

PRESS RELEASE

Coventry University appoints Sodexo for catering and hospitality services

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Sodexo, the world's largest services company, has won a 10-year £6 million per annum contract with Coventry University to supply catering and hospitality services.

From September, Sodexo will take over all the catering, food retail and hospitality services on the university's campuses in Coventry, London and Scarborough, delivering services to almost 30,000 students and 5,000 university employees.

Sodexo will invest in new facilities and digital services at the university's 17 catering outlets. New food offers and brands will be introduced including a new coffee bar and new vegan street food offer, 'Planted', as well as a permanent food truck.

The Sodexo team will work closely with local food suppliers and social enterprises, using local produce where possible.

Sodexo will also launch an app so that food and drinks can be pre-ordered and collected, making it more convenient to get refreshments on campus.

Michael Ricketts, Assistant Director of Catering and Retail at Coventry University, said;

"We are always looking to improve the experience for our students and staff so we are delighted to appoint Sodexo as our catering and hospitality providers. Good food plays an important role in our health and wellbeing as well as in the social fabric of our university. We were very pleased to discover that Sodexo shared our focus around sustainability, social values and community engagement. We are looking forward to welcoming them onto our campuses."

Paul Anstey, CEO of Schools & Universities, UK & Ire, Benelux & Nordics, said; *"Our food offer is designed to meet students' and employees' varying needs, with an emphasis on healthy, fresh and affordable food."*

"In line with the University's ethos of sustainability, we will work with them to measure and reduce both food and packaging waste. We are delighted to have been appointed by Coventry University and look forward to working with them."

Coventry University is ranked 13th in the UK in the Guardian University Guide 2019 and has a gold rating in the government's Teaching Excellence Framework, which assesses the quality of undergraduate teaching in higher education. Coventry is also in the top six universities for student experience in The Times and Sunday Times Good University Guide 2018 and was voted Modern University of the Year in the same publication for three consecutive years from 2014 to 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, energy & resources, 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 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 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

11.8 billion euro market capitalization (as of April 11, 2018)