

174 tonnes of food diverted from waste through circular supply model

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Sodexo Australia (Sodexo) has announced more than 174 tonnes of food prevented from going to waste in 14 months through a partnership with award-winning social enterprise and sustainable procurement tech tool, [Yume](#).

The amount represents more than half its 2021 Yume pledge of 300 tonnes of food waste prevented in three years. Sodexo has now announced an increased pledge of an additional 375 tonnes by 2025.

Sodexo was the first corporate buyer to take the Yume Pledge in 2018, committing to purchase high-quality surplus food on a large scale to prevent commercial food waste.

Since, Sodexo has increased its leadership in the prevention of food waste—one of twelve corporates to sign the [Australian Food Pact](#) earlier this year.

Identifying sustainable supply chain alternatives is vital to reducing Australia's annual [7.6 million tonne](#) food waste problem and responding to food price inflation and supply-chain bottlenecks.

Katy Barfield, Yume Founder and CEO, said: “It is great to see large procurers of food like Sodexo, be early adopters of innovative technologies like Yume and play a pivotal role in finding a solution to our food-waste issue. We encourage more food solution providers to join us, so together we can end food waste in Australia.”

Sodexo's Better Tomorrow corporate responsibility roadmap drives Sodexo's focus on reducing waste and emissions while committing to causes close to home.

Since taking the Yume pledge, Sodexo has continued to increase its commitments year-on-year.

Keith Weston, Sodexo Australia's Managing Director said: “The majority of us have children who we want to see grow up on a saved planet. The belief that we can and should do better inspires us as a business to make sustainable and environmental choices for a Better Tomorrow.

As global citizens we all have a responsibility to address the food waste and hunger that is so prevalent in Australia.”

Sodexo Australia's other actions toward the prevention of food loss and waste include:

- Implementation of purpose-built WasteWatch by Leanpath technology to create an average of 50% reduction in food waste on remote sites.
- Introduction of food safety digitalisation through an IoT temperature monitoring system, resulting in a 30% reduction in food spoilage incidents on sites that have implemented the system.
- Mobilising a long-standing WasteLess Week public behaviour change campaign across sites each year.
- Continued investment in training, resources and innovation as a Food Pact Signatory and attendee at the 2022 annual National Food Waste Summit.

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About Yume

An award winning social enterprise, Yume transforms how the food industry sells, donates and buys clearance and excess food through innovative and unique technology, one of only three organisations doing similar work around the world. Since 2016, Yume has redistributed more than 4.9 million tonnes of food to businesses and food charities, resulting in more than 1,008 million litres of water saved and 19 million kilograms of CO2 emissions prevented.

About Sodexo Australia

Sodexo in Australia employs a diverse workforce of over 5,000 employees. Sodexo delivers a unique array of over 100 integrated services lines including cleaning, catering, facilities management, aerodrome services, concierge, security, asset and building maintenance and hospitality services in the following segments: Corporate Strategic Accounts and Energy & Resources, both on and offshore.

About Sodexo

Founded in Marseille in 1966 by Pierre Bellon, Sodexo is the global leader in Quality of Life Services, an essential factor in individual and organisational performance.

Operating in 53 countries, our 422,000 employees serve 100 million consumers each day. Sodexo Group stands out for its independence and its founding family shareholding, its sustainable business model and its portfolio of activities including Food Services, Facilities Management Services and Employee Benefit Solutions. We provide quality, multichannel and flexible food experiences, but also design attractive and inclusive workplaces and shared spaces, manage and maintain infrastructure in a safe and environmentally friendly way, offer personalised support for patients or students, or even create programs fostering employee engagement.

From day one, Sodexo has been focusing on tangible everyday gestures and actions through its services in order to have a positive economic, social and environmental impact over time. For us, growth and social commitment go hand in hand. Creating a better everyday for everyone to build a better life for all is our purpose.

Sodexo is included in the CAC Next 20, CAC 40 ESG, FTSE 4 Good and DJSI indices.

Key Figures

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| ■ 21.1 billion euros in Fiscal 2022 consolidated revenues | ■ 53 countries |
| ■ 422,000 employees as at August 31, 2022 | ■ 100 million consumers served daily |
| ■ #2 France-based private employer worldwide | ■ 13.6 billion euros in market capitalisation (as at November 30, 2022) |