

The hot kitchen exhaust heats up the garage



Ringen Centrum, Stockholm, Sweden

Ringen Centrum, with its more than 60 shops, is located in south central Stockholm. Here the culinary scene flourishes through the popular food court "The Theater" where several of Sweden's most renowned chefs have incorporated fast food-establishments with their own creative touch.

Facts

Name: Teatern in Ringen Centrum

Location: Stockholm, Sweden

Industry: Commercial kitchen ventilation

Purpose: • Increased fire safety

· Minimized ventilation maintenance cost

· Maximized energy recovery via the existing property

ventilation

· Heating the underground garage with purified exhaust air

Performance: Minimum 99% odor removal

Air flow: $32,400 \text{ m}^3/\text{h} (9,000 \text{ L/s})$

Solution:

Ozonetech RENA Kitchen Solutions

Units: 2

Dimensions (HxWxD): 1,100 x 695 x 265 mm

Input power: 49 dB

Nodora odor removal system

Model: Nodora X

Units: 1

Footprint (WxD): 4,800 x 2,300 mm

Pressure drop: 360 Pa

The problem

The property owner was determined to raise the attractiveness of the Ringen shopping center. The plan included a food court with a unique layout and a high-quality fast-food concept. The restaurants would form a circle with a coliseum-like dining area, hence the name The Theater.

The nine restaurants would produce a lot of heat and the purification of the kitchen exhaust air had to be solved.

There were two alternatives. The standard solution, to install ventilation channels with discharge to public outdoor areas. Or to aim higher and recycle as much energy as possible from the hot air to lower overall energy use.

For AMF Fastigheter, the leading Swedish property owner in sustainability, the choice was easy, they wanted to be true to the company's sustainability policy and therefore decided to go with Mellifiq.



The food court at Ringen centrum, called "The Theater".





The Theater offers innovative delicious fast-food at affordable prices. The atmosphere is very casual, reflecting the special feel of south central Stockholm.

The solution

An innovative solution was presented in the early planning stage: to recover the heat from the kitchen exhaust to heat up both the mall and the underground garage.

The backbone of the treatment was the ozone installation. Two Ozonetech high-performance RENA systems was installed with capacity to treat the 32,400 m³/h (9,000 l/s). The purpose was not only to make efficient energy recovery possible. Minimized grease build-up also reduces the fire hazard as well as the odors and the need for maintenance of the kitchen ventilation ducts.

As the Theater is reminiscent of a circular theater or coliseum, the two Ozonetech RENA systems were placed in the center producing ozone distributed to the nine injection points.

However, as the exhaust air was to be emitted into the parking garage, the warm odorous air had to be treated first. Efficient odor removal is a key performance factor as cooking odors from VOCs (volatile organic compounds) can be detected at very low concentrations. The air treatment must also take into consideration practical limitations such as installation space as well as minimizing pressure drop for energy efficiency.

The final solution was a large custom-made polishing step designed from scratch by engineers, matching all these criteria.



The fully automated wall-mounted RENA Kitchen Solutions with remote monitoring.



High-efficient odor removal system with multiple discharge points designed from scratch by engineers at Mellifiq.

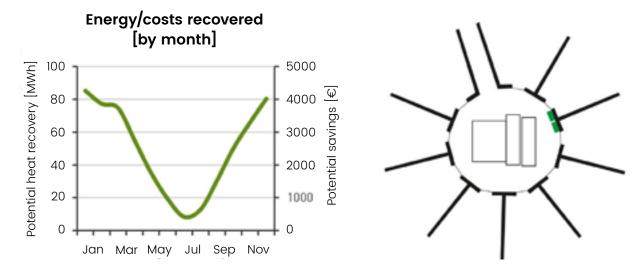
Evaluation

The ozone installation has performed as expected with a 100% uptime. There has been no grease inside the ducts at inspections. The warm air has been let out into the shopping mall via the existing ventilation.

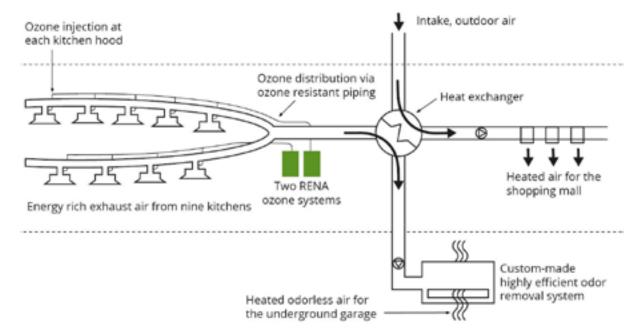
The performance of the custom-made odor removal system was evaluated at six occasions during an 18

month period in terms of odor removal and filter lifetime expectancy.

The smell was minimal and analysis shows that the combined RENA ozone system and custom-made odor removal system yield a minimum 99% odor removal.



Potential savings from the heat recovery in MWh (left) and euros (right). The back of the nine restaurants forms a ring containing a goods lift, staircase, passenger elevator and our RENA Kitchen Solutions (shown in green).



To maximize the heat recovery, effective continuous grease reduction in the exhaust air was combined with the use of a premium heat exchanger. In addition, a final odor removal system was installed for the air discharged in the garage.

About Mellifiq

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Mellifiq offers a complete range of air and water treatment technologies and solutions across multiple industries such as processing industry, energy sector, food and beverage, pharmaceutical, wastewater treatment and commercial real estate.

Mellifiq offers strong and renowned brands, such as Ozonetech, Nodora and Water Maid, and world-class engineering services combined an excellent track record of more than 40 years of innovation. We help our clients achieve the most efficient and sustainable solutions while creating the maximum value for their businesses.

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