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Sodexo strengthens relationship with Newcastle Building Society

Sodexo (formerly Sodexho), a leading food and facilities management services provider, has signed an initial one-year deal with Newcastle Building Society to supply catering, cleaning and gym services at its new premises at Cobalt Business Park.

The contract, worth £250,000, commenced in January 2008, with Sodexo employing 13 members of staff to initially provide soft services to Newcastle Building Society's 150 employees (later rising to 500 employees), at the recently built venue, situated on the largest business park in the UK.

This contract is an extension of the existing relationship between Sodexo and Newcastle Building Society, which has seen Sodexo provide catering services at the company's Portland House headquarters in Newcastle for over ten years.

The new deal at Cobalt Business Park will enable Sodexo to offer cleaning and gym maintenance services to Newcastle Building Society staff in addition to extensive catering options which include Costa Coffee, a deli bar and a 'Grab and Go' range, plus vending and hospitality.

Andy Jordan, account director at Sodexo Corporate Services, said: "Newcastle Building Society is a long-standing and valuable client and we are therefore delighted to have strengthened our existing working relationship. This agreement will not only allow Sodexo to provide the benchmark quality of catering that Newcastle Building Society has come to expect from us, but is also a fantastic opportunity for us to demonstrate our ability to provide a combination of soft services which continue to meet the highest standards of our clients".

Chris Jopling, human resources and training executive, Newcastle Building Society, said: "We are delighted to have further developed our relationship with Sodexo. Our partnership is based on the sharing of similar values, both in terms of the quality of our services, and the emphasis on the importance of corporate social responsibility within our everyday business practices. For example, Sodexo will be using fair-trade produce for all beverages on-site, and will also be introducing a comprehensive recycling programme as part of our waste management policy. We are looking forward to continuing to work with Sodexo".

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About Sodexo

In the UK and Ireland, Sodexo employs 48,000 employees, and provides food and facilities management services to clients at over 2,300 locations in the business and industry, education, healthcare, leisure and defence sectors.

Many FTSE 100 clients rely on Sodexo for cost-effective solutions to their employee or hospitality catering, or to deliver services such as cleaning, reception, switchboard and help desks, mailroom, reprographics and grounds maintenance.

Sodexo is part of Sodexo Group, the leading global provider of food and management services, with more than 332,000 employees at 28,300 sites in 80 countries.