



PURCHASING POLICY STATEMENT 2021

Our businesses (Niche Food & Drink Ltd & Niche Free-From Kitchen Ltd) is a leading gluten-free restaurant and food production business specialising in the free-from market, with a strong focus on fresh and regionally sourced products prepared and served on site by well trained staff.

Aim

That every Niche chef has access to the best quality ingredients sourced in an ethical and responsible way from local suppliers and producers.

Policy Statement

We will not profit from supply chain, we are committed to working with our suppliers and growers to source the best quality ingredients for our restaurants. Our chefs are actively engaged in the selection of produce and suppliers and are encouraged to use seasonal, locally produced produce in the first instance. To achieve this we will:

- Develop real partnerships with our suppliers and work together to source the best possible ingredients, locally and ethically.
- Benchmark all our prices against recognised industry indices to ensure they are competitive and represent best value.
- Know exactly where all our ingredients and products come from, know how they have been grown and support our suppliers to achieve best quality at fair prices.

Supply Chain

Our policy focuses on sustainability, seasonality and provenance. We respond to client and customer expectations through our values by promoting purchasing policies that increase the use of environmentally sound and ethically sourced products. We encourage our suppliers to share our ethical principles and procurement commitments. As such, we expect them to comply with our supply chain code of conduct, which covers human rights, business ethics and environmental management practices.

Our approach to sustainable supplies includes sourcing products that meet industry marques and partnering with local suppliers. We believe that, wherever possible, we should purchase fairly



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traded and ethically sourced products. This ensures better trading conditions for producers and helps us build lasting relationships with global suppliers that have sustainable business.

IDC

One of our main suppliers is IDC Limited, who provide quality local supply, reducing food miles and ensuring best possible freshness and quality.

- IDC source sustainable fish and seafood from Marine Stewardship Council (MSC) certified fisheries and farmed fish from well managed and sustainable sources.
- IDC are committed to sourcing Red Tractor assured products, sustainable fish and products that are in season wherever possible.
- Accreditations;



Approval

This statement has been approved by Niche Directors.

Marc Warde & Adrian Morgan

Niche intends to review and update this statement as necessary on an annual basis.