



Oslo Guldsmeden Hotel Purchasing Policy 2024

Sustainability is at the heart of everything we do here at Oslo Guldsmeden. Our purchasing policy focuses on reducing environmental impact, supporting local production and communities, and providing high-quality experiences for our guests. We believe that every choice we make can make a positive difference.

When making purchasing decisions, we look beyond just the price tag. We consider quality, service, reliability, and how our choices affect the environment throughout their life cycle. By working with suppliers who share our values and meet our ethical and environmental standards, we aim to benefit both our guests and the planet. Our goal is to make decisions that are good for our business and help promote sustainability in the hospitality industry.

Packaging and Waste Reduction

In the Guldsmeden family, minimising waste is a longstanding tradition. Here in Oslo, many of our products arrive in reusable plastic boxes, which we return to suppliers with each delivery. This simple practice cuts down on single-use packaging and keeps our operations more sustainable. We favour suppliers who offer take-back programmes and use biodegradable or recyclable materials, helping us reduce our environmental footprint even further. Working together, we're creating a system that's kinder to the environment from start to finish.

Thoughtful and Ethical Purchasing

We work closely with suppliers who share our values, ensuring high standards for worker welfare and ethical production. This means supporting fair, humane practices and considering the impact of every product we bring into our hotel. **Integrity is fundamental to us;** we uphold a strict policy against any form of bribery or unethical practices, ensuring all collaborations are rooted in transparency and mutual respect.

We're mindful about ordering just what we need—avoiding excess that could lead to waste and under-ordering that might result in extra deliveries and unnecessary packaging. By planning carefully, consolidating orders, and scheduling deliveries efficiently, we reduce transport frequency, helping to lower both our environmental impact and operational costs.

For us, thoughtful purchasing goes beyond just products—it's a commitment to the people and planet we're part of.

Ethical Sourcing and Animal Welfare

We're committed to working with suppliers who care about people, animals, and the planet as much as we do. This means partnering with businesses that uphold high standards for worker welfare and ethical production practices, ensuring that every product is made with care and respect. Oslo Guldsmeden supports suppliers who follow humane practices in food sourcing and other products. By choosing ethically made goods, we not only keep true to our values but also offer our guests products of a quality we truly believe in.

Quality, Affordability, and Sustainability

We believe that high quality and sustainability should go hand-in-hand without breaking the bank. Our purchasing choices focus on products that are built to last, reducing the need for frequent replacements and cutting down on waste. While we might spend a bit more upfront, considering the bigger picture - including product longevity, operating costs, and environmental benefits - often makes it worth it.

We love sourcing local, organic, and seasonal products because they bring freshness and quality without the added costs of distant sourcing. By choosing what's in season and available nearby, we're able to offer you exceptional products while keeping prices fair.

When making improvements or renovations, we look at the long term, finding that perfect balance between cost-effectiveness, durability, and top-notch quality. Every choice is made with an eye toward how it affects the environment over its entire life—from production to disposal. Our approach is simple: practical, affordable steps to reduce our environmental footprint.

And we don't do it alone. We collaborate with like-minded suppliers who share our commitment to responsible practices. This means partnering with businesses that reduce water, energy, and chemical use, offer sustainable packaging, choose eco-friendly transport, and uphold high standards of animal welfare. Together, we're building a culture of sustainability that benefits you, our community, and the planet.

Energy

With Norway's rich renewable energy sources, choosing green energy just makes sense for us - and for the planet!

Sustainable, Organic, and Delicious Food

We take pride in serving food that's not only delicious but also kind to the planet. Most of the ingredients in our kitchen are organic. When organic options aren't available, we choose local sustainable alternatives or products certified by trusted Norwegian standards. Being in Norway certainly helps - we're fortunate to have access to amazing natural resources and a strong culture of sustainability.

We focus on local ingredients and collaborate with suppliers who hold certifications ensuring their products meet high standards of sustainability, ethical production, and quality. By adhering to these standards, we support responsible farming, fishing, and production methods that align with our eco-conscious values.

Debio Ø



Ensures that products are organically produced and processed.

NYT NORGE



Guarantees that a product is Norwegian and adheres to strict quality and environmental standards.

FSC (Forest Stewardship Council)



Certifies that wood and paper products are sourced from responsibly managed forests.

MAT SKATT



Recognizes and promotes Norwegian food treasures that maintain a high standard in terms of sustainability, local production, and heritage.

Spesialitet Norge



Norwegian label highlighting products of exceptional quality and traditional craftsmanship, promoting local and specialty foods.

MSC/ ASC (Marine / Aquaculture Stewardship Council)



Guarantees all fish and seafood products come from sustainable practices.

Our Suppliers – Where Our Food Comes From

We are proud to partner with suppliers who share our commitment to sustainability and quality. Below are some of our key suppliers and how they contribute to our sustainable practices:



ASKO, one of Norway's largest wholesalers, is a leader in sustainable logistics, aiming for carbon neutrality by 2026. Alongside a robust selection of organic, certified, local, and sustainable goods, their delivery fleet includes electric and hydrogen-powered vehicles, and they prioritize renewable energy like solar power in operations.



Engrosfrukt partners with local Norwegian farmers to supply fresh, high-quality, and sustainably grown produce and eggs. With a focus on locally sourced, seasonal produce, they reduce food miles and support the local economy. Engrosfrukt also collaborates closely with sustainable farmers and is committed to minimizing food waste through efficient stock management and seasonal purchasing practices.



Kolonihagen is known for its certified organic and artisanal baked goods, produced with a strong commitment to sustainability. Using organic grains and collaborating with local producers, they emphasize traditional, eco-friendly baking practices. Their packaging is also sustainably designed, utilizing recyclable and biodegradable materials to further reduce environmental impact.



Strøm-Larsen, a family-owned meat specialist, is dedicated to sustainable and ethical practices. They source meat from local Norwegian farmers who prioritize animal welfare and environmentally friendly methods. Strøm-Larsen reduces food waste through comprehensive meat processing, using as much of the animal as possible, and ensures that all products are sustainably processed.



Fuglen Coffee is dedicated to great coffee through ethical sourcing, offering coffee beans that are sustainably grown, direct trade, and organic. They work directly with coffee farmers and cooperatives focused on eco-friendly production. Fuglen is dedicated to transparency in the supply chain and minimizing their environmental impact through careful sourcing and sustainable roasting methods.



Norganic is a leading supplier of certified organic and eco-friendly products, offering a broad selection of sustainably produced foods like teas, sodas, snacks, and nuts. Committed to promoting organic farming, Norganic ensures their entire supply chain—from production to packaging—supports sustainability. They prioritize ethical supply chain practices, eco-friendly packaging, and responsible sourcing to uphold high environmental standards.

Sustainable Materials and Products

We're committed to choosing products throughout our hotel that are good for people and the planet.

Textiles

For all our textiles, we stick to products certified by trusted standards. This means our linens and fabrics are organic, free from harmful substances, responsibly sourced, and made under fair working conditions.

GOTS (Global Organic Textile Standard)



Ensures organic production and fair labour practices.

Øko-Tex Standard 100



Guarantees textiles are tested for harmful substances

FSC (Forest Stewardship Council)



Certifies that wood and paper products are sourced from responsibly managed forests.

Fair Trade



Promotes fair wages and safe working conditions

Cleaning Products

We prioritize using cleaning products that are gentle on the environment and meet high environmental and health standards. All our cleaning products are certified by respected eco-labels, ensuring they align with our commitment to protecting the well-being of our guests, staff, and the planet.

Nordic Swan Ecolabel



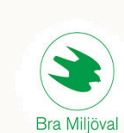
Ensures strict environmental, health, and quality standards

EU Blomsten



Ensures products with minimal environmental impact

Bra Miljöval



Swedish certification indicating low environmental impact

Paper Products and Amenities

When it comes to stationery and printed materials, we favour suppliers who provide products made from recyclable or recycled materials and certified by environmental standards. This way, we ensure our paper use is sustainable and helps keep forests healthy.

Our amenities are a favourite among guests, crafted with high-quality ingredients that care for your body and hair, all while prioritizing sustainability. Designed to let you indulge responsibly, they're as good for you as they are for the planet!

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PEFC (Programme for the Endorsement of Forest Certification)



Supports sustainable forest management through certification

BDIH (International Organic and Natural Cosmetics Corporation)



Regulations on natural ingredients and animal welfare, rejecting synthetic dyes, fragrances, silicones, paraffin, and other petrochemicals.

ECOCERT (Organic and Natural Cosmetics)



Ensures ingredients are derived from renewable resources and manufactured by using environmentally friendly processes.

At Oslo Guldsmeden, we're always working to make your stay feel like home - just with a little extra care for the environment. Our local Green Team, with guidance from the Guldsmeden Sustainability Manager, reviews this policy every year to ensure we're on the right path.

Thanks for helping us make a difference!



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