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Scandic restaurants to stop using palm oil

For environmental reasons, Scandic has decided to discontinue the use of palm oil and replace it with rapeseed and sunflower seed oil in its 160 restaurants. The hotel chain's restaurants use around 75 cubic metres of oil in deep-frying every year.

Scandic has been working with sustainability issues since the mid-1990s. Water, energy, waste and carbon dioxide emissions are some of the areas monitored by the Group every month, to ensure continuous improvement with respect to sustainability. Now the company is focusing on its restaurant offer, and has decided to replace palm oil with rapeseed and sunflower oil. Scandic's restaurants use around 75 thousand litres of oil every year just for deep-frying. The use of palm oil has already ceased in Norway, Denmark and Finland.

"Accepting our environmental and social responsibilities has always been important to us. A good example of this is that we have been serving only Fairtrade or UTZ coffee for several years now. By using rapeseed and sunflower oil exclusively for deep frying, we are taking a stand on the protection of wildlife and the preservation of forest", says Inger Mattsson, Sustainability Manager at Scandic.

The cultivation of palm oil has trebled over the past 30 years. Palm oil is grown in areas which were previously covered by tropical rain forests – forests which are regarded as the most diverse eco systems in the world. Malaysia and Indonesia are responsible for 87% of the world's production of palm oil.

Sweden imports an estimated 44,000 tonnes of palm oil every year. This is equivalent to every Swede "borrowing" 11 square metres of land to cover his or her consumption of palm oil (source: WWF).

For more information on Scandic's approach to sustainability, please visit www.scandichotels.com/betterworld

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Varje dag jobbar Scandics 7.500 medarbetare med ett enda mål – att du ska trivas. Som Nordens mest hållbara hotellkedja har vi alltid fokus på miljö, socialt ansvar och tillgänglighet. Scandic är Nordens största hotellkedja med omkring 160 hotell i åtta länder och sammanlagt 29 910 hotellrum med en omsättning på 923 miljoner EUR. Vi vill vara mer än bara ett hotell – en plats där människor träffas, jobbar och inspireras.

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