

## For Immediate Release

### **HMSHost Honored with 2012 Airports Going Green Award** *Company's startsomewhere Program Recognized for Excellence in Sustainability Efforts*



*Accepting the 2012 Airports Going Green award, left to right: Harry Lu, Senior Director of Operations, HMSHost-Chicago; Rosemarie S. Andolino, Commissioner, Chicago Department of Aviation; Brad Maher, Director of Operations, HMSHost-Chicago; Linda Dunn, Vice President of Supply Chain, HMSHost; Josh Barone, Director of Revenue Optimization, HMSHost; Julie Teng, Director of Operations Director, HMSHost-Chicago*

**CHICAGO, IL** —Global restaurateur [HMSHost](http://www.hmshost.com) is the proud recipient of the 2012 Airports Going Green Award for the company's **startsomewhere** sustainability program. The award was presented during a luncheon at the 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Airports Going Green Conference held in Chicago.

The Airports Going Green Conference is co-hosted by the City of Chicago Department of Aviation and the American Association of Airport Executives. As the industry's premier event for development, communication, and active discussions of sustainability initiatives, the conference attracts over 300 airport executives and managers, as well as aviation industry experts from around the world.

"It is a tremendous honor to be recognized as an industry leader in sustainability for the HMSHost startsomewhere program," said Linda Dunn, Vice President of Supply Chain at HMSHost. "We would like to thank the City of Chicago Department of Aviation and the American Association of Airport Executives for recognizing the positive impact that the startsomewhere program has made to the industry's sustainability efforts over the past year."

This important recognition demonstrates HMSHost's strong industry leadership and dedication to sustainability efforts in the aviation industry. The start somewhere program recognizes that it takes many small acts to help build a better future and that everyone must "start somewhere" in their efforts. The program focuses on three key initiatives: reducing HMSHost's environmental impact, providing food and beverage options that address nutritional wellness, and partnering with the communities that HMSHost serves to help build a better future for everyone.

**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 \$2.7 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 €5.8 billion in 2011, the Group operates in 35 countries and employs some 62,800 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. We can also be found on Facebook at [fb.com/HMSHost](https://www.facebook.com/HMSHost) and Twitter [@HMSHost](https://twitter.com/HMSHost).

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