

## TK Nordic:

**TK Nordic is a new Patron in the Swedish Chamber with an innovative concept for professional services. Kees van Oosten has invented it and was joined by some well known professionals from the Swedish-Dutch network.**

Every organisation needs financial, tax, consultancy and sometimes even legal support. TK Nordic is a unique combination of all of those disciplines. What's more, TK Nordic focuses exclusively on companies from Sweden doing business in The Netherlands and vice versa. TK Nordic is powered by substantial organisations that provide the services in close contact with the other disciplines when needed. In the Dutch-Swedish or Swedish-Dutch market, TK Nordic is the one portal for finding adequate, good and reasonably priced professional services.

The organisations to power TK Nordic and give it its critical mass, are well known in the Dutch-Swedish networks. First of all there's TeekensKarstens Law Firm, a member of the Swe-Cham since quite some years, represented by Kees van Oosten. He invented the concept and was quick to invite Peter Crafoord (Crafoord Management), who is a spider in the web of financial services and credit management services. Birgitta Slot of Alces Consulting carries the expertise on the Swedish and Dutch markets and what's more important, their business cultures. Anders Rengefors of Arentec is a consultant experienced in business development and turnaround projects. Last but not least TK Nordic is supported by Rob Nathan, a seasoned international tax expert, formally PWC and now leading his own tax consultancy organisation.

All of the TK Nordic participants are well connected in the Dutch and Swedish network(s) and are capable of supporting all types and sizes of companies operating in the Swedish-Dutch market: much more than most of other professional service providers. You're welcome to try them: [www.tknordic.nl](http://www.tknordic.nl).



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## The Swedish Chamber of Commerce

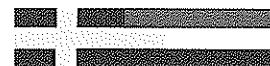
**The Swedish Chamber of Commerce in the Netherlands is an independent, non profit networking organization founded in 1960. It is funded entirely by its Members and the revenue generated by activities arranged by the Chamber.**

The Swedish Chamber of Commerce's main role is to provide a forum for Members to exchange business ideas, experiences and, ultimately, products and services. In 2010 we hope to celebrate our 50 years anniversary and we are delighted to have being able to give support, an ever growing business network platform, as well as having provided information and added-value Events to our Members for nearly a half century.

Today the Chamber has about 150 Member companies, representing, not only Swedish companies but also Dutch and European companies interested in strengthening their existing ties with Sweden and the Netherlands or expanding to a new market.

Trade and economic connections between Sweden and the Netherlands are vivid. The close economic - and political - relations date back to the 16th century. Indeed, Louis de Geer (1587-1652) is considered the father of Swedish industry. He introduced Walloon blast furnaces in Sweden, which helped Sweden become a great power in the 16th century. Louis de Geer was born in Liege but spent most of his working life in Sweden. In 1614 a Swedish- Dutch friendship covenant was formed. Netherlands is also the first country in which Sweden established a diplomatic mission. The Dutch Embassy in Stockholm is located in what used to be Louis de Geer's residence.

Today, trade between the two countries amounts to approximately 12 billion Euro annually. The Netherlands is Sweden's seventh largest export market and lands on fifth place when it comes to imports. Sweden import of goods from the Netherlands totals more than 5,2 billion Euro (2007). Netherlands is also the biggest investor in Sweden. About 250 Swedish companies are represented in the Netherlands; these include, among others, SCANIA, Volvo, Saab, IKEA, SKF, Kinnarps, Electrolux, SAS, TetraPak and SCA. Approximately 5 500 Swedes reside in the Netherlands, and the number of Dutch persons emigrating to Sweden seems to increase every year.



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