

Star chef Jessie Sommarström becomes gastronomic manager at Sodexo

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Jessie Sommarström becomes Head of Food Services at Sodexo AB and thus gets the gastronomic responsibility as the company restructures to become a leader in sustainable meals. The employment begins on April 1st, 2024.

As Head of Food Services, Jessie Sommarström will, in collaboration with the existing Food Services team, drive a culinary and sustainable development of both public and private meals. Sodexo serves 14 million meals annually in Sweden, approximately 11 million of which are prepared for the public sector.

"Sodexo has a strong value base with high sustainability goals, which was decisive for me to accept this exciting position. I am strongly driven by values and want to use my knowledge and experience to make a difference for both the planet and people's health. I am extra passionate about school meals. They are important and can even out the differences and unequal conditions that children and young people have today. It's hard to get good results in school if you don't eat well. My vision for the future is for everyone to have the opportunity to eat good, sustainable, and nutritious food," says Jessie Sommarström.

This recruitment is in line with Sodexo's broader ambition to position itself as the world leader in sustainable food and valued experiences.

"Jessie Sommarström is an important piece of the puzzle to ensure the gastronomic excellence. She is a recognized, very good chef and has a great commitment to environmental and climate issues. We are very happy that she agreed to lead our internal team towards a future of good food with less animal protein", says Jakob Selin, Director Services Innovation & Tech, Sodexo AB.

As part of the induction at her new workplace, Jessie is one of 20 people who will go to Sodexo just outside Paris in early March to learn more about and discuss the transition to more plant-based food.

About Sodexo

Founded in Marseille in 1966 by Pierre Bellon, Sodexo is the global leader in sustainable food and valued experiences at every moment in life: learn, work, heal and play. The Group stands out for its independence, its founding family shareholding and its responsible business model. Thanks to its two activities of Food and Facilities Management Services, Sodexo meets all the challenges of everyday life with a dual goal: to improve the quality of life of our employees and those we serve, and contribute to the economic, social and environmental progress in the communities where we operate. For Sodexo, growth and social commitment go hand in hand. Our purpose is to create a better everyday for everyone to build a better life for all.

Sodexo is included in the CAC Next 20, CAC 40 ESG, CAC SBT 1.5, FTSE 4 Good and DJSI indices.

Key Figures

Sodexo in the world

- 22.6 billion euro in Fiscal 2023 consolidated revenues
- 430,000 employees as at August 31, 2023
- #1 France-based private employer worldwide
- 45 countries
- 80 million consumers served daily
- 11 billion euro in market capitalization (as at February 1, 2024)

Sodexo in Sweden (as of August 31, 2023)

- 4,200 employees

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