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Sodexo lands University of Stirling contract

Sodexo, a leading food and facilities management services provider, has today announced the signing of a prestigious deal with the University of Stirling to provide catering to its students, staff, visitors and commercial customers.

Potentially worth almost £9 million in total turnover, Sodexo will begin providing services to the university in October as part of an initial five-year deal with the possibility of a two-year extension.

As part of the contract, Sodexo will invest a significant amount of funding into the refurbishing of the catering facilities at the university, including the building of a new coffee shop.

Sodexo will manage the university's main Haldane's restaurant, offering a deli bar, salad bar and main meal provision – which includes a chef on stage each day with live theatre style cooking.

The company will employ 36 members of staff to deliver catering, vending and hospitality services to the university's 10,000 students, 2,000 staff on-site and commercial customers.

The contract includes the provision of catering services to a number of outlets, many based in the central Atrium of the Andrew Miller Building, which includes a sandwich shop, fast food bar and Stir Café, where a wide selection of sandwiches, soups, salad boxes and yogurts will be made available throughout the day – all part of Sodexo's Unity food offer.

The offer is devised with the aim of bringing the high street to the university, enabling students to spend more time in the comfort of the university campus.

Sodexo will also provide a vending service and hospitality service for meetings on campus.

Graham Box, managing director, Sodexo Scotland, said: "We are delighted to have signed a contract with one of the most respected universities in Scotland and look forward to the opportunity to add value to the daily life of the students, staff and visitors.

"We have extensive experience of providing services to numerous universities throughout the UK and Ireland, and will work closely with our talented chefs to provide a catering service that is truly fitting of such a prestigious university".



Karen Plouviez, director of Estates and Campus Services at the University of Stirling said: "We are delighted to be entering into a long-term partnership with Sodexo. They are one of the market leaders in catering and we look forward to them bringing their considerable experience and skills to bear on the full range of our catering services to the benefit of our students, staff, commercial customers and those visiting the campus."

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About Sodexo

In the UK and Ireland, Sodexo employs 43,000 people, and provides food and facilities management services to clients at over 2,300 locations in the corporate, education, healthcare, leisure and defence sectors.

Many companies 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 the Sodexo Group, the leading global provider of food and facilities management services, with more than 375,000 employees at 30,600 sites in 80 countries.

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