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## Sodexo appoints Simon Pears as Global Security Director

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**Sodexo, the world's largest services company, has appointed Simon Pears as global security director, to enhance Sodexo's capability in providing global professional security services.**

Simon joined Sodexo UK and Ireland in 2007 and was instrumental in establishing and delivering Secure by Sodexo, its security offer. It has been extremely successful in providing clients with professional security services and is now ranked in the top 1% of security providers for quality delivery in the UK.

**Ian Mills, Group VP Worldwide Technical Expertise Platform says:** *"Simon has a unique ability to understand, design and implement, policy, procedure and process that deliver cost effective and highly efficient security solutions to our clients. He has worked extensively on delivering industry leading regulatory compliance within Sodexo and has built a network of key industry contacts both in the UK and beyond. In December 2013 Simon was admitted to the Register of Chartered Security Professionals having met the stringent criteria, an achievement which is testament to his commitment and professionalism in the provision of security services, and we look forward to Simon helping us develop Sodexo's worldwide security capability."*

In his new position, Simon will be responsible for:

- Supporting the Sodexo Group by developing and co-ordinating all aspects of the security business model across all countries
- Supporting the implementation of regional and country security processes
- Driving standardisation, consistency, and best practices across the Sodexo business
- Supporting the marketing offer development and tender preparation for security expertise
- Supporting the security contracts within Sodexo's international large accounts to drive best practice and ensure contractual requirements are being delivered

Simon is a member of the Security Industry Authority standards and strategy working group and represents the International Security Association on the Security Regulatory Alliance in preparation of the introduction of business licensing in the UK. His memberships include the International Professional Security Association, ASIS, The Security Institute, the Security Institute of Ireland and the Worshipful Company of Security Professionals.

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