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HMSHost Awarded \$186M Contract to Develop DFW Airport Terminal F

Trinity Groves and more Dallas Fort Worth flavors to arrive at the airport

DALLAS FORT WORTH INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT, TEXAS (January 8, 2020) – Capturing the spirit of Dallas Fort Worth’s culinary culture, global restaurateur HMSHost and its partners are delivering a new food hall experience at Dallas Fort Worth International Airport (DFW). New dining will include restaurants from locally-loved Trinity Groves, to Eatzi’s Market & Bakery, Cake Bar and more. The airport awarded global restaurateur [HMSHost](#) and its partners Java Star Inc. and F. Howell Management Services Ltd. a new 10-year contract valued at \$186 million to complete these upgrades in the new Terminal F.

“We are thrilled to build on the robust partnership that HMSHost and DFW Airport already enjoy and thank DFW Airport’s Board of Directors for the opportunity to continue to innovate with some of the strongest airport and restaurant operations partners from Texas and beyond,” said HMSHost President and CEO Steve Johnson. “Adding these new restaurant options will result in a bold new offering, bringing some of Dallas’ most exciting food into the airport.”

Trinity Groves, inspired by the West Dallas restaurant incubator of the same name from legendary Dallas restaurant entrepreneur Phil Romano in DFW will showcase an exhibition kitchen area and lively food hall vibe. Enabling local food innovators a place to present their style and flavor, the Terminal F Trinity Groves kitchen will offer a portfolio of menu options from successful incubator concepts Souk Kabab House, The Hall Bar & Grill, LUCK (Local Urban Craft Kitchen), and Beto & Son Real Mexican Food. As it does at the West Dallas location, Trinity Groves’ concepts will rotate in the airport to bring the latest trends to travelers.

Eatzi’s Market & Bakery, another concept from Phil Romano, is a European-style eatery that consistently receives awards and recognition both locally and nationally for its curated gourmet offerings. Eatzi’s will bring to the airport the characteristic experience of shopping for and tasting the unique specialties offered in an authentic Italian market.

Cake Bar brings the smells (and tastes) of something sweet with confectionary offerings by passionate baker Tracy German who spent over a decade selling stunning cakes from her home before setting up shop at Trinity Groves. This airport bakery destination will also sell signature hand-painted **Kate Weiser Chocolates**. **Counter Culture Coffee**, a boutique roaster with regional popularity, rounds out the bakery experience with comforting flavors of smoothly brewed and sustainably-sourced coffee.

Retail offerings in partnership with Stellar Partners, Inc. complete the overall shopping and dining experience planned for development. **True to Texas** is a shopping experience offering authentic Texas-made merchandise and **360 West** is a news and travel convenience retail outlet inspired by the acclaimed 360 West Magazine.

Gilbert Aranza, owner-operator of Java Star, Inc., and Frank Howell, owner-operator of F. Howell, Ltd. are HMShost's longstanding Airport Concessions Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (ACDBE) partners in Dallas. HMShost and its ACDBE partners currently operate several restaurants throughout DFW Airport including the award-winning Dallas Cowboys Club, Lorena Garcia Tapas y Cocina, Maggiano's Little Italy, Beer Union, California Pizza Kitchen, La Madeleine Bakery, and more.

HMShost Leading the Industry

HMShost is recognized by the industry as the top provider of travel dining with awards such as Restaurateur with the Highest Regard Customer Service, as well as Best Brand Restaurateur for Shake Shack by Airport Experience News. USA Today 10Best Readers' Choice Travel Awards gave first place honors to both of HMShost's Whisky River locations at Charlotte Douglas International Airport and Raleigh-Durham International Airport. HMShost is a leader in sustainability practices which includes its award-winning food donation program, as well as plans to [eliminate conventional plastic straw](#) use by 2020. The company also creates original award-winning events and campaigns including [Airport Restaurant Month](#), [Channel Your Inner Chef](#) live culinary contest, [1,000 Acts of Kindness](#), and [Eat Well. Travel Further.](#)

About HMShost

Global restaurateur HMShost is a world leader in creating dining for travel venues. HMShost operates in more than 120 airports around the globe and at more than 80 travel plazas in North America. The company has annual sales of more than \$3.5 billion and employs approximately 41,000 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 €4.7 billion in 2018, the group operates in 31 countries and employs over 60,000 people. It manages more than 4,000 stores in more than 1,000 locations worldwide. Visit [HMShost.com](https://www.hmshost.com) for more information and connect with HMShost on [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#) and [Instagram](#).

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