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Minneapolis international airport: with HMSHost, Autogrill wins an extension worth more than 220 million dollars on its food & beverage and retail concession

Milan, 10th April 2003 - Northwest Airlines and HMSHost Corporation, one of the world's largest providers of food, beverage and retail concessions to the travel industry, have entered into a new contract extending HMSHost's retail and food & beverage operations at Minneapolis St. Paul International airport's Concourse G.

The new contract will run through the end of 2015 and is expected to generate more than \$220 million over the life of the agreement.

With more than **35 million travellers a year**, Minneapolis international airport is one of the ten largest hubs in the USA and one of the top 15 worldwide in terms of passenger traffic.

HMSHost plans a significant investment for new construction and renovation of shops and restaurants on this Northwest Airlines concourse. Established brands and local concepts will come together to deliver an exceptional array of dining and shopping experiences.

- **Chili's too!** – a customized version of one of the world's premier dining brands, this casual dining concept features Chili's famous Big Mouth Burgers, sizzling fajitas, mouth-watering appetizers, and yummy desserts.
- **Zyng's Asian Noodlery** – this Asian-inspired, casual dining experience features a variety of meals-in-bowls including the world's best Pad Thai, Zyngapore Noodles, the Zyng Peanut Toss, and other favorites.
- **Starbucks Coffee and Book Business** – the world's most popular coffee brand teams up with HMSHost's innovative bookstore concept to create an exciting bookstore café, featuring Starbucks' complete beverage menu and a wide variety of best-selling titles.
- **Roots** – one of Canada's most exciting apparel brands, this unique store will offer a wide variety of clothing, outerwear, and accessories for both men and women.
- **Great River Market & Deli** – a locally inspired concept serving freshly made gourmet soups, salads, and sandwiches.
- **Jose Cuervo Tequileria** – outstanding Margaritas and freshly prepared Mexican food are always crowd-pleasers at one of the most entertaining concepts for dining and drinks.



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These new additions will complement an already strong lineup of existing shops and restaurants including: **News Connection**, **Sbarro**, and **Famous Dave's Barbecue**.

"This new award, which follows many other successes in the last few months, confirms our competitiveness in leveraging exclusive concept and brand licensing agreements to offer airports and landlords the perfect solution for their needs," said J. McCarthy, CEO of HMSHost.