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## Sodexo is Ireland's Top Site Contract Caterer for 2016

*l/r Jason Keegan, account manager and Shirley Collins, group manager ROI for Sodexo at PayPal receiving the Top Site Contract Caterer Award Keelings Farm Fresh's Martin O'Sullivan.*

Sodexo was named Ireland's top Site Contract Caterer at the *Keelings Farm Fresh* Gold Medal Awards on 27<sup>th</sup> September 2016 at Lyrath Estate Hotel in Kilkenny. The Award was presented to the company in respect of its catering operation at PayPal.

The judge for the category commented.... *'There was a wonderful atmosphere and truly professional staff who all seemed to enjoy working at PayPal. The food presentation, quality and taste would make any quality restaurant proud. Everything was bright and airy with lots of sunlight and I recommend this operation highly.'*

Established in 1988, the *Keelings Farm Fresh* Gold Medal Awards, run by Hotel and Catering Review magazine, is a leading independent awards programme that recognises and reward excellence in hospitality and catering operations across the island of Ireland.

Margot Slattery, country president, Sodexo Ireland said *"We were absolutely thrilled and delighted to win. We and the client have invested hugely in the site and the quality of the offer. The on-site team work very hard, are very resilient and really wanted success. The external benchmark that the award represents was very welcome and appreciated as recognition for them and also for our clients in ensuring that their on-site restaurant and catering services offer a real quality of life differentiator."*

Sodexo Ireland, part of the global Sodexo Group the world's largest services company, delivers services that improve the quality of life to clients in business and industry, education, financial and healthcare. It employs approximately 2,100 staff in 200 locations across Ireland, serves 90,000 people daily and spent €21 million on local Irish food in 2015.

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## About Sodexo

### Sodexo in the UK and Ireland

Sodexo employs around 34,000 people, and delivers services that improve the quality of life to clients at some 1,850 locations in the corporate, healthcare, education, leisure, justice and defence sectors.

With an annual turnover of more than £1bn, Sodexo delivers a range of services ranging 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 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 80 countries, Sodexo serves 75 million consumers each day through its unique combination of On-site Services, Benefits and Rewards Services and Personal and Home Services. Through its more than 100 services, Sodexo provides clients an integrated offering developed over nearly 50 years of experience: from food services, reception, maintenance and cleaning, to facilities and equipment management; from Meal Pass, Gift Pass and Mobility Pass benefits for employees to in-home assistance 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 420,000 employees throughout the world.

### Key figures (as of August 31, 2015)

**19.8 billion** euro consolidated revenues

**420,000** employees

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

**80** countries

**32,000** sites

**75 million** consumers served daily

**12.6 billion** euro in market capitalisation (as of November 18, 2015)