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### **HMSHOST BRINGS MORE OF THE BIG APPLE TO JFK** ***Balducci's and Bonfire anchor JFK's Terminal 7 concession redevelopment program***

**BETHESDA, Md.** — HMSHost, a world leader in travel dining and shopping, and British Airways announced today the grand opening of new food and beverage concessions in Terminal 7 at John F. Kennedy International Airport (JFK). The new concessions are part of HMSHost's contract extension through 2015, and British Airways' and the Port Authority of New York & New Jersey's \$250 million terminal redevelopment program.

"Terminal amenities and services are increasingly influencing passengers' airport and airline preferences," said Robin Hayes, British Airways' executive vice president Americas. "Providing our customers with more unique dining options at JFK complements the experience of traveling with British Airways and reinforces our commitment to the Port Authority and to New York."

As part of British Airways' and HMSHost's efforts to transform the passenger experience at JFK, Terminal 7 now offers a ***Balducci's Food Lover's Market, Sapphire Lounge, Todd English's Bonfire, Starbucks Coffee*** and ***Wolfgang Puck Gourmet Express***.



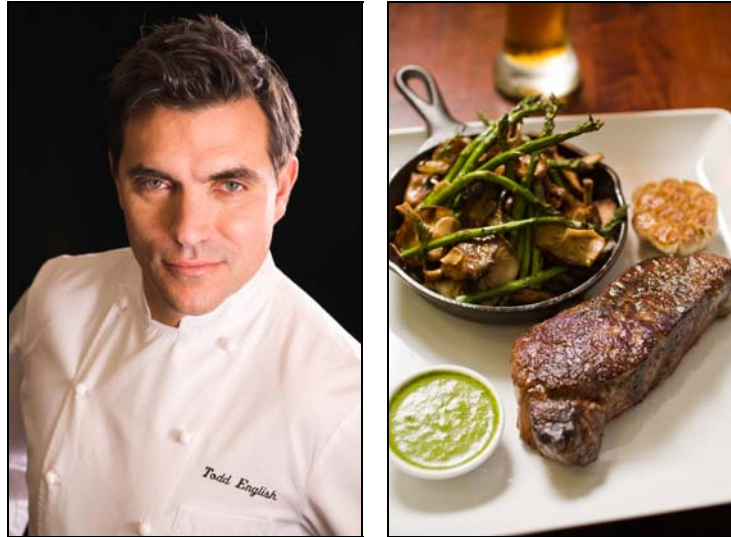
"With two world-class celebrity chefs, New York's quintessential gourmet market and the very cool ***Sapphire Lounge***, Terminal 7 is a great place for good food and a relaxing drink," said Joe Waller, Vice President of Business Development for HMSHost. "Quality destinations like these, which until recently people would never expect to find in an airport, definitely make the traveler's day better."

For more than 90 years, ***Balducci's Food Lover's Market*** has been a New York icon. New Yorkers and guests in the city will recognize Balducci's high quality offerings at the JFK T7 location. Balducci's exceptional sandwiches, salads, deserts and pastries are perfect for travelers to take on board for a mid-flight gourmet treat.

***Sapphire Lounge***, created in cooperation with Bombay Sapphire, has the atmosphere one would expect to find in a chic Manhattan club. Taking its cue from Bombay Sapphire's elegant bottle and cool tones, Sapphire Lounge features a sapphire blue illuminated glass wall and sophisticated design elements.

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HMSHost is the exclusive developer and manager of **Todd English's Bonfire** restaurants in U.S. airports. At JFK, the celebrity chef's menu of globally inspired cuisine includes English's famous steak frites, crab-meat nachos, roasted swordfish, Kobe beef burger and other favorites prepared in the open kitchen.



**Chef Todd English and Fare from Todd English's Bonfire; photo credit: HMSHost**

Rounding out the T7 offerings, **Starbucks Coffee**, the leading retailer and roaster of specialty coffee, continues to be a destination for airport travelers. World-renowned chef and restaurateur Wolfgang Puck brings his distinctive cooking to T7 passengers at **Wolfgang Puck Gourmet Express** and **Wolfgang Puck Grab & Go** kiosk. Upscale sandwiches, signature soups and Spago's Chinois chicken salad are served along with Puck's celebrated gourmet pizzas, prepared to order in seven minutes or less.

"We chose to work with HMSHost in New York because for many years in this marketplace, the company has helped to shape dining and shopping at local transit hubs into the region's own image," said Hayes.

HMSHost's presence in New York's travel venues extends to all three New York airports where the company develops and manages concessions in multiple terminals at John F. Kennedy International (JFK), Newark Liberty International (EWR) and LaGuardia (LGA) airports. HMSHost also operates concessions at more than a dozen travel plazas on the New York State Thruway. Next month, HMSHost will reopen the premiere retail space at the Empire State Building following a three-month renovation. With more than 2,100 associates at its operations throughout the state, just about anywhere you find travelers in the New York metropolitan area, you'll find HMSHost

#### **About HMSHost**

HMSHost is a world leader in creating shopping and dining for travel venues. HMSHost operates in more than 100 airports around the globe, including the 20 busiest airports in North America. The Company has annual sales in excess of \$2.6 billion and employs more than 33,000 sales associates worldwide. A part of Autogrill S.p.A, HMSHost and the rest of the Autogrill Group are recognized leaders in travel restaurants and retail. With sales exceeding €4.8 billion, Autogrill is present in 42 countries with more than 5,300 points of sale in more than 1,200 locations (including 216 airports and 704 motorways) where 68,000 employees serve over 890 million customers every year. Visit [www.HMSHost.com](http://www.HMSHost.com) for more information.

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