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## **EXCITING DINING OPTIONS ARRIVING AT SALT LAKE CITY AIRPORT WITH NEW HMSHOST AGREEMENTS**

*New agreements projected to generate more than \$230 million in sales*

**BETHESDA, MD, MAY 18, 2006** – Salt Lake City International Airport is one of the largest airports in the Mountain West region of the United States. Serving more than 11 million enplaning passengers annually, it is an important gateway that welcomes visitors from around the world.

More than 900 flights originate from the airport daily, serving more than 90 cities. An important economic engine for the state of Utah, Salt Lake International supports a statewide economy that generates more than \$62 billion in personal income.

Very soon, Salt Lake passengers will have more choices to enjoy.

The airport extended the food & beverage and retail contracts of HMSHost, one of the world's largest providers of food, beverage and retail concessions in the travel industry, until 2011. The extensions have 5-year terms and are expected to generate more than \$230 million in sales over their lifetimes.

As part of the extension agreement, HMSHost plans to refurbish some existing restaurants as well as build a variety of new concepts including:

- ❑ **Wolfgang Puck Express** – World-renowned chef and restaurateur Wolfgang Puck has teamed up with HMSHost to bring his distinctive gourmet cooking to Salt Lake travelers. The menu will include unique specialty sandwiches, Wolfgang's signature soups, Spago's Famous Chinois Chicken Salad, and a variety of his celebrated gourmet pizzas
- ❑ **Quiznos Subs** — One of America's fastest-growing and most popular sandwich concepts, Quiznos will serve a delicious variety of sandwiches toasted to perfection.
- ❑ **Blue Burrito Grille** – One of the region's most notable quick-casual restaurant chains, this concept satisfies travelers' cravings for full-flavored, healthy dining options. Using only the freshest ingredients, Blue Burrito creates a variety of exciting low-fat dishes from traditional Carne Asada Burritos, made with lean charbroiled steak, to a non-traditional, but equally delicious, Chicken Fajita Rice Bowl prepared with marinated chicken strips and vegetables over BBG's special Mexican rice.

These new concepts will join a strong existing concept lineup including: **Starbucks Coffee, Simply Books, Sporting Eyes, Dick Clark's American Bandstand Grill & Bar, Brookstone, and Wilson's Leather.**

"HMSHost thanks Salt Lake City International Airport for this significant opportunity," said Elie W. Maalouf, HMSHost President and CEO. "Salt Lake is an outstanding facility and we are extremely proud to be part of its dynamic concessions program."

Steve Johnson, Vice President of Business Development for HMSHost, echoed Mr. Maalouf's optimism. "With Utah's economy growing so strongly, we see tremendous opportunity here at Salt Lake," he said. "The airport staff believes strongly in the power of innovative dining and shopping choices to transform the air travel experience, and we are very pleased to support their important work."

### 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 26 countries, the combined Group has annual revenues exceeding \$4.0 billion.