

PRESS RELEASE

Sodexo's Slattery named in LGBT Top 100

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The managing director of Sodexo Ireland was named among the Top 100 influential Lesbian Gay Bisexual and Transgender business leaders yesterday (9 October).

Margot Slattery is number 50 on the list compiled by Outstanding, a not-for-profit professional network for LGBT executives and their allies, and published in association with the Financial Times.

Margot drives awareness of sexual orientation across Sodexo's international business, both as part of the company's global LGB network leadership team and the global pride group.

Outside Sodexo Margot is on the board of the Gay and Lesbian Equality Network, a policy and strategy focused non-government organisation in Ireland looking to introduce a workplace charter on how lesbian, gay and bisexual diversity helps drive business excellence.

Last year Margot was highly commended in the Diversity Champion of the Year category at the European Diversity Awards. Her commercial acumen and passion for inclusion mean she is in demand as a public speaker and a regular feature in the Irish press for her work in this area.

Margot joins senior business leaders such as Burberry chief executive Christopher Bailey and celebrity retail expert Mary Portas on the Top 100 list.

Virgin founder and chief executive Richard Branson headed the list of Top 20 straight allies published alongside the Top 100. Facebook founder and chief executive Mark Zuckerberg also made the list of friends, colleagues and employers who make it their duty to create safe, inclusive workplaces.

Margot Slattery, managing director of Sodexo Ireland, said: *"I'm very honoured to be included in an exceptionally heavy-hitting list of high-profile business leaders. People are at the heart of making a company successful so it's essential there are visible role models to help create an inclusive workplace where everyone can thrive."*

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