

1.2 Our History

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| Pierre Bellon founds Sodexho, a company specializing in providing foodservices to institutions, businesses, schools and hospitals, in Marseilles (France). | < | 1966 | |
| | | 1967 | > CNES, in French Guiana, awards Sodexho a contract in the "multiservices" market, signaling its entry into the remote site management business. |
| International expansion starts with Belgium, Italy and Spain, with developments in Africa and the Middle East. A new business – Service Vouchers – is launched in Belgium. | < | 1971-1978 | |
| | | 1983 | > Initial public offering of Sodexho shares on the Paris Bourse. |
| Sodexho establishes operations in North and South America, Japan, Russia and South Africa, and reinforces its presence in Continental Europe. | < | 1985-1993 | |
| | | 1995 | > Acquisitions of Gardner Merchant in the United Kingdom and Partena in Sweden, the then leaders in foodservices in their respective countries. |
| The Service Vouchers and Cards business expands into Brazil with the acquisition of Cardápio. | < | 1996 | |
| | | 1997 | > The holding company changes its name to Sodexho Alliance. |
| The merger of the foodservices operations of Marriott International and Sodexho and the formation in the U.S. of Sodexho Marriott Services, 48.4% owned by Sodexho, which becomes North American market and global leader in Food and facilities management services. Sodexho Marriott Services will become Sodexho, Inc., a wholly-owned subsidiary of the Group, in 2001. | < | 1998 | |
| | | 2000 | > Following the integration of Universal, Sodexho becomes the world leader in remote site management. |
| Sogeres (France) and Wood Dining Services (U.S.) join the Group. | < | 2001 | |
| | | 2003 | > Succeeding Albert George, Jean-Michel Dhenain and Michel Landel are appointed Chief Operating Officers. |