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## **HMSHost Names Tom Fricke, President and CEO**

*Executive brings experience from leading global multi-national companies*

**BETHESDA, Md.** –Tom Fricke has joined HMSHost as President and Chief Executive Officer, effective January 16, 2012. For more than 20 years, Fricke has served in a variety of substantial leadership roles, most recently as the CEO of Cartridge World.

While at Cartridge World— one of the largest retailers of remanufactured ink and toner cartridges— Fricke oversaw 1,700 units operating in 63 countries. In addition to his experience leading Cartridge World, Fricke brings an abundance of hands-on experience with PepsiCo, Home Depot and Giant Eagle grocery stores. He has lived and worked abroad in strategic positions, most notably with PepsiCo in Sydney, Australia and with Frito-Lay in San Juan, Puerto Rico.

Fricke is a graduate of the United States Naval Academy in Annapolis, Md., where he completed his studies with a BS in Mechanical Engineering. Upon graduation, he served as a Naval Intelligence Officer. After several additional assignments, Fricke left the Navy to attend Stanford University, where he earned a MBA.

Locally, HMSHost operates restaurants and retail stores at Washington's Dulles International and National Airports, at Thurgood Marshall Baltimore-Washington International Airport, and in the Maryland and Chesapeake travel plazas along I-95. The company also runs restaurants in the food courts of Arundel Mills Mall and the Leesburg Premium Outlets. HMSHost employs approximately 1000 associates throughout Maryland and Northern Virginia.

### **About HMSHost**

[HMSHost](http://www.HMSHost.com) is a world leader in creating dining and shopping 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 \$2.5 billion and employs more than 34,000 sales associates worldwide. HMSHost is a part of [Autogrill Group](#), the world's leading provider of food & beverage and retail services for people on the move. With sales of over €5.7 billion in 2010, the Group operates in 35 countries and employs some 62,000 people. It manages over 5,300 stores in more than 1,200 locations worldwide. Visit [www.HMSHost.com](http://www.HMSHost.com) for more information and find us on [Facebook](#) at *HMSHost Making the Traveler's Day Better*.

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