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Fresh, Healthy, Fast: HMSHost Celebrates Opening of Thai Express, Extreme Pita and Purlblendz at Toronto Pearson International Airport
New restaurants expand dining offerings at Toronto Pearson



Celebrating the Thai Express and Extreme Pita/Purlblendz grand opening, left to right: Michael Ross, Director, Retail and Guest Services, Toronto Pearson International Airport; Alex Rechichi, President & CEO, Extreme Brandz; Dennis Ng, Vice President, Thai Express and Pat Banducci, Chief Operations Officer, HMSHost.

TORONTO—The nature of airport traveling is one of hurry. Often there is little time to find a bite to eat. At [Toronto Pearson International Airport \(YYZ\)](#), three new fast casual restaurants are now open and making the traveler's day better. Along with the Airport, [HMSHost](#), a world leader in travel dining and shopping, today celebrated the delivery of Canadian favorites **Thai Express**, **Extreme Pita** and **Purlblendz** to guests in the Domestic Pier's Terminal 1.

"The redevelopment of our retail and dining experience at Toronto Pearson is an essential element of our goal of becoming a global hub and in our ability to attract, serve and delight our guests. Our guests told us they want to see more variety and value so we are excited to welcome these well-known and popular brands to our airport," said Pamela Griffith-Jones, Chief Commercial Officer at Toronto Pearson International Airport.

Thai Express is the leading Thai quick-service restaurant in Canada, combining traditional Thai cuisine with new world design and flavours, which include the freshest ingredients available. All dishes are made to order at a spice level of mild, medium and “extra”. After glancing through the menu, travelers choose a combination of meat and vegetables that together result in robust flavours found in stir fry dishes, or the favourite and traditional Pad Thai.

Extreme Pita and **Purblendz** are set in a shared space in the Terminal. The brands are based in Mississauga, Ontario, and are part of the Extreme Brandz group of companies, which stands for inspired healthier eating.

With gourmet recipes from around the world, and chef-inspired tastes, **Extreme Pita’s** menuboard features names like The Chief, Chick-Chick Boom and Uncle Philly. Sandwiches, salads and unique flatbread pitas are also available. **Extreme Pita** is also the first national quick-service restaurant in Canada to include caloric information on its menu board.

Right next door to **Extreme Pita**, **Purblendz** offers all natural smoothies which are great on their own or make a great compliment to a fresh pita or salad. **Purblendz** smoothies have no additives, boosters or formulated supplements- just natural fruit and vegetables, making our smoothies a healthier option, great tasting and Pure.

“Extreme Pita and Thai Express are terrific healthy, fast casual restaurants and Purblendz is a great way to cap off a meal. The food is fresh, made-to-order and delicious. Travelers will love these new additions to Toronto Pearson,” said Joe Waller, Vice President of Business Development, HMSHost.

All three restaurants are located post-security near Gate 145.

About HMSHost

[HMSHost](#) 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 for more information and find us on [Facebook](#) at *HMSHost Making the Traveler’s Day Better*.

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