

MEDIA ALERT

Sodexo teams up with Zone Startups to boost digital and innovation development in India

Paris & Mumbai, December 12, 2018 – Sodexo, world leader in Quality of Life Services, today announced an open innovation partnership with the Indian branch of Zone Startups, a global tech accelerator, demonstrating its commitment to fast-track growth in the Indian market.

The one-year program will closely connect Sodexo to the local digital and innovation ecosystem. Zone Startups and Sodexo will collaborate to identify, assess, test and validate the most relevant startups to coach and run pilots that may ultimately integrate Sodexo's local food offers.

*"We are deploying local initiatives under a global strategy of moving closer to our consumers through strategic partnerships, focusing on leading-edge technologies and emerging business models. The partnership with Zone Startups will bring value to Sodexo's business in India, and drive innovation across other markets," said **Belen Moscoso Del Prado, Chief Digital and Innovation Officer, Sodexo.***

*"We are delighted to partner with Sodexo to co-create this open-innovation program in the enterprise food experience space. This program opens up collaborative avenues for startups working in emerging food services. Sodexo's global expertise and consumer base makes it a strong ally for selected startups to attain scale at speed," said **Ajay Ramasubramaniam, Managing Director of Zone Startups India.***

About Sodexo

Founded in Marseille 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 72 countries, Sodexo serves 100 million consumers each day through its unique combination of On-site Services, Benefits and Rewards Services and Personal and Home Services. Sodexo provides clients an integrated offering developed over more than 50 years of experience: from foodservices, reception, maintenance and cleaning, to facilities and equipment management; from services and programs fostering employees' engagement to solutions that simplify and optimize their mobility and expenses management, to in-home assistance, child care centers and concierge services. Sodexo's success and performance are founded on its independence, its sustainable business model and its ability to continuously develop and engage its 460,000 employees throughout the world.

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

Key figures (as of August 31, 2018)

20.4 billion euro in consolidated revenues
460,000 employees
19th largest private employer worldwide
72 countries
100 million consumers served daily
13 billion euro in market capitalization (as of November 7, 2018)

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About Zone Startups:

Zone Startups is a global brand of tech accelerators and early stage venture funds operated by Toronto based Ryerson Futures Inc. Established in Toronto in 2012, today, Zone Startups is present across Canada, India and Vietnam. Zone Startups accelerator programs are built on the pillars of validation, mentorship, industry connect and investor access.

Under the accelerators business, Zone Startups operates its own brand of programs as well as partners with large corporations to co-create and manage corporate accelerators and innovation programs.

In India, Zone Startups has been operating since 2014, and has built a portfolio of 200+ startups across multiple programs. Zone Startups also works with the Central and State Governments, as well as CSR, towards developing and operating startup programs for furthering the ecosystem.