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**HMSHOST OPENS TWO NEW STARBUCKS LOCATIONS AND PLANS TO OPEN
ROCK BOTTOM RESTAURANT & BREWERY AT
DENVER INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT**

BETHESDA, MD – HMSHost Corporation, a world leader in travel dining and shopping, recently opened two new *Starbucks* at Denver International Airport (DIA). In September, HMSHost will also open a local Denver favorite, *Rock Bottom Restaurant & Brewery*. The additions to the airport are a direct result of a customer satisfaction survey.

DIA conducted a benchmark assessment in July 2006 as part of its ongoing effort to provide the highest level of customer service. Over 600 responses were gathered revealing travelers' strong preference for a wider variety of menu items and high quality food and beverage options with healthy choices. Starbucks ranked as the number one brand choice; while restaurants serving classic American fare were noted as options travelers would be pleased to have.

"Travelers want the same quality and experiences they receive at home. At Denver International Airport, they are looking for recognized brands and excellent customer service," said Turner West, Executive Director, Denver International Airport. "With the help of HMSHost, travelers at our airport now have the convenience of some of their favorite dining options right here."

"HMSHost is very excited to bring Starbucks Coffee and Rock Bottom Brewery to Denver International Airport," says Stephen Douglas, Vice President of Business Development for HMSHost. "We are confident these new offerings will be well-received by passengers."

Rock Bottom Restaurant & Brewery

The Denver branch of *Rock Bottom Restaurant & Brewery* is one of the first airport locations for this popular hometown brewpub turned national award-winning restaurant. Since it first opened 15 years ago at the bottom of the Prudential Building in Denver, hence the name, Rock Bottom has been a favorite among beer lovers. Rock Bottom brews more beer than any other brewery—more than 40,000 barrels each year—and is regularly recognized for its attention to quality ingredients. Rock Bottom's dedicated brew masters select the finest hops and malted barley and use local filtered water in the making of its multiple brews. In addition to the rich, handcrafted beer (brewed offsite), the full-service restaurant will also offer a signature menu of familiar American fare.

Hamburgers are made from scratch and served on freshly baked buns and sandwiches and breakfast items are also available. The décor is warm and inviting and features wood and brass accessories, gleaming brewing vessels and the inviting earth tones found in other Rock Bottom restaurants across the country.

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Rock Bottom Brewery, Photo credit: HMSHost

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 more than 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.

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