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## Sodexo retains catering contract at Birkbeck College.

**Sodexo, the world's largest services company, has retained its catering contract with the University of London's Birkbeck College.**

The five-year deal will see Sodexo continue to provide catering at the college's main building in Malet Street as well as its satellite buildings in Gordon Square, Russell Square and the Clore Management Centre in Torrington Square.

Sodexo has worked with Birkbeck for over 16 years and recently made a significant investment to transform the restaurants and cafes across the college estate, increasing both the capacity and speed of service for students and staff.

The new contract will also see Sodexo introduce a range of fresh food offers that have been developed based on an intensive programme of customer insight and a more casual style of dining. A programme has been developed that will see the College host SMEs and start-up companies as part of a wider community engagement programme.

**Elizabeth Whitehead, Director of Facilities and Estates Services at Birkbeck College, said:**

We look forward to continuing to work with Sodexo over the term of the new contract. Initial feedback from staff and students using the refurbished facilities and improved food offer is very positive. We are excited about the proposal from Sodexo to partner with SME's in our small catering outlets.

**Simon Knight, account Director at Sodexo, said:** "We are delighted that Birkbeck have retained Sodexo as their catering partner. We have worked closely with Elizabeth to ensure that our refurbished cafes and restaurants provide our customers with a greater social space, an improved dining experience and a range of new offers which we have developed based on extensive customer insight and feedback."

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## About Sodexo

### Sodexo in the UK and Ireland

Sodexo employs around 34,000 people, and delivers services that improve the quality of life to clients at some 1,850 locations in the corporate, healthcare, education, leisure, justice and defence sectors.

With an annual turnover of more than £1.6bn, Sodexo delivers a range of services ranging from catering, cleaning, reception to asset management, security, laboratory and grounds maintenance services, enabling clients to focus on their core business.

Sodexo Benefits and Rewards Services in the UK provides benefit and reward services such as SayShopping vouchers; public benefits; and employee benefits such as childcare vouchers and engagement surveys.

### About Sodexo

Founded in 1966 by Pierre Bellon, Sodexo is the global leader in services that improve Quality of Life, an essential factor in individual and organizational performance. Operating in 80 countries, Sodexo serves 75 million consumers each day through its unique combination of On-site Services, Benefits and Rewards Services and Personal and Home Services.

Through its more than 100 services, Sodexo provides clients an integrated offering developed over 50 years of experience: from food services, reception, safety, maintenance and cleaning, to facilities and equipment management; from Meal Pass, Gift Pass and Mobility Pass benefits for employees to in-home assistance, child care centers and concierge services. Sodexo's success and performance are founded on its independence, its sustainable business and financial model and its ability to continuously develop and to engage the commitment of its 425,000 employees throughout the world.

Sodexo is a member of the CAC 40 and DJSI Indices.

### Key figures (as of August 31, 2016)

**20.2 billion** euro in consolidated revenues

**425,000** employees

**19<sup>th</sup>** largest employer worldwide

**80** countries

**75 million** consumers served daily

**16.6 billion euro** market capitalization (as of January 11, 2017)