

Global C-Suite Executives Eye Future-Forward Solutions during Sodexo's Second Quality of Life Conference

More Than 300 High-Profile Leaders Across Sectors Gather to Debate Tomorrow's Quality of Life Needs

Oct. 16, 2017, London — Sodexo, global leader in Quality of Life services, today kicked off its second Quality of Life Conference, bringing together leaders of companies, universities, NGOs, hospitals, governments and communities from more than 30 countries to explore the future of quality of life. The London-based Conference builds on the movement launched at Sodexo's inaugural Conference in 2015 in New York, which advocates for business models that deliver economic growth, social responsibility and personal fulfillment for consumers.

"Sodexo is pleased to bring together some of the brightest minds—the disruptors and the innovators--from across the globe at the Quality of Life Conference," says CEO Michel Landel. "It's a unique opportunity for our clients to take a step back and think about emerging trends in the marketplace, and how we can all adapt and embrace these opportunities to grow our businesses together and contribute to a more inclusive society," adds Michel Landel.

Despite their diverse backgrounds, Conference participants share a vision that embraces quality of life as a driver of a more prosperous and meaningful future for all. The agenda leverages practical solutions and real-world insights from Sodexo's 50-year history in the service business and from its varied base of customers and partners. In sessions, leaders will explore progress that is proving critical to the future of quality of life as it relates to six distinct populations of consumers: corporate employees, patients, workers in atypical environments, seniors, students and citizens.

Highlights from day one include inspirational talks from six of the world's most pioneering thinkers, from the founder of Barefoot College (Sanjit "Bunker" Roy), to the first Iranian in outer space (Anousheh Ansari), to an Academy Award-winning actress and political activist (Jane Fonda). After, in-depth panel discussions explore the consumer groups in further detail, with an aim for concrete outcomes. The day concludes with a roundtable focused on partnerships between the world's cities and their residents and ways to engage and involve residents in creating quality of life in an urban world.

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 organizational 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 50 years of experience: from foodservices, reception, maintenance and cleaning, to facilities and equipment management; from Meal Pass, Gift Pass and Mobility Pass benefits for employees to in-home assistance, child care centers 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 425,000 employees throughout the world.

Sodexo is included in the CAC 40 and DJSI indices.

Key figures (as of August 31, 2016)
20.2 billion euro in consolidated revenues
425,000 employees
19th largest employer worldwide
80 countries
75 million consumers served daily
17.1 billion euro in market capitalization (as of July 5, 2017)

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