

Aramark Named As A 2015 World's Most Ethical Company By The Ethisphere Institute For The Fifth Time

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PHILADELPHIA, March 9, 2015 /PRNewswire/ -- Aramark (NYSE: ARMK), the \$15 billion global provider of award-winning services in food, facilities management, and uniforms, announced today that it has been recognized by the Ethisphere Institute, the global leader in defining and advancing the standards of ethical business practices, as a 2015 World's Most Ethical Company[®].

The World's Most Ethical Companies designation recognizes those organizations that have had a material impact on the way business is conducted by fostering a culture of ethics and transparency at every level of the company.

Being a five year honoree underscores Aramark's commitment to leading ethical business standards and practices ensuring long-term value to key stakeholders including customers, employees, suppliers, regulators and investors.

"Every day, everywhere we operate around the world, our dedicated associates enrich and nourish the lives of those we serve with innovative and meaningful solutions," Eric J. Foss, Chairman, President and Chief Executive Officer of Aramark. "As a global leader, this prestigious honor reinforces our commitment to operating with the highest ethical standards and conducting business with the utmost integrity and respect, while delivering service excellence to our consumers, clients and community partners."

"The World's Most Ethical Companies embrace the correlation between ethical business practice and improved company performance. These companies use ethics as a means to further define their industry leadership and understand that creating an ethical culture and earning the World's Most Ethical Companies recognition involves more than just an outward facing message or a handful of senior executives saying the right thing," said Ethisphere's Chief Executive Officer, Timothy Erblich. "Earning this recognition involves the collective action of a global workforce from the top down. We congratulate everyone at Aramark for this extraordinary achievement."

In addition to the Ethisphere recognition, Aramark recently earned a perfect score of 100% on the Human Rights Campaign 2015 Corporate Equality Index, was named one of the 2015 Top 40 Best Companies for Diversity by BLACK ENTERPRISE magazine and one of CAREERS & the disABLED magazine's Top 50 employers for providing a positive working environment for people with disabilities.

About Aramark Aramark (NYSE: ARMK) is in the customer service business across food, facilities and uniforms, wherever people work, learn, recover, and play. United by a passion to serve, our approximately 270,000 employees deliver experiences that enrich and nourish the lives of millions of people in 22 countries around the world every day. Aramark is recognized among the Most Admired Companies by FORTUNE and the World's Most Ethical Companies by the Ethisphere Institute. Learn more at <u>www.aramark.com</u> or connect with us on <u>Facebook</u> and <u>Twitter</u>.

About the Ethisphere Institute The Ethisphere[®] Institute is the global leader in defining and advancing the standards of ethical business practices that fuel corporate character, marketplace trust and business success. Ethisphere has deep expertise in measuring and defining core ethics standards using data-driven insights that help companies enhance corporate character. Ethisphere honors superior achievement through its World's Most Ethical Companies[®] recognition program, provides a community of industry experts with the Business Ethics Leadership Alliance (BELA) and showcases trends and best practices in ethics with the publication of *Ethisphere Magazine* and *The World's Most Ethical Companies Executive Briefing*. Ethisphere is also the leading provider of independent verification of corporate ethics and compliance programs. More information about Ethisphere can be found at: http://ethisphere.com.

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Additional Information:

The World's Most Ethical Company assessment is based upon the Ethisphere Institute's <u>Ethics Quotient</u> [™](EQ) framework developed over years of research to provide a means to assess an organization's performance in an objective, consistent and standardized way. The information collected provides a comprehensive sampling of definitive criteria of core competencies, rather than all aspects of corporate governance, risk, sustainability, compliance and ethics. The EQ framework and methodology is determined, vetted and refined by the expert advice and insights gleaned from Ethisphere's network of thought leaders and from the World's Most Ethical Company <u>Methodology Advisory Panel</u>.

Scores are generated in five key categories: ethics and compliance program (35%), corporate citizenship and responsibility (20%), culture of ethics (20%), governance (15%) and leadership, innovation and reputation (10%).

The full list of the 2015 World's Most Ethical Companies can be found at http://ethisphere.com/worlds-most-ethical/wme-honorees/.

Senior executives of honorees contribute high-level insights and best practices to the well-regarded *World's Most Ethical Companies Executive Briefing* (download Volume 2 here). Additional insights gleaned from the World's Most Ethical Companies will be released in a series of whitepapers and infographics over the coming months (download the 2014 Insights). Organizations interested in how they compare to the World's Most Ethical Companies are invited to learn more about Ethisphere's services.

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