

Nordzucker's Finnish subsidiary Suomen Sokeri Oy adjusts its production structure

Suomen Sokeri Oy, the Finnish subsidiary of Nordzucker AG, has decided to cease raw sugar refining and close several production lines at its Porkkala site. These measures will ensure the business's long-term viability in a challenging market environment in Finland.

Braunschweig, 25 March 2026 – Suomen Sokeri Oy has concluded negotiations with trade unions and employee representatives regarding organisational and operational adjustments, which began in March. As a result, the Nordzucker subsidiary has decided to cease raw sugar refining at its Finnish site in Porkkala (Kantvik, Kirkkonummi) and to close the production lines for cube, icing and nib sugar. In future, these products for the Finnish market will be supplied from other Nordzucker factories whenever possible. The decision has no impact on other products, sugar beet cultivation in Finland or contracts with growers.

Clear focus: securing competitiveness and streamlining structures

With this decision, Suomen Sokeri Oy is responding to the difficult global market situation and the challenging business environment. The aim is to improve the organisational structure and, in doing so, also enhance financial performance. “We support the measures of our Finnish subsidiary, which has based its decisions on local conditions. These steps help to position the Group for long-term profitability and make a positive contribution to the Group's further development within the framework of our Fields for Growth strategy,” explains Lars Gorissen, Chief Executive Officer of Nordzucker AG.

Impact on the Porkkala site and continuation of key functions

As a result of the changes, up to 26 jobs will be discontinued at the Porkkala plant and in the quality control department. The measures are to be implemented by the end of 2026.

The Porkkala factory will continue to operate liquid sugar production (including molasses and syrups), speciality products, the packaging and storage centre, energy generation, the laboratory, port operations, raw material management, maintenance, as well as sales, marketing and administrative functions.

In parallel, Nordzucker's subsidiary is reviewing plans to enable raw sugar refining in future at the Finnish site of its parent company, Sucros Oy, in Säkyli. "The decisions taken by Suomen Sokeri Oy strengthen the future direction of our European production and logistics structures. This will enable us to continue to position the Group more efficiently in light of the market situation and drive forward important transformation steps," adds Alexander Bott, Chief Financial Officer of Nordzucker AG and Chair of Board of Directors of the Finnish subsidiary Suomen Sokeri Oy.

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Nordzucker is one of the world's leading producers of sugar from sugar beet and sugar cane. The Group produces sugar products in various forms, such as white sugar, raw sugar, refined sugar, organic sugar, speciality sugars and liquid sugars. In addition, Nordzucker produces animal feed, molasses, fertilisers and fuels, as well as electricity. In the 2024/2025 financial year, the company generated revenue of €2.8 billion.

With its revised 'Fields for Growth' strategy, Nordzucker is focusing on two key areas: Firstly, strengthening the profitability of its existing business through investments in sustainability and optimising its cost structure. Secondly, Nordzucker is aiming for further diversification as part of its planned growth outside the EU sugar market.

Nordzucker is committed to sustainability, from the farmer to the consumer, and makes sustainability an integral part of the company. In processing and throughout the value chain, Nordzucker prioritises regional cultivation, with short transport routes, under the highest quality and social standards, and with full utilisation of the crops. The aim is to make all production at the plants CO₂-neutral by 2050 at the latest.

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