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The Group operates in over 50 prestige locations worldwide

Autogrill: HMSHost extends its Empire State Building contract till 2020

Milan, 28 January 2008 – Through its American division HMSHost, Autogrill Group (Milan: AGL IM) has negotiated an extension, two years in advance, till 2020 of its retail services contract in the Empire State Building in New York. The concession is expected to generate accumulated sales of over \$190 million over 12 years.

The existing sales space opened in 1991 and including various kiosks will be totally redesigned in a single sales area (279 square metres) on the 80th floor already available on a temporary basis and to be definitively completed in spring 2008. The new concept is a series of art deco interiors adorned with images of New York and furnishings paying tribute to famous architects such as Shreve, Lamb & Harmon and to Lewis Hine, the Empire State Building's best known photographer.

Under the name of *Empire State Building: The Store*, the location is on the route that exits visitors from the *Observatory Deck* and will offer goods ranging extensively from ESB clothing to glassware, books and gifts.

The shops will be open from 8 am to 2 am, seven days a week, all year round.

In addition to its airport, motorway and railway station businesses, Autogrill Group has over 50 prestige locations in major cities throughout the world, from the Houston Space Center (NASA) to the Louvre in Paris and from the Prado in Madrid to the Gardens of Versailles; they are mainly retail operations, some of which with f&b services as well.

Empire State Building

Considered one of the most famous buildings in the world (with around four million visitors a year), the Empire State Building looks out over Midtown Manhattan from a height of 443 metres. Recent investments in renovation and new development of infrastructure, systems and public amenities have attracted some of the world's best operators in all fields of business. The skyscraper's state-of-the-art broadcasting technology, for example, serves New York's main radio and TV stations. In a survey of 150 buildings in the United States by the American Institute of Architects in 2007, the Empire State Building was judged the best piece of American architecture. It was also ranked one of the seven wonders of the modern world, and an icon of 20th century construction, by the American Society of Civil Engineers (ASCE).

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