

Sean Haley comments on Sodexo FY24 financial results

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Following the announcement of Sodexo's 2024 fiscal results this week, Sean Haley, CEO for the UK & Ireland reflects on the last twelve months.

He said: "Our commitment to partnership working and delivering excellent food and FM services has led to the successful retention of many large complex contracts with longstanding clients this year, as well as an increasing portfolio of new business wins across our selected market sectors.

"We attribute this success to three core elements: firstly, the hard work and dedication of our colleagues, who everyday deliver service excellence across our 2,000 client sites. Secondly, our food and FM services are all delivered with a hospitality approach and is helping to increase client workplace productivity, engagement and wellbeing. And lastly, because we are purpose-led we can demonstrate very tangibly the positive impact we are able to deliver through our contracts and suppliers, supporting the communities in which we operate.

"We continue to transform our food and FM services to ensure we deliver valued experiences whatever the environment - whether at a large, acute NHS Trust, corporate workplace or a school - we are deploying technology enabling the delivery of these services ever more effectively and efficiently with our team's dedication to great service at its core.

"We remain focused on evolving our food offers in line with consumer trends. Our portfolio of food brands - including Modern Recipe, Kitchen Works, Fooditude and the Good Eating Company - ensures that no matter which Sodexo restaurant you eat in, you can be assured that our highly-skilled culinary teams have created healthy, nutritious, tasty and sustainable food options for all to enjoy.

"We recognise that none of this can be delivered alone. We are mindful of, and grateful for, the partnerships we enjoy with our clients, our suppliers and our teams who are absolutely core to the progress we have made towards our social impact goals. I am incredibly proud that Sodexo is the only company in its industry this year to be ranked in the top 75 on the Social Mobility Employer Index, we are a Times Top 50 Employer for Gender Equality, and worldwide in the top 4% of companies with an A grade CDA ranking for Climate Action.

"And as we look to the future, over the next 12 months we will celebrate some important anniversaries including the Good Eating Company's 25th anniversary, and in 2025 we will be marking the tenth anniversary of the publication of our first social impact pledge, with the launch of a fifth iteration and new set of commitments. We will also be celebrating two decades of the Sodexo Stop Hunger Foundation providing valuable support to effect real, lasting positive change in communities across the UK and Ireland. Over the last twelve months alone the Foundation's work has positively impacted 2.8 million people.

"All these milestones, provide an important moment to reflect on how much has been achieved. While we continue to grow and develop the business in line with our ambitions, our primary goals remain the same. We remain fully focused on the safety of our people, on delivering service excellence, working towards net zero and making a positive social impact in all we do, every day."