

Sodexo ends 2024 with more accolades for business excellence and commitment to social impact

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[Sodexo UK & Ireland](#) closes 2024 with more wins and industry recognition demonstrating its market leading position for delivering excellence in food and FM services and as a purpose-led business.

At the recent annual [edie net-zero awards](#) Sodexo was named winner in the *Net-Zero Strategy of the Year* category for its net zero 2040 roadmap and the *Supply Chain Decarbonisation Project of the Year* category for its net zero supply chain engagement strategy. The awards recognise and reward the individuals and organisations spearheading the UK's transition towards a net-zero carbon economy.

Its net zero strategy was also recognised at the [French Chamber of Great Britain's Franco-British Business Awards](#) with Sodexo winning the *Sustainable Future* award. Sodexo also received the *People and Community* award for its work to promote social mobility and reducing inequalities through the work of the Sodexo Stop Hunger Foundation, its charity partner, national food redistribution charity, The Bread and Butter Thing, and through its Starting Fresh initiative which is not only helping individuals with convictions find meaningful employment but is also encouraging other businesses to tap into the talent pool of prison-leavers.

Following on from its success as the only company in the industry to be named in the Times Top 50 Employers for Gender Equality and the Top 75 Social Mobility Foundation Employer Index Sodexo UK & Ireland has also been awarded *silver member status* of the [5% Club](#), recognising its commitment to investing in apprenticeships, training, and upskilling initiatives. The Sodexo Stop Hunger Foundation was also recently named in Making the Leap's inaugural [Social Mobility List](#) which highlights the key

contributors and initiatives that are driving social mobility in the UK.

Jean Renton, Chief Operating Officer for [Sodexo UK & Ireland](#) says: *"Sodexo puts service excellence and sustainable growth at the heart of our operations and decision making. The teams deserve this external recognition which we achieved in partnership with our valued clients, supply chain and community partners. In 2025, we will continue to build on what we have achieved this year, collaborating to make a bigger difference and create a better every day for all."*

Since the beginning of 2024 Sodexo UK & Ireland has received numerous accolades, these include:

- 21 across the UK and Ireland for business excellence:
 - Sodexo Ireland won four awards including two at the FM Awards Ireland; Ireland Health & Safety Excellence Awards and Ireland Workplace Excellence Awards
 - Three awards at the Northern Ireland Cleaning Awards (two individual operative awards and mobile team of the year)
 - Sodexo Live! won three awards at the Stadium Events & Hospitality Awards along with three silver and five bronze medals, its team at ACC Liverpool won at the Contract Catering Awards and the Brighton & Hove Albion FC team won at the Foodservice Cateys
 - The Sodexo British Forces Cyprus team & the Defence Infrastructure Organisation were winners at the Public Sector Catering Awards
 - Alliance in Partners' Kitcheneers received silver at the DBA Business Effectiveness Awards
 - Henry Gribbin from Corporate Services won Account director of the Year at the PFM Partnership Awards.
- 12 as a responsible and inclusive employer:
 - Times Top 50 Employer for Gender Equality; FM Awards Ireland (People Development); Ireland Workplace Excellence Awards (Disability Awareness); Caterer People Awards (Employer Brand); National Inclusion Awards (winner of inclusion in EDI Maturity Curve: Stakeholders and highly commended in EDI Team of the Year >5000 Colleagues) and silver status in 5% Club Employer Audit 2024-25.
 - Sodexo was also highly commended at the Greater Manchester Good Employment Awards, Firm Awards and Diversity Network Awards and received Carer Confident and Menopause Friendly accreditations.
- 9 CSR-related: FM Awards Ireland (CSR initiative); Springboard Awards (Partner of the year); Footprint Awards (Social Impact & Diversity); Workplace Excellence – Ireland (Best in CSR); Chapter One (Children's Voice); Making the Leap (Social Mobility Awards and List); Social Mobility Foundation Employers Index and Franco-British Business awards (People & Community).
- 6 for our net zero 2040 strategy: Business & Finance ESG Awards (Ireland); Reuters Sustainability Awards (supply chain engagement); National Sustainability Awards (supply chain engagement); Franco-British Business and the two recent awards at the edie net zero awards.