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Sodexo appoints new managing director for FM

Sodexo, a leading food and facilities management services provider, has today announced the appointment of Neil Murray as managing director for its facilities management division in a newly created role.

Recruited as part of a recent restructure where Sodexo's hard facilities management activity was brought together in one designated division, Murray will sit on the company's board, reporting to Yann Coleou, chief executive, Sodexo, UK and Ireland.

He joins from the international facilities maintenance company GSH Group plc where, as managing director for the UK and Eire since 2005, Murray was responsible for a £200m revenue; providing a wide range of FM services to blue chip clients.

Murray began his career with GSH in 1998; working for the company in the UK, USA and Ireland. Prior to this, he worked for the ferry company Stena Line in Dublin.

He has a degree in engineering from Trinity College Dublin, is married and lives in Cheshire.

Murray said: "I am delighted to be taking responsibility for such a key division of Sodexo's business at such an exciting time for the company. As a leading provider in the FM industry, the range of services Sodexo provides is already extremely diverse. I am keen to develop this further to ensure we continue to offer our clients competitive packages tailored to their individual needs."

Yann Coleou, said: "With more than 40 per cent of Sodexo's turnover now coming from non-food services, FM is a vital pillar of our business. I am confident that with Neil's experience and knowledge, Sodexo's reputation as a provider of cost effective FM services will continue to grow."

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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 355,000 employees at 30,600 sites in 80 countries.

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