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HMSHost Named Food & Beverage Retailer of the Year at Raven Fox Global Travel Retail Awards

Leading airport restaurateur recognized for outstanding design and operations

BETHESDA, MD, APRIL 11, 2006 – HMSHost has been named Food & Beverage Retailer of the Year at the second annual Raven Fox Global Travel Retail Awards. This prestigious survey of top leaders in the airport concession industry has recognized the leading travel concessionaire for excellence in the fields of restaurant design and operations.

The world's biggest travel retail publisher, Raven Fox produces a full range of print and online publications including **Duty Free News International** magazine and **RavenFox.com**. Founded in 1987, Raven Fox has an extensive portfolio that encompasses seven titles, five major annual events—including the industry-voted Global Retail Awards—and two research divisions that gather and analyze travel-retail data from around the world.

"We are proud to share this award with our airport partners," said Elie W. Maalouf, HMSHost President and CEO. "Their energy and spirit are the inspiration for everything we do. They share our passion for superior dining experiences, and, thanks to their vision, today's airports offer an exciting array of culinary choices for passengers."

One of the leading providers of food, beverage and retail concessions to the travel industry, HMSHost is working closely with airports to create dining experiences that address travelers' sophisticated needs. The company was the first to introduce a number of popular restaurant concepts into the airport environment. Prime fillets from **Outback Steakhouse**, Italian specialties from **Romano's Macaroni Grill**, and creations from A-list chefs such as **Todd English** in Boston and **Kathy Casey** in Seattle, are just a few examples of HMSHost's commitment to top-quality airport restaurants.

About HMSHost

HMSHost is world-renowned for creating innovative concession plans in travel venues. The company operates in more than 70 airport locations around the globe,

including 18 of the 20 busiest airports in North America. HMSHost has annual sales in excess of \$2.0 billion and employs more than 26,000 associates worldwide. A wholly owned subsidiary of Autogrill S.p.A, HMSHost and the rest of the Autogrill Group are recognized leaders in retail and food and beverage concessions serving people on the move. With operations in 16 countries, the combined Group has annual revenues approaching \$4.0 billion.