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## Sodexo Live! ACC Liverpool team take home the Sports, Leisure & Event Catering title at industry awards

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The Sodexo Live! team at ACC Liverpool, led by Michael (Mitch) Mitchell, were announced winners of the Sports, Leisure & Event Catering Award at the Contract Catering 2024 Awards, held last night at the Leonardo Royal Hotel in London.

Hosted by Mark Durden-Smith the awards celebrate the cream of the crop of the foodservice industry. The awards are judged by a top team of industry peers and professionals.

Sodexo Live! is the catering partner for The ACC Liverpool Group, providing retail catering and hospitality services for the venue all-year round. The ACC Liverpool Group consists of the M&S Bank Arena, an award-winning Convention Centre, and the Exhibition Centre Liverpool.

The Sodexo Live! team at The ACC Liverpool Group operates in multiple areas across the complex including 13 retail outlets – with seven units providing food offerings – 22 hospitality boxes, a 120-seater Sodexo Live! Lounge, 24 conference and dinner spaces, two coffee shops and an 8,100m2 exhibition hall with four purpose-built in-hall cafes.

In a typical year, it serves around 425,000 people at the M&S Bank Arena, with 290,000 people attending the conference and exhibition centre. Sodexo Live! provides dinners for up to 2,000 people per event – with a capacity to serve up to 5,000 – and 15,000 exhibition covers.

Over the past 12 months, the Sodexo Live! team has hosted 190 events across the complex, including <u>Eurovision 2023</u> and the annual Labour Party conference.



Claire Morris, CEO Sodexo Live! UK & Ireland said: "We are so proud of Mitch and the team at ACC Liverpool, they have had a fantastic year delivering memorable experiences at high profile events such as Eurovision 2023 and the Labour Party Conference. As partners, we have worked closely with the ACC Liverpool Group to deliver some fantastic events, executing a multi-faceted strategy marked by innovation, best in class food and hospitality, as well as a commitment to social responsibility. Huge congratulations to the team."

Mitch and the team have also received internal recognition, taking home the title of Team of the Year at the 2023 Spirit of Sodexo awards, which were held in December at the ACC Liverpool.

Read about Sodexo Live! and Eurovision 2023 here: https://sodexouki.info/491ed6f