

# Lidl Danmark Certifies Portfolio of 119 Buildings



- Lidl Denmark certified 119 buildings with EDGE
- The achievement makes Lidl Denmark the largest owner of certified green real estate in Denmark
- The green certification of its portfolio is a key component of Lidl's sustainability strategy
- Future stores will be certified using the EDGE standard

“EDGE has proven itself to be an extremely useful and reliable tool to apply to the whole of our store portfolio. We are happy to be the largest owner of green buildings in Denmark, but take this as a starting point to progressively improve our stores for the benefit of our customers, our staff and for the planet”

Mads T. Nielsen  
Chief Property Management Officer

## The Story

Lidl Danmark began to evaluate EDGE certification in 2019. The retailer wanted an accessible green building system that would evaluate the sustainability performance of each asset in its portfolio on a cost-effective basis. Lidl also wanted to set targets for sustainability performance and future improvement according to international best practice.

EDGE's clear focus on water, energy and materials made it the ideal choice for a retailer wishing to manage and improve existing outlets and set parameters for new development. The granularity of the EDGE App provides the level of detail for a responsible retailer to understand resource efficiency in all areas of retail operation – whether that be the store's overall energy and water consumption, or for individual areas of operation such as cooling and freezing units, staff welfare areas, storage or sales areas.

Across Denmark, Lidl wishes to ensure that its store portfolio is built and managed in the most sustainable way possible. The 119 stores certified under EDGE include both new and existing developments.

Use of EDGE helped Lidl Danmark confirm the positive and socially responsible approach they have adopted in recent years, and also helped set a standard for the retail design and operation which can ultimately lead to net zero carbon. The company is committed to working progressively in a step-by-step approach for all their property assets across Denmark.

Looking ahead, Lidl Danmark has an ambitious new build programme which will add around 10 new stores each year to the portfolio, all of which will be designed and constructed in line with EDGE standards. The company is also actively refurbishing older stores within its portfolio, making progressive improvements to energy, water and materials in accordance with EDGE.

## The Impact



Carbon savings equivalent to taking 600 cars off the road every year



Water savings equivalent to the annual water consumed at home by 4,400 people