HMSHost, the American subsidiary of Autogrill, has received the contract commitment in joint venture with PJLF Enterprises: the ten-year agreement is expected to generate revenues of $146 million.

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Milan, 24th September 2003 - Autogrill, through its subsidiary HMSHost Corporation and joint venture partner PJLF Enterprises, awarded a ten-year contract commitment at Southwest Florida International Airport in Ft. Myers.

Scheduled to begin in June, 2005, the contract is expected to generate revenues of $146 million.

“The new contract confirms the Airport Authorities confidence in our ability to deliver finest and most attractive concepts to their travelers,” said John J. McCarthy, HMSHost’s Chief Executive Officer. “The Southwest Florida International Airport, especially, is an impressive and high potential location, whose leadership has resulted in a tremendous record of growth over the last decade. In 2002 passengers of Southwest Florida reached up to 5,2 million”.

HMSHost will introduce a variety of new food and beverage concepts to the new midfield terminal currently under construction in Ft. Myers including:

Starbucks Coffee. The world’s most popular coffee brand, Starbucks is North America’s leading importer and roaster of coffee beans. The Airport locations will offer Starbucks’ full line of beverages, a wide selection of pastries, sandwiches and salads and fresh roasted coffee.

Casa BACARDI. A joint development between HMSHost and BACARDI® U.S.A., Casa BACARDI® showcases the customs, cuisine, and distinct flavors of the Caribbean Islands. The menu features lighter fare items such as Tropical Grilled Tuna. Cocktail selections include a full range of rum-based offerings.

Palm City Market. A celebration of two of Florida and in particular Lee County’s truly unique establishments, the Palm City Market features the southern cuisine of the Farmers Market Restaurant of Ft. Myers coupled with fresh seafood from the Paradise Shrimp Company of Marco Island. The concept is designed to create a unique “village” setting that will remind passengers of Southwest Florida’s matchless beauty.

First Round Bar and Grille. A unique, first-of-its-kind collaboration between HMSHost, Dewar’s Scotch Whisky, and Golf Digest Magazine, this concept celebrates Ft. Myers’ rich golfing tradition in open surroundings tastefully designed to offer a first-class café/bar experience.
Maggie Moo’s Ice Cream and Treatery. One of the nation’s most popular ice cream concepts, Maggie Moo’s produces over 40 flavors of ice cream on premise in addition to real fruit smoothies, hand-dipped waffle cones, creamy milk shakes, and an array of mix-ins hand-folded on a frozen granite table.