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Delivering Turnkey Modular Solutions for the Life Science and Pharmaceutical Industries

An increasing number of biotechnology and medical technology companies are recognizing the advantages of turnkey modular facilities as a fast and efficient way to establish or expand their operations. KeyPlants, which will host a site visit during the ISPE Nordic Project Management Summit 2026, offers tailored end-to-end solutions, from early feasibility studies and design to manufacturing, commissioning, and start-up.



KeyPlants develops and delivers turnkey modular facilities that enable the rapid and efficient deployment of advanced manufacturing environments for the life science and pharmaceutical industries. Photo: KeyPlants.

As part of the ISPE Nordic Project Management Summit on 22–23 September, participants will have the opportunity to visit KeyPlants' manufacturing facility in Emtunga, just over 100 kilometers from Gothenburg. With its headquarters in Stockholm, engineering offices in Gothenburg and Malmö, and manufacturing facilities in Emtunga and Götene, KeyPlants is the world's leading supplier of turnkey modular facilities for the pharmaceutical and biotechnology industries.

– What makes us unique is the expertise within our organization and our well-structured, efficient way of working, which enables us to deliver high-quality turnkey facilities quickly, on time, and within budget, explains Lars-Gunnar Wallenius, Senior Design Manager at KeyPlants.

Ahead of the conference, Lars-Gunnar Wallenius, together with Niclas Sundkvist, Project Controls Manager, Johan Hallberg, Head of Projects, and Tanja Sjödin, Commercial Operations Manager, spoke with Göteborg Life Science about KeyPlants' project delivery model, which enables the company to undertake both small-scale and highly complex projects around the world. Where others see limitations, KeyPlants sees solutions.

– We are currently working with a client in Germany where the available space

on site is extremely limited. Thanks to our experience and expertise, we have found an effective solution, says Johan Hallberg, Head of Projects at KeyPlants.

– On the KeyPlants website, there is a film from 2025 showing the delivery of 27 prefabricated process modules to a client in Leiden, the Netherlands. The client's operations were located on the third floor, requiring the modules to be lifted 20 meters onto a platform before being installed inside the building. From detailed design to final handover, the entire project was completed in just ten months.

Meticulous planning

KeyPlants' successful delivery model places high demands on project planning, integrating every stage of the process, from engineering, design, and procurement to manufacturing, installation, delivery, and commissioning.

– We always work in close collaboration with both our clients and suppliers, and our planning is fully integrated across all parties involved. To keep costs and timelines under control, we follow a standardized approach using predefined materials and trusted suppliers, says Niclas Sundkvist, Project Controls Manager.

Several key activities are carried out simultaneously. Detailed engineering progresses in parallel with pro-

curement, site planning, and module manufacturing.

– Our planning approach, combined with the fact that we perform most activities in-house, allows us to maintain full control throughout the entire process. For example, if we are manufacturing modules containing process equipment with longer delivery times, we can bring forward the production of other, less complex modules to gain valuable time, says Lars-Gunnar Wallenius.

– Our projects range from a single module to more than 100 modules, corresponding to facilities from around 60 square meters to several thousand square meters. As our customers' operations grow, additional modular production units can easily be added.



Prefabricated process modules are manufactured, transported, and installed with high precision, an approach that shortens project timelines and minimizes disruption at the customer's facility. Photo: KeyPlants.



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