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## HMSHost Press Release

### **HMSHost's Derryl Benton Elected as Vice Chair for ACI-NA World Business Partners Board**

*Elected to three-year term on ACI-NA World Business Partners/Associates Board of Directors*

**BETHESDA, Md.** (October 30, 2018) – Global restaurateur HMSHost Executive Vice President of Business Development Derryl Benton was elected as Vice Chair to the [Airports Council International – North America](#) (ACI-NA) World Business Partners/Associates Board of Directors.

As the leading trade association for North American airports, the board's mission is to ensure ACI-NA continues its long history of advocating on behalf of the industry as the Voice of Airports. In this leadership role, Derryl joins thought leaders from across the airport and aviation communities to help advance airport industry priorities throughout North America.

"ACI-NA is only as strong as our members and their active engagement. Global restaurateur HMSHost is a proven leader in our association that emphasizes the importance of partnering with all airport stakeholders to enhance the passenger experience for the traveling public," said ACI-NA President and CEO Kevin M. Burke. "I look forward to working with Derryl in his new leadership position to strengthen the airport industry."

The board's new 2018-2019 leadership election was announced at the recent ACI-NA Annual Conference and Exhibition in Nashville. ACI-NA is the voice of North American airports, representing local, regional and state governing bodies that own and operate commercial airports in the United States and Canada.

"I am honored to be elected among my peers to this prestigious board. Having served in many aspects of the airport industry for nearly 25 years, I recognize this exciting time we are in with new innovations and opportunities around every corner," said HMSHost Executive Vice President of Business Development Derryl Benton. "I look forward to bringing the innovative thinking we cultivate at HMSHost and collaborating alongside fellow members to provide new insights that further strengthen and drive the industry forward."

HMSHost operates award-winning food and beverage locations in more than 120 airports around the globe. HMSHost received numerous ACI-NA concessionaire [accolades](#) in recent years including: Best New Food and Beverage (Full-Service Concept) for HMSHost's proprietary restaurant Book & Bourbon Southern Kitchen at Louisville International Airport; Best "Green" Concessions Practice or Concept for Bistrot at Montréal–Trudeau Airport; and Best Innovative Consumer Experience Concept or Practice for Channel Your Inner Chef live culinary contest at Chicago O'Hare International Airport.

A complete list of the ACI-NA Board of Directors and leadership is available on the [ACI-NA website](#).

#### **HMSHost Leading the Industry**

HMSHost is recognized by the industry as the top provider of travel dining with awards such as 2018 Best Overall Food & Beverage Operator (for the eleventh consecutive year) by Airport Revenue News. USA Today 10Best Readers' Choice Travel Awards recognized HMSHost's Summer House Santa Monica at Chicago O'Hare International Airport as Best Airport Bar / Restaurant Atmosphere. HMSHost is a leader in sustainability practices which include plans to [eliminate conventional plastic straw](#) use by 2020. The company also creates original award-winning events like [Airport Restaurant Month](#), [Channel Your Inner Chef](#) live culinary contest, and the Adrian Awards Gold winning campaigns, [#HMSHostLove](#) 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 100 travel plazas in North America. The company has annual sales of nearly \$3.3 billion and employs more than 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 €4.6 billion in 2017, the group operates in 31 countries and employs over 58,000 people. It manages approximately 4,000 stores in about 1,000 locations worldwide. Visit [HMShost.com](http://HMShost.com) for more information and connect with HMShost on [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#) and [Instagram](#).

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