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## AN ORGANIC UNIVERSE

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industry for almost 20 years.

"Our founders, Martine and Naji Achy, have been involved with organic produce for the last three decades," explains Bio & Co. general director Eric Beroud, "and came respectively from human resources and chefing backgrounds. You can see these roots in the ethos of each of our stores (Aix-en-Provence, Toulon, Bouc-Bel-Air, Marseille, Vallauris and Aubagne, which opened in mid-April). We work on a very human scale and with a great respect for the products we sell. Many of us, myself included, came to the company from grande distribution – mass retail – and are rediscovering the pleasures of working within a small team, even if there are over 100 of us!"

The independent retailer officially opened its first store, in the Aix neighbourhood of Les Milles, in 2000. The Vallauris store was launched in 2017 and is one of the largest at 1,300m2. It contains a grocery shop, butcher's counter, cosmetic and health area, and a bistro-restaurant that serves lunches between 12pm and 4.30pm from Monday to Saturday. In total, there are over 12,000 individual products, with many leading, certified

organic brands among them In the future, Eric hopes to d branch out into fish. The com France and abroad. p the *traiteur* aspect is also testing out an

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the collect point to keep clients with any queries and questions. Being able to respond correctly and efficiently to all organic-related issues is paramount to Bio & Co., which invests heavily in training for its employees. "We aim to maintain 1,000 hours of training each year," explains Eric, "so an average of 10 hours for each staff member. We also have specialists on-site, such as our nutritionist in Vallauris, who helps

