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## **Sodexo recognized for commitment to sustainable development in the SAM Group's "Sustainability Yearbook 2008"**

Paris, March 31, 2008 – Sodexo, a global leader Food and Facilities Management services, has gained three-fold recognition in Sustainable Asset Management's (SAM) 2008 "Sustainability Yearbook," which identifies companies that combine economic performance with sustainability, among the world's 2,500 largest corporations.

Within its industry sector, Sodexo was distinguished as:

- *SAM Worldwide Supersector Leader 2008*, which recognizes a company's economic, environmental and social success factors;
- *SAM Gold Class 2008*, which identifies the best performers among the *Supersector Leaders*;
- *SAM Sector Mover 2008*, for the progress made in sustainable development and the strong momentum achieved across the sector.

Only 10 companies in the world received all three distinctions in the 2008 report, highlighting both Sodexo's own performance as well as its influence on its industry sector. Sodexo is the only France-based company among the 10 global leaders.

### **International recognition of Sodexo's sustainable development efforts**

As part of its Ambition 2015, to become "the global outsourcing expert in services that improve the quality of life", Sodexo continues to develop policies and programs that take account of social and environmental criteria. "Act as a corporate citizen" is one of 18 objectives set out in the company's roadmap to 2015.

Sodexo has decided to focus its efforts on three major issues:

- environmental protection (reduction of water and energy consumption, waste reduction and recycling);
- issues related to nutrition and health (expanding Sodexo programs promoting balanced diets and the fight against obesity);
- involvement of the company and its employees in local communities, particularly through its STOP Hunger program, operating in 23 countries.

Sodexo also has again been ranked in the 2007-2008 Dow Jones Sustainability World Index and Dow Jones STOXX Sustainability Index (DJSI). Sodexo also has been included in the FTSE4Good rankings since its inception in 2001, illustrating the continuity of the company's sustainable development commitment.

Further information on Sodexo's initiatives is available at:

[http://www.sodexo.com/group\\_en/press/news/group/2008/080201-corporate-citizenship-publications.asp](http://www.sodexo.com/group_en/press/news/group/2008/080201-corporate-citizenship-publications.asp)

The SAM Group's 2008 Sustainability Yearbook can be downloaded at the following address:

[www.sam-group.com/yearbook](http://www.sam-group.com/yearbook)

### **About Sodexo:**

*SODEXO, founded in 1966 by Pierre Bellon, a world leader in Food and Facilities Management services, with more than 342,000 employees on 29,000 sites in 80 countries. For Fiscal 2007, which closed August 31, 2007, SODEXO had revenue of 13.4 billion euro. Listed on Euronext Paris, the Group has a market capitalization of 6.1 billion euro.*

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