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## Sodexo appoints new HR director

Sodexo, (formerly Sodexho) a leading food and facilities management company, has appointed Natalie Bickford as its UK and Ireland HR director from March 2008.

Natalie, who leaves her current role as HR director for AstraZeneca on 7 March after two years in the post, said: "I am very much looking forward to joining Sodexo at such an exciting time in the growth and development of the business."

Prior to working at AstraZeneca, Natalie spent seven years with multinational retailer, Kingfisher plc, holding several senior positions in the UK and France, including HR director for its refurbishment and building supplies outlet Trade Depot.

Before joining Kingfisher, Natalie spent six years with Barclays in a variety of generalist HR and leadership development roles.

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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 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 332,000 employees at 28,300 sites in 80 countries.