Aldi reveals plans to recruit over 100 more British suppliers in 2022

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<u>ldi</u> has notified <u>British</u> producers that it plans to recruit over 100 more UK-based <u>suppliers</u> next year.

The discount chain, Britain's fifth largest supermarket firm, said it is making the move as part of a commitment to increase its spend with UK suppliers by £3.5 billion a year by the end of 2025.

The <u>company</u> says it spent a total of £9 billion with UK companies last year. Around 40% of Aldi's fresh produce currently sold in the UK is British.

Aldi CEO, Giles Hurley, said the company is "now on the lookout for even more British suppliers to add to our current partnerships".

The company said it hopes the move will "help hundreds of small British businesses continue to grow with the supermarket".

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The chain is currently pursuing a UK <u>expansion</u> plan alongside rival <u>German</u> discounter Lidl.

Aldi said in September it planned to add 100 more UK shops to its estate, which now comprises around 950 branches, of which 54 are in London.

Earlier this year, Lidl said it is planning to open a total of 140 stores in the UK by the end of 2023, as the discounters continue to take on British chains.