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A delicious history at La Marina Foods

La Marina Foods started in 2003 in a humble factory in Strydom Park with a handful of product lines, but a rapid growth period necessitated the move to a much bigger premises in Modderfontein, Johannesburg. The central location – with quick access from Sandton, Pretoria and the East Rand – means that it is easy to get to, not only on Saturday mornings, but also during the week.

La Marina, one of South Africa's most respected suppliers of delicatessen foods, is a one-stop shop for hotel chefs, caterers and home cooks alike. If there is anything you can't find, owner Kirsten Jooste will source it for you, from anywhere in the world. "We have a love for food and people and our service, good attitude and excellent product range are what set us apart," reiterates Kirsten.

After you're done browsing the shelves and deli section, have a bite to eat at the restaurant. La Marina is renowned for its seafood and sticks to sustainable choices, wherever possible. As they stock (fresh and frozen) seafood and shellfish from all around the world, the sushi is always a good choice. They also have other options such as wasabi Loch Duart salmon strips and chips, calamari heads and tentacles; even a seafood platter for two.

A non-negotiable for La Marina is quality. Although they work with exclusive agencies around the world, they sometimes choose a local supplier over an international one, if they deem the standard to be higher. The feather in their cap came earlier this year when La Marina passed Pick n Pay's stringent SAFS audit – which looks at things like hygiene and traceability of products – meaning that they can now supply the supermarket chain.

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