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## **HMSHost Names Three Industry Executives**

***Greg Bushnell, Kevin Erickson and James Schmitz  
Appointed to Vice President Positions***

**BETHESDA, MD** -- HMSHost Corporation, a world leader in travel dining and shopping, announced today the appointment of three new executives to vice president positions at its global headquarters in Bethesda, MD. All three individuals will bring their extensive experience and expertise to further enhance the airport and motorway travel experience.

Greg Bushnell has been named vice president of Design and Construction, Kevin Erickson has been appointed vice president of Business Development for the Southeast region of North America, and James Schmitz is the new vice president of Merchandise and Concepts.

Bushnell is charged with executing the design and construction projects for all HMSHost airport and motorway locations nationwide. In addition to leading the Design and Construction division, Bushnell will focus on building and enhancing relationships and strategic alliances with vendors, consultants, landlords and other key constituents.

Bushnell previously served as head of Design and Construction at the Ruby Tuesday Corporation, where he managed the construction of approximately 50 new street side casual dining restaurants each year. Prior to that, he acquired 20 years of experience in design, construction and architectural management.

Kevin Erickson is responsible for new business development and managing key client relations in the Southeast region of the United States. Erickson formerly served as Vice President of Business Development, Design and Construction for Foodbrand LLC, a subsidiary of the Mills Corporation. In that capacity, he engaged in airport and mall concession programs, managing over 100 national, regional and local restaurant concepts. Erickson previously worked with HMSHost for nine years and also Anheuser Busch in various senior level capacities.

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Jim Schmitz will direct all product selection for HMSHost's merchandise categories as well as the company's retail merchandise strategy. He will also lead efforts to further the company's portfolio of nationally branded and regional proprietary concepts.

Schmitz brings experience from Starboard Cruise Services, a division of the global luxury goods company LVMH Moët Hennessy Louis Vuitton, where he served as Vice President of Merchandising, Planning and Distribution. During this time, he was responsible for the worldwide merchandising, planning and distribution of product to over 100 ships operated by 25 cruise lines, including Carnival and Royal Caribbean, resulting in more than \$300 million in annual revenues.

"Greg, Kevin and Jim will play key roles in our quest to further deliver best-in-class shopping and dining for travelers," said Elie W. Maalouf, HMSHost President & CEO. "We are excited to have individuals with their background and experience join our team."

### **About HMSHost**

HMSHost is world-renowned for creating customized shopping and dining spaces in travel venues. The innovative company operates in more than 100 airport locations around the globe, including 19 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 Autogrill Group are recognized leaders in travel amenities. With sales exceeding \$4.0 billion, Autogrill is present in 30 countries with over 4,500 points of sale in 979 locations (including 138 airports and 645 motorways) where 51,000 employees serve over 800 million customers every year. Visit [www.HMSHost.com](http://www.HMSHost.com) for more information.

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