

# PRESS RELEASE

## Sodexo Recognized 2<sup>nd</sup> Year Running as One of Canada's Top Employers for Young People

**April 28, 2014, Burlington, Ontario** -- The editors of Canada's Top 100 Employers have recognized Sodexo as one of Canada's leading employers for people under thirty years old for the second year in a row. Companies are assessed on their programs to attract and retain younger workers. The recognition from Mediacorp Canada is based on a number of initiatives which Sodexo has implemented across the country, including Sodexo's popular Rising Stars program, which offers placements for interns, co-op students and new managers to assist their advancement in the organization.

*"What I love about working at Sodexo is I'm given the opportunity to grow," explains Marylou Gaudreault-Imbeault, a Sodexo General Manager. "I've learned a lot about finance and human resources thanks to my Director. She gave me a lot of training and a lot of confidence with things like management, collective agreements and financial reports."*

*"I feel as though I've been given the creative freedom to carry out ideas that I come up with from creation to implementation and follow through. Doing it independently is great. I feel trusted. A lot of the ideas I had were things that were never done before," said Noori Lee, Communications Manager at Sodexo. "If I didn't have a boss that was willing to try new things it wouldn't have taken off. Having creative freedom is about doing new things and that's how a company grows."*

*"I went from dishwasher, to general help in the kitchen, to food preparation, to breakfast cook trainee in five months. I've moved up so quickly", says James Dennis. "I've been working hard and I've been bringing a lot of positive energy to the team, which I think people have noticed."*

Sodexo's formal mentorship and training programs offer skill and competency building and give young employees personalized support toward achieving success. These programs receive positive feedback and play a key role in retaining younger workers.

Sodexo's human resource policies also take feedback from younger workers into account regarding work-life balance, flexible working arrangements, business casual dress code, tuition reimbursement, commitment to diversity and international opportunities.

To learn more about a career at Sodexo, visit [sodexo.ca](http://sodexo.ca) and click on [Careers](#).

## About Sodexo

### Sodexo in Canada

Sodexo has been delivering On-Site Services in Canada for over 40 years. Recognized as a strategic partner, Sodexo Canada has consolidated its position by providing a range of Quality of Life Services for clients, their employees and visitors in the corporate, education, healthcare and remote sites segments. Delivering food and facilities management services for over 200 clients, Sodexo is a market leader in Canada in terms of revenue and consumers served, and has been recognized as a top employer for the past four consecutive years. Sodexo Canada is proud to have created the Sodexo Foundation, an independent charitable organization that has donated more than 1 million meals to at risk youth in Canada since it was founded in 2000.

### Sodexo Group

Founded 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 more than 45 years of experience: from reception, safety, maintenance and cleaning, to foodservices and facilities and equipment management; from Meal Pass, Gift Pass and Mobility Pass benefits for employees to in-home assistance 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 428,000 employees throughout the world.

### Key Figures (as of August 31, 2013)

#### Sodexo in the World

**18.4 billion** euro consolidated revenue  
**428,000** employees  
**18th** largest employer worldwide  
**80** countries  
**33,300** sites  
**75 million** consumers served daily  
**11.4 billion** euro market capitalization (as of November 13, 2013)

#### Sodexo in Canada

**10,000** employees  
**1.1 million** consumers served daily  
**200+** clients  
**500+** sites

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