Sodexo saves over 9920kg of surplus food with Yume partnership

Australia, 17 July, 2018 – Sodexo Australia, world leader in Quality of Life services, will divert tonnes of quality surplus food each year that might otherwise have gone to waste, thanks to a new partnership with the innovative, online surplus food wholesale marketplace, Yume.

Sodexo Australia Chief Financial Officer and Country President, Mark Chalmers, said the partnership forms part of Sodexo’s Better Tomorrow 2025 corporate responsibility roadmap, and would see products purchased through Yume used at Sodexo sites across Australia.

Mark Chalmers, CFO and Country President, Sodexo Australia said: “Globally, Sodexo serves 100 million consumers every day, so we have tremendous capacity to reduce waste by improving how we deliver our services. We’re dedicated to finding new ways to minimise our collective waste and environmental impact and partnering with Yume is a great way to do this.”

Recently, Sodexo Australia purchased over 500 kilograms of premium Australian feta cheese, more than five tonnes of crushed tomatoes and a range of poultry products including coated chicken fillets and southern style chicken portions. To date, Sodexo has purchased 9920 kilograms of quality food from Yume, equating to 684,480 litres of water saved and 20 tonnes of CO2 prevented.

The concept of Yume works off selling surplus stock of perfectly good food from quality HACCP accredited suppliers including Unilever Foods Solutions, Mondelez and Huon, and others, to prevent it from going to waste.

Katy Barfield, Yume Founder, said: “We are thrilled to partner with Sodexo who have already purchased over 9920 kilograms of quality food. Australia sends a staggering 9.5 million tonnes of food to landfill each year and the Australian Government estimates that food waste is costing the economy $20 billion per year.”

To-date Yume has returned over $1.5 million to Australian farmers and manufacturers and has diverted 300,000 kg of top quality product from going to waste. Environmentally, this equates to 600 tonnes of CO2 prevented and over 20.7 million litres of water saved.

The partnership is part of Sodexo’s Better Tomorrow 2025 strategy, the company’s roadmap for the next stage of its corporate responsibility journey covering issues ranging from waste reduction to increasing gender diversity and stopping hunger.

“By working with Yume, we are well placed to achieve our Better Tomorrow 2025 commitments. We encourage other corporate catering and facilities management companies to get on board with Yume as we can only create a better tomorrow by taking positive actions today,” Mr Chalmers said.

For more information on Sodexo’s Better Tomorrow 2025 visit: https://www.sodexo.com/home/corporate-responsibility.html

For more information on Yume visit: https://yumefood.com.au/
About Sodexo in 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: catering, facilities management, concierge services, security, asset maintenance and hospitality services in the following segments: Corporate, Healthcare & Seniors, Education, Government and Justice and Energy & Resources both on and off shore.

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 80 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. Through its more than 100 services, Sodexo provides clients an integrated offering developed over 50 years of experience: from food services, 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 427,000 employees throughout the world. Sodexo is included in the CAC 40 and DJSI indices.

Key figures (as of August 31, 2017)
- 20.7 billion euro in consolidated revenues
- 427,000 employees
- 19th largest employer worldwide
- 80 countries
- 100 million consumers served daily
- 12.5 billion euro in market capitalization (as of July 4, 2018)

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