

PRESS RELEASE

Sodexo is awarded the Business Working Responsibly Mark by BITCI

Representing the companies awarded the Business Working Responsibly Mark in 2017 by Business in the Community Ireland were I/r Stephen Wheeler, managing director SSE Ireland, Margot Slattery, country president, Sodexo Ireland; Valerie Hedin, external communications manager EirGrid; Feargal O'Rourke, managing partner PwC, Cathleen Doohan, human resources and corporate social responsibility director Fujitsu; Dee Forbes, director-general RTÉ; Niall Browne, ceo Dawn Meats and Dave Murphy, ceo, PM Group.

Sodexo Ireland has been awarded the Business Working Responsibly Mark, by Business in the Community Ireland (BITCI) at its annual Sustainability Forum on Wed 15 November 2017 at Dublin Castle.

The Mark, which is operated by Business in the Community Ireland, is based on ISO 26000 and valid for three years. It is independently audited by the National Standards Authority of Ireland (NSAI) and 29 companies in total now have the Mark in Ireland.

To receive the certification, companies are assessed on best in class corporate social responsibility (CSR) and sustainability, looks at leadership, policies, practices, performance, and impact in areas such as; employee engagement, innovation, environmental practices, supply chain management and engagement with the local community.

Sodexo was one of eight companies to receive the Mark this year and is the only company in catering and facilities management sector to achieve it. Margot Slattery, country president attended the Forum, along with 170 other business leaders from across Ireland.

Commenting on the news, Margot Slattery, country president, Sodexo Ireland, said *“We’re delighted and proud to receive the Mark. It is a tangible expression of Sodexo’s dedication and commitment to responsible business and supporting the good work of our people.”*

According to the BITCI, the eight companies which received the certification this year collectively employ almost 15,000 people in Ireland, and when it comes to community engagement, BITCI’s Business Impact Map reveals that their employees volunteered over 9,800 hours and fundraised over €165,000 for good causes in 2016. In addition, the companies provided cash donations to charities totalling €1.8 million last year.

Tina Roche, CEO, Business in the Community Ireland said, *“The Mark is challenging to achieve so I congratulate the companies today on getting it. Employees, customers, suppliers and many other stakeholders want to know what companies are doing when it comes to environmental issues, work-life balance, social inclusion and much more. In addition, investors are increasingly asking about’ sustainability credentials when investing so the Mark is a great measurement and validation for any company.”*

Sodexo Ireland is a leading provider of catering and facilities management services to clients in business and industry, education, financial services and healthcare. It employs approximately 3,700 people in 230 locations across Ireland and spent over €19 million on Irish food in 2016.

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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.

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.

About Sodexo

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 100 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 50 years of experience: from foodservices, reception, maintenance and cleaning, to facilities and equipment management; from services and programmes fostering employees' engagement to solutions that simplify and optimise their mobility and expenses management, to in-home assistance, child care 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 427,000 employees throughout the world.

Sodexo is included in the CAC 40 and DJSI indices.

Key figures (as of August 31, 2017)

20.7 billion euro in consolidated revenues

427,000 employees

19th largest employer worldwide

80 countries

100 million consumers served daily

16 billion euro in market capitalization (as of November 15, 2017)