully to reduce food waste. With the acquisition of K-märkt, we will continue to upgrade and upscale our existing food offers in Sweden and make sustainable food available to more people," says Peter Mellin, CEO of Sodexo in Sweden.

"Sodexo shares our goals to change the way food is produced and how we eat. With Sodexo, we can grow and explore new opportunities for K-märkt bringing far more sustainable meals to the table than we would have been able to on our own. And at the same time, we will continue to focus on what we do best – serving tasty and sustainable meals" says Jens Dolk, co-founder, and CEO of K-märkt.

**Source: <https://www.unido.org/stories/new-research-shows-food-system-responsible-third-global-anthropogenic-emissions>.*

About K-märkt

K-märkt restaurants started its business in 2014. The founders' vision was to combine volume and quality related to lunch meals stating, "We will serve Sweden's best lunch on a tray – without the tray". Today, the corporate restaurant group is situated at six locations in Stockholm and in addition to volume and quality, sustainability has become the most important pillar. Through innovative and creative methods, K-märkt has led the way for sustainability development within the restaurant business in Sweden. In 2018, K-märkt was appointed Sweden's most sustainable restaurant and this autumn it is nominated for the Stora Turismpriset (The big Tourism prize).

About Sodexo

Founded in Marseille in 1966 by Pierre Bellon, Sodexo is the global leader in sustainable food and valued experiences at every moment in life: learn, work, heal and play. The Group stands out for its independence, its founding family shareholding and its responsible business model. Its portfolio of activities includes Sodexo Food and Facilities Management Services and Pluxee Employee Benefit Solutions, activity for which the Group announced a spin-off and listing project in early 2024. This diversified offer meets all the challenges of everyday life with a dual goal: to improve the quality of life of our employees and those we serve, and contribute to the economic, social and environmental progress in the communities where we operate. For Sodexo, growth and social commitment go hand in hand. Our purpose is to create a better everyday for everyone to build a better life for all. Sodexo is included in the CAC Next 20, CAC 40 ESG, CAC SBT 1.5, FTSE 4 Good and DJSI indices.

Sodexo Group key figures

- 22.6 billion euros in Fiscal 2023 consolidated revenues
- 430,000 employees as of August 31, 2023
- #1 France-based private employer worldwide
- 45 countries
- 80 million consumers served daily
- 14.3 billion euros in market capitalization (as of October 25, 2023)

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