

Sustainable Catering Services Market Size & Share Analysis - Growth Trends and Forecast (2026 - 2031)

> ****Industry:**** Specialty, Niche & Experience Tourism (Hospitality & Tourism)
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Executive Market Summary

Market Metric	Details
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Base Market Size	USD 122.66 billion
Projected Forecast (2031)	USD 122.66 billion
Growth Rate (CAGR)	4.12 %
Largest Market Region	N/A
Fastest-Growing Region	N/A

Market Visualizations & Infographics

![Major players in Sustainable Catering Services industry](images/chart_2.png)

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Market Overview	Study Period 2020 - 2031
Market Size (2026)	USD 122.66 Billion
Market Size (2031)	USD 150.05 Billion
Growth Rate (2026 - 2031)	4.12 %
Fastest Growing Market	Asia Pacific
Largest Market	North America
Market Concentration	Medium

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Market Overview

Sustainable Catering Services Market Analysis by Mordor IntelligenceThe sustainable catering services market size in 2026 is estimated at USD 122.66 billion, growing from 2025 value of USD 117.81 billion with 2031 projections showing USD 150.05 billion, growing at 4.12% CAGR over 2026-2031. Clients now treat environmental performance as a core purchasing criterion, and digital kitchen platforms that measure waste and carbon output have moved from optional extras to standard features. Europe leads the sustainable catering services market with a 31.35% slice in 2024, supported by strict food-system regulations and consumer preference for transparent sourcing. Middle East and Africa deliver the fastest growth at a 5.6% CAGR as new tourism assets and corporate campuses specify low-carbon dining. Full-service catering retains volume leadership, yet self-sufficient Mobile / Food-Truck units accelerate at 6.7% CAGR because they combine flexible deployment with renewable power systems. Reusable serviceware is expanding as city bans on single-use disposables take effect, while rising demand for plant-based menus underpins the sustainable catering services market as an integral part of corporate net-zero strategies.

- Key Report Takeaways* By service type, full-service catering held 38.74% of sustainable catering services market share in 2025; Mobile / food-truck catering is poised to grow at a 6.42% CAGR through 2031.
* By contract type, Contract catering accounted for 62.88% of the sustainable catering services market size in 2025, while self-operated formats are forecast to expand at a 5.21% CAGR.
* By end user, Corporate and band represented 34.72% of the sustainable catering services market size in 2025; Industrial and remote sites record the quickest 5.88% CAGR to 2031.
* By food category, local and seasonal procurement commanded 28.86% of sustainable catering services market share in 2025, and plant-based / vegan menus advance at a 9.12% CAGR.
* Compass Group, Sodexo, Aramark, Elior Group, and ISS A/S together controlled significant market share of sustainable catering services in 2025.

Key Market Trends

Market Trends and InsightsDrivers Impact Analysis of Sustainable Catering Services Market*Driver | (~)% Impact on CAGR Forecast | Geographic Relevance | Impact Timeline |
Growing Demand for Customized and Healthy Food Options | +1.2% | Global, with higher impact in North America and Europe | Medium term (2-4 years) |
Focus on Sustainability and Ethical Sourcing Practices | +1.5% | Global, with early adoption in Europe | Long term (≥ 4 years) |
Technological Innovations in Food Service Management | +0.8% | North America, Europe, Asia-Pacific | Medium term (2-4 years) |
Increased Corporate and Institutional Demand for Sustainable Practices | +1.1% | Global, with higher impact in developed economies | Medium term (2-4 years) |
Consumer Willingness to Pay a Premium for Sustainable Offerings | +0.7% | Europe, North America, Urban centers in Asia-Pacific | Short term (≤ 2 years) |
Source: Mordor Intelligence |

Competitive Landscape

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The sustainable catering services market is moderately concentrated. Compass Gro

up deploys mergers to sharpen sector specialization, adding boutique firms that excel in low-carbon event cuisine. Sodexo explores absorbing Aramark to widen geographic footprint and tech stack. Aramark pilots AI menu generators that balance nutrition with emissions. Elior and ISS invest in smart vending and pantry refill services.

Startups fill white spaces such as carbon-neutral pop-up kitchens and hyper-local sourcing networks. Tech alliances integrate IoT, traceability ledgers, and demand forecasting that lift service quality across the sustainable catering services market. Emerging disruptors include technology-focused startups offering artificial intelligence-driven menu planning and food waste reduction platforms, as well as specialized sustainable caterers with vertically integrated supply chains that ensure environmental control and quality assurance from farm to table. Technology adoption is accelerating across the industry, with enterprise-level caterers investing in advanced order management systems, delivery optimization platforms, and customer engagement applications that enhance operational efficiency while providing detailed sustainability performance data to clients seeking to meet their own environmental objectives.

Sustainable Catering Services Industry Leaders* Compass Group PLC

- * Sodexo SA
- * Aramark Corporation
- * Elior Group
- * ISS A/S

* *Disclaimer: Major Players sorted in no particular order
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Scope Methodology P Space

Our study treats the sustainable catering services market as the aggregate revenue earned by professional caterers that consciously minimize food waste, cut greenhouse-gas emissions, favor locally sourced and seasonal produce, and adopt reusable or compostable service-ware across institutional, corporate, social-event, and in-flight settings.

Scope exclusion: retail meal-kits, home meal delivery apps, and disposable packaging suppliers sit outside this definition.

Segmentation Container

- * By Service Type* Full-Service Catering
- * Quick-Service / Drop-Off Catering
- * Mobile / Food-Truck Catering
- * Buffet & Plated Meal Services
- * Boxed / Grab-and-Go Lunches
- * By Contract Type* Contract Catering
- * Self-Operated / Non-Contract
- * Short-Term Event Contracts
- * Long-Term Facilities Contracts
- * By End User* Corporate & Business & Industry (B&I)
- * Education (K-12 & Universities)
- * Healthcare & Senior Living
- * Industrial & Remote (Mining, Oil & Gas, Offshore Wind)
- * Hospitality, Sports & Leisure Venues
- * Government & Military

* Social & Private Events

* By Food Category* Plant-Based / Vegan Menus

- * Organic & Biodynamic Ingredients
- * Local & Seasonal Procurement
- * Fair-Trade & Ethically-Sourced Products
- * Low-Carbon / Climate-Smart Menus

* By Packaging & Service-ware* Reusable Service-ware

- * Biodegradable Packaging
- * Recycled Content Packaging

* By Geography

* North America* Canada

- * United States
- * Mexico
- * Rest of North America

* South America* Brazil

- * Peru
- * Chile
- * Argentina
- * Rest of South America

* Asia-Pacific* India

- * China
- * Japan
- * Australia
- * South Korea
- * South East Asia (Singapore, Malaysia, Thailand, Indonesia, Vietnam, Philippine S)
- * Rest of Asia-Pacific

* Europe* United Kingdom

- * Germany
- * France
- * Spain
- * Italy
- * BENELUX (Belgium, Netherlands, Luxembourg)
- * NORDICS (Denmark, Finland, Iceland, Norway, Sweden)
- * Rest of Europe

* Middle East & Africa* United Arab Emirates

- * Saudi Arabia
- * South Africa
- * Nigeria
- * Rest of Middle East & Africa

Frequently Asked Questions

How big is the sustainable catering services Market?

The sustainable catering services market size is expected to reach USD 122.66 billion in 2026.

What is the projected value of the sustainable catering services market by 2031?

It is expected to reach USD 150.05 billion, rising from USD 117.81 billion in 2025.

Which region currently leads the sustainable catering services market?

Europe leads with 31.02% of global revenue in 2025 due to stringent regulations and high consumer awareness.

Which service type is expanding the fastest?

Mobile / food-truck catering is growing at a 6.42% CAGR between 2026 and 2031, driven by renewable energy units and flexible deployment.

Why are self-operated kitchens gaining momentum?

Organizations favor self-operation to align food sourcing and waste targets directly with internal ESG goals.

How significant is the plant-based segment within the sustainable catering services market?

Plant-based / vegan menus are advancing at a 9.12% CAGR, reflecting rising consumer demand for climate-conscious dining.