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## Double win for Sodexo at NI Hospitality Awards 2019

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**Two members of the Sodexo team in Northern Ireland were honoured at the recent Institute of Hospitality Northern Ireland 2019 Awards.**

At a star-studded ceremony in the Titanic Centre in Belfast on Friday 17 May, Stephen Chambers, executive chef with Sodexo Government Services, won the Contract Catering Chef of the Year Award, the company's third year to win it. Jacqueline Thompson, front of house assistant for Sodexo at Allstate in Belfast was the winner of the Unsung Hero of the Year Award and is the company's second year to do so, having won the inaugural award category last year.

The Awards recognise talented individuals who have contributed to their business and the industry in Northern Ireland over the past year, with record entries in 21 categories.

Stephen was nominated by Alastair Armstrong, NI account manager, Sodexo Government Services not only for his award-winning culinary achievements but also for outstanding management of his unit and his internal and external mentoring activities.

The Unsung Hero Award is for outstanding individuals at any level who were nominated by a work colleague or manager. It is unusual in that it is the nominator who is interviewed by a panel of independent judges where they outline exactly what makes the individual so special.

Jacqueline was nominated by her then line manager, Pamela Millar, not only for excellent customer care standards and the glowing testimonials by her customers at the busy coffee shop in Allstate but also for her charity work.

**Margot Slattery, country president for Sodexo, said:** *"We are extremely delighted and proud that Stephen Chambers and Jacqueline Thompson, two people who embody Sodexo's unique values of service spirit, team spirit and spirit of progress, have been deservedly recognised and honoured by the judges for the NI Hospitality Awards."*

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## About Sodexo

### UK and Ireland

Sodexo employs around 36,000 people and delivers services that improve the quality of life to clients at over 2,100 locations in the corporate, energy & resources, healthcare, education, leisure, justice and defence sectors. Services range from catering, cleaning, reception to asset management, security, laboratory and grounds maintenance services, enabling clients to focus on their core business.

Sodexo Benefits and Rewards Services in the UK provides benefit and reward services such as SayShopping vouchers; public benefits; and employee benefits such as childcare vouchers and engagement surveys.

### Sodexo Group

Founded in Marseille in 1966 by Pierre Bellon, Sodexo is the global leader in services that improve Quality of Life, an essential factor in individual and organisational performance. Operating in 72 countries, Sodexo serves 100 million consumers each day through its unique combination of On-site Services, Benefits and Rewards Services and Personal and Home Services.

Sodexo provides clients an integrated offering developed over more than 50 years of experience: from foodservices, reception, maintenance and cleaning, to facilities and equipment management; from services and programs fostering employees' engagement to solutions that simplify and optimise their mobility and expenses management, to in-home assistance, childcare centres and concierge services. Sodexo's success and performance are founded on its independence, its sustainable business model and its ability to continuously develop and engage its 460,000 employees throughout the world.

Sodexo is included in the CAC 40, FTSE 4 Good and DJSI indices.

#### **Key figures** (as of August 31, 2018)

**20.4 billion** euro in consolidated revenues

**460,000** employees

**19<sup>th</sup>** largest employer worldwide

**72** countries

**100 million** consumers served daily

**15.0 billion** euro in market capitalization (as of April 10, 2019)