

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
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**Report of Foreign Issuer
Pursuant to Rule 13a-16 or 15d-16 of
the Securities Exchange Act of 1934**

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SODEXHO ALLIANCE, SA

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

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3, avenue Newton
78180 Montigny - le - Bretonneux
France
(Address of principal executive offices)

(Indicate by check mark whether the registrant files or will file
annual reports under cover of Form 20-F or Form 40-F:)

Form 20-F Form 40-F

(Indicate by check mark whether the registrant by furnishing the information
contained in this Form is also thereby furnishing the information to the
Commission pursuant to Rule 12g3-2(b) under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934:)

Yes No

(If "Yes" is marked, indicate below
the file number assigned to the registrant in
connection with Rule 12g3-2(b):) N/A

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RELEASE

Like many other US companies, Sodexo Marriott Services, now renamed Sodexo Inc., has received allegations of discrimination in a lawsuit lodged by 10 current and former employees. The US District Court for the District of Columbia has granted the plaintiff's motion for class certification.

Sodexo believes that the allegations in the case are not supported by the facts.

The company is strongly committed to its policy of equal employment practices, and to promoting diversity. Since his nomination as CEO in May 1999, Michel Landel has demonstrated this commitment by, among other things, naming Ollie Lawrence as Senior Vice President, Human Resources, and Rohini Anand as VP for Diversity.

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SIGNATURE

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized.

Sodexo Alliance, SA

Date: July 17, 2002

By: 
Name: Siân Herbert-Jones
Title: Chief Financial Officer