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## **Sodexo selected as sole soft services provider in exclusive multi-million pound deal with AstraZeneca**

Sodexo, a leading food and facilities management services provider, has been selected as the sole provider of all soft services for pharmaceutical giant AstraZeneca, in a multi-million pound deal set to span a minimum of three years.

Sodexo was chosen by AstraZeneca, after a hugely competitive selection process, to provide support services for its UK operations, the company made the decision to combine outsourced soft services at these locations with one company.

With an estimated annual turnover of £9 million, the deal, which began in May, has seen Sodexo employ nearly 450 staff to manage a wide range of services including, security, cleaning, laundry, internal horticulture, and clinical and sanitary disposal.

The new portfolio, which incorporates AstraZeneca executive headquarters at Stanhope Gate in London as well as sites in Bristol, Devon and Macclesfield, marks a significant extension of Sodexo's existing relationship with the company, which has already been fostered internationally in countries such as France, China, Canada and Mexico.

Keith Lawson, pharmaceutical director, Sodexo corporate services, said: "This is an extremely prestigious contract win for Sodexo and one which reflects our credibility in the UK pharmaceutical industry. AstraZeneca felt Sodexo had the best understanding of its culture and practices, and that our strong management team could ensure the delivery of this specialist expertise now and into the future. We are also in discussions with AstraZeneca regarding any further opportunities."

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## **About Sodexo**

In the UK and Ireland, Sodexo employs 43,000 employees, 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, and switchboard and help desks, mailroom, and reprographics and grounds maintenance.

Sodexo is part of the Sodexo group, the leading global provider of food and facilities management services, with more than 342,000 employees at 29,000 sites in 80 countries.

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## **About AstraZeneca**

AstraZeneca is a major international healthcare business engaged in research, development, manufacturing and marketing of prescription pharmaceuticals and supplier for healthcare services. AstraZeneca is one of the world's leading pharmaceutical companies with healthcare sales of US \$29.55 billion and is a leader in gastrointestinal, cardiovascular, neuroscience, respiratory, oncology and infection product sales. AstraZeneca is listed in the Dow Jones Sustainability Index (Global) as well as the FTSE4Good Index.

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