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Smaller increase turnover growth for hotels and restaurants

In the first quarter of 1999 the turnover in hotels and restaurants increased by less than in the same period last year. Statistics Netherlands figures show that the growth rates of hotels and restaurants are not as good as in previous quarters, although cafes and bars did do better than in the first quarter of 1998. Despite the decline, hotels account for the highest increase within the sector.

Turnover growth hotels past its peak

The turnover growth for hotels, which include guest-houses and conference centres, seems to be past its peak. Although with a turnover growth of 8.4% in the first quarter, hotels are still the best performing sector within the industry, the growth rates of more than 10% in 1998 were not realised in the first quarter of 1999.

Increase turnover growth restaurants also smaller

In the first quarter of 1999 the turnover in restaurants increased by 4.7%, continuing last year's declining trend: from 10% in the first quarter to 7% in the fourth. When the price rises of 2.6% are taken into account, the turnover growth, compared with the first quarter last year, amounts to 2.1%.

Cafeterias and bars apparently recovering

In the first quarter the turnover in cafeterias (including snack bars and fast food restaurants) increased by 6.7% compared with the first quarter last year, realising a turnover growth that is more than 3% higher than the average growth of 1998. Large companies and fast food restaurants in particular contributed to the turnover growth in the first quarter. Taking the price rise of 1.9% in account, the actual turnover growth is 4.7%. In the first quarter of 1999

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the turnover growth in bars also seems to be recovering (+5.7%) compared with 1998; adjusted for the substantial price rises in this sector (+4.4%), turnover grew by 1.3%.

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