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**HMSHost wins new ten-year contract for overall forecast revenues of 60 million euro**

## **USA: Autogrill awarded food&beverages contract at Detroit's new air terminal**

Milan, 4th March 2002 - HMSHost, the US subsidiary of Italy's Autogrill – the world's leading provider of restaurant services for people on the move – has been awarded a **concession for an area of approximately 600 square meters** in the new Edward H. McNamara terminal at Detroit Metropolitan airport. **The contract runs for ten years and is expected to generate revenues totaling approximately 60 million euro.**

"The new Detroit contract gives us a great opportunity to contribute to the development of one of the world's top airports," said **HMSHost chief executive officer John J. McCarthy**. "This is a project on a major scale of which we are proud to be a part."

**Detroit Metropolitan is one of the world's 15 largest airports, with approximately 35 million passengers a year.** The Edward McNamara terminal, built with investments totaling approximately 1.2 billion dollars, opened in February 2002. It has 97 gates and will handle about 70% of airport traffic. Once fully operational, it will house more than 80 restaurants and shops.

The area awarded to HMSHost will feature a food court with top brands such as Chilis Too and high-appeal concepts such as **Tex-Mex** and **Guiltless Grill** (a fat-free formula), a **Big Mouth** hamburger restaurant and a **Margarita Presidente** tequila bar.

The new offer flanks the operations already run by HMSHost at Detroit airport, with brands including **Starbucks, Burger King, Little Caesar's**.

"John J. McCarthy's team has scored another major success," said Autogrill **Chief Executive Officer Livio Buttignol**. "We have a great confidence in these concepts and in the potential of the airport: a winning combination that is sure to provide the basis for a long-term partnership."