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A new ten-year contract for HMSHost: forecast revenues in period 20 million us dollars

Canada: Autogrill strengthens its presence in Calgary airport and wins two important prizes

Milan, 21st May 2002 - HMSHost, the American subsidiary of Autogrill - the Italian multinational that is world leader in restaurant services for travelers - has won the concession for food and beverage services in 4 new areas inside Calgary International airport. The contract lasts for ten years and forecast revenues for the period are approximately 20 million US dollars.

By the end of 2002 a Starbucks Coffee outlet will be opened in the area currently available. The three other outlets, under the Budweiser Brewhouse, Pretzel Mania and Starbucks Coffee brands, will be opened in 2004, on conclusion of the expansion works on Terminal "Concourse D".

The new sales mix joins the businesses which HMSHost already manages in Calgary airport with brands such as Starbucks and Cheer's Pub.

"We consider that continuing to serve the community of Calgary airport is an extraordinary opportunity" said **John J. McCarthy, CEO of HMSHost**. "The Calgary airport authorities are wonderful partners and we are delighted to take part in their challenging project for the future".

The quality of the airport restaurant services provided by HMSHost received an important recognition in the awards of the "North America's 2002 Excellence in Airport Concessions Contest" given by ACI (Airport Council International) to Palm Beach and San Jose airports.

Palm Beach International airport received first prize in the Food & Beverage category (Class C - mid-sized airports) for its innovative Food Court, which is wholly managed by HMSHost, with a broad range of international brands (Starbucks and Cinnabon) as well as a local "flavor" (Nick's Tomato Pie, Rooney's Irish Pub).

San Jose Norman Y. Mineta International airport won a prize for the most innovative concept in the Class C category: Expedia.com Café.

Expedia.com Café is the result of a partnership between two leading groups in their respective sectors: HMSHost and Expedia Incorporated, an important American travel agency and a world leader in on-line services.