

Sodexo recognized again for commitment to balancing economic and citizenship performance



Paris, September 16, 2009 - **Sodexo was named 2009 global "Supersector leader" for its industry sector ("Travel & Leisure") by the Dow Jones Sustainability Index (DJSI), the fourth time the company has been so recognized.** Sodexo received an overall score of 86% in an assessment of its economic, social and environmental performance by the ratings agency SAM (Sustainable Asset Management). The average score for companies in the sector was 56%. Sodexo's scores in each area also were well above the sector average:

- 94% in economic performance versus an average of 65%;
- for environmental performance, 91% versus an average of 58%;
- and for social performance, 79% versus an average of 50%.

In addition, for the fifth consecutive year since being included in the DJSI in 2005, Sodexo was the leader for its sector, "REX Hotels, Restaurants, Bars & Recreational Services," for both the DJSI World and DJSI STOXX indices.

The DJSI identifies companies that combine economic and financial performance with a commitment to sustainable development, revising its criteria each year to reflect the changing dynamics within companies. The analysis looks at specific factors including governance, risk management, environmental impact and social practices toward suppliers and clients.

Sodexo CEO, **Michel Landel**, said: *"We are proud to be included again among global companies that combine economic performance and civic responsibility. This recognition reflects the daily efforts of our teams throughout the world and reinforces our commitment to corporate citizenship as a strategic priority."*

Sodexo's commitment has been recognized on numerous occasions in recent years including through inclusion in SAM's "Sustainability Yearbook" in 2008 and 2009 and the award of a triple distinction (Gold Class, Sector Leader and Sector Mover). The Group also has been included in the FTSE4Good Index since its inception in 2001 as well as in the Vigeo ASPI Eurozone since 2004. Sodexo also was listed in the new ECPI Ethical Index Euro in January 2009.

For more information:

The report on Sodexo's corporate citizenship and the performance report are available at www.sodexo.com

The press release of SAM, the Dow Jones Indices and STOXX Ltd. is available at www.sustainability-index.com

About Sodexo

Sodexo, founded in 1966 by Pierre Bellon, is a world leader in Food and Facilities Management services, with more than 355,000 employees on 30,600 sites in 80 countries as of August 31, 2008. For Fiscal 2008, which closed August 31, 2008, Sodexo had revenue of 13.6 billion euro. Listed on Euronext Paris, the Group has a current market capitalization of 6.4 billion euro.

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