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## For Immediate Release

**HMSHost Serves Up Boston Pizza for Travellers at Edmonton International Airport**  
*Boston Pizza Opening Marks First Airport Location for Canadian Favourite*



*View of the new Boston Pizza in Edmonton International Airport's Central Tower.*

**EDMONTON, AB**— Global restaurateur [HMSHost](#) has partnered with Boston Pizza International Inc. to bring Canada's favourite pizzas to travellers at Edmonton International Airport (EIA), with a new location opening today at EIA Central Tower, past International/Domestic Security. This is the first Boston Pizza in an airport. Here guests are able to choose from a variety of Boston Pizza's delicious menu items, including its famous gourmet pizzas made with its signature, fresh dough, mouth-watering pasta dishes, and a wide variety of appetizers, salads, entrées, and desserts.

"Edmonton International Airport is very proud to host Boston Pizza's first airport location world-wide. Boston Pizza is a hometown success that started in Edmonton and grew to be loved across Canada and beyond, while HMSHost operates restaurants in over 100 airports worldwide and brings extensive expertise in travel dining. That's a winning formula, and the biggest winners are our passengers, who are really excited to see Boston Pizza, a family favourite as a new airport option," said Myron Keehn, Vice President of Commercial Development at Edmonton International Airport.

The first ever Boston Pizza location opened in Edmonton in 1964. Now, Boston Pizza is Canada's largest casual dining brand with more than 370 locations across the country, including 107 in Alberta and 25 in Edmonton. Keeping with Boston Pizza's traditions, travellers will find what they've come to expect from this Canadian favourite including friendly service and a welcoming atmosphere from 5 a.m. to midnight, 7 days a week. The casual atmosphere, combined with big-screen high-definition TVs in the sports bar, makes Boston Pizza as fun for families as it is for sport fans of all ages.

“We are excited to partner with Boston Pizza, an iconic Canadian brand that has a fun, energetic vibe and a diverse menu for travellers of all ages,” said HMSHost Vice President of Business Development Kent Vanden Oever. “Bringing more delicious food options such as this sought after favourite to travellers at Edmonton International Airport is part of our goal to enhance the overall traveller experience.”

“Edmonton is where Boston Pizza was founded more than 50 years ago, so it’s especially meaningful to open our first airport location in this city,” said Joanne Forrester, Regional Vice-President, Western Canada at Boston Pizza. “We’re excited to provide our hometown fans with a familiar meal and a comfortable setting before they take off on their journeys. We also look forward to introducing our menu to travellers from around the world.”

Boston Pizza’s menu offers travellers a blend of signature items, gourmet pizzas, and travel-friendly foods that allow for easy portability. Not to be missed are Boston Pizza’s hand-pressed dough pizzas made in-house every day. Here you can create your own pizza – choosing your crust, dipping sauce, cheese, and endless topping options. Or try original pizza creations including the Spicy Perogy – an inspired combination of sour cream, bacon, and Cactus Cut Potatoes with mozzarella and cheddar, topped with green onions and sour cream.

Boston Pizza offers so much more than pizza. Try Boston Pizza’s famous wings, juicy burgers, gourmet pastas, and healthy salad options including the Market Spinach Salad and Roasted Beet and Peach Salad. Young travellers will find their kid-friendly options irresistible with pint-sized pizzas, pastas with healthy side options, and fun desserts.

Have an early morning flight? Boston Pizza and HMSHost developed a diverse breakfast menu to reflect Canadian morning favourites including traditional options such as French toast, steak and eggs, as well as a signature Breakfast Pizza topped with pizza mozzarella, smoked bacon, red and green peppers, tomatoes, and hardboiled egg, baked to perfection and perfect to take on the go.

#### **About HMSHost**

Global restaurateur [HMSHost](http://www.HMSHost.com) is a world leader in creating 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 \$2.7 billion and employs more than 33,000 sales associates worldwide. HMSHost is a part of Autogrill Group, the world’s leading provider of food & beverage services for people on the move. With sales of around €3.9 billion in 2014, the Group operates in 29 countries and employs some 54,000 people. It manages approximately 2,800 stores in over 1,000 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://fb.com/HMSHost) and on Twitter at [@HMSHost](https://twitter.com/HMSHost).

#### **About Boston Pizza**

Boston Pizza International Inc. is Canada's No. 1 casual dining brand with more than 370 restaurants in Canada and more than \$1 billion in sales. Annually, Boston Pizza serves more than 40 million guests. The company has been recognized as a Platinum Member of Canada's 50 Best Managed Companies. Boston Pizza believes that strong role models inspire kids to be great, and in 2014, the Boston Pizza Foundation created Future Prospects to help support organizations that mentor kids to reach their full potential. Boston Pizza International Inc. is located in Richmond, B.C. and has regional offices in Mississauga, Ontario and Laval, Quebec. For more information, visit [www.bostonpizza.com](http://www.bostonpizza.com).

#### **About Edmonton International Airport**

Edmonton International Airport is a self-funded, not-for-profit corporation whose mandate is to drive economic prosperity for the Edmonton Region. EIA is Canada’s fastest-growing major airport over the last 10 years, serving over eight million passengers in 2014. It is Canada’s fifth-busiest airport by passenger traffic and the largest major Canadian airport by land area. EIA offers non-stop connections to up to 60 destinations across Canada, the US, Mexico, the Caribbean and Europe. For more information, visit [www.flyeia.com](http://www.flyeia.com).

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