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**Inaugurated today, by Host International (Poland), a multi-concept food-court within Warsaw's newest shopping-mall**

## **Host Marriott Services (Autogrill group) Enters On The Polish Market**

Warsaw, Poland, 21 October 1999 - Host International, a Polish firm wholly owned by Host Marriott Services Corporation (Autogrill group) announced today the grand-opening of its newest mall's food-court called "M1" in the Marki district near Warsaw.

The food court, named Restauracja Ogrody (Restaurant Garden) is a multi-concept food court, along with a coffee and ice cream bar, including the world-known brands Burger King and Sbarro and is all set within indoor gardens.

Metro Immobilien Holding (Metro group) operates Marki's "M1" shopping mall that, at 50,000 square meters, is the largest shopping complex in Poland and marks the sixth opening of its kind on Polish ground by the group. "This is our first project with the world's second largest retailer—Metro Immobilien Holding (Metro)," said John J. McCarthy, Executive Vice President Malls and International of the Host Marriott Services Corporation. The two companies, though, plan to join forces again in the near future.

Autogrill is the world's leading provider of modern retail catering services. Due to the recent acquisition of Host Marriott Services Corp., the group is now present in four continents: North America, Europe, Australia and Asia. The revenues of the group for the year 1998, comprehending those of Host Marriott Services Corp., are now nearly 4,700 billions of lire. The Autogrill brand operates in airports, railway stations, exhibition centres, shopping malls and city centres. The Group controls about 500 restaurants, 506 snack-bars, 541 markets and 29 hotels, all run with the object of delivering the best possible customer service, and the majority of them open 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. Our Spizzico quick-service pizza bars, which we introduced in the early 1990s, numbered 143 at the end of 1998.