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Maggiano's Little Italy® Brings Upscale Casual Dining to Dallas Fort Worth International Airport with HMSHost

Maggiano's homemade Italian-American dishes are now an option for the first time at an airport location



Celebrating the first Maggiano's Little Italy in an airport at DFW (from left to right): Peter Barth, General Manager, HMSHost; Anthony Alessi, Vice President of Business Development, HMSHost; Larry Konecny, Chief Operating Officer, Maggiano's Little Italy; Gustavo Pinedo, Executive Chef, HMSHost; Zenola Campbell, Vice President of Concessions, Dallas Fort Worth International Airport; Mollie Standridge, Vice President, Star Concessions, Ltd.; Kelly C. Baltes, President, Maggiano's Little Italy.

DFW Airport, Texas (Nov. 30, 2018) –Travelers can now enjoy the famous [Maggiano's Little Italy](#) dining experience of quality, service, and comfort in Dallas Fort Worth International (DFW) Airport's Terminal C (near Gate 17). Global restaurateur [HMSHost](#) with business partner Java Star Inc. teamed up with Brinker International, Inc., parent company of Chili's® Grill & Bar and Maggiano's Little Italy, and DFW to introduce this beloved casual dining restaurant to an airport for the first time.

“It is a thrill to open Maggiano's in DFW. This new opening is a testament to the great relationship HMSHost shares with Brinker International, creating an inviting restaurant where family and friends can reconnect before a flight,” said HMSHost President and CEO Steve Johnson. “Maggiano's is a beloved

gathering place in neighborhoods across the country and we thank the airport for the opportunity to welcome travelers and our guests.”

With made-from-scratch Italian-American cooking, authentic recipes, and warm hospitality, dining at Maggiano's is an elevated casual dining experience. The ambiance, service, and food are all part of what makes Maggiano's so special. Maggiano's in the airport is a place where people can relax with a calamari appetizer, a classic pasta dish like spaghetti and meatballs, and maybe a glass of wine.

The restaurant can seat up to 225 guests and features a dining room split by the bar into two large sections with seating for parties of all sizes. The modern kitchen is large for an airport location, with up-to-date equipment to support dining room rushes while also supplying a convenient grab-and-go area with freshly made signature sandwiches and pastas.

“A taste of amazing homemade food while traveling is something special,” said Kelly C. Baltus, president of Maggiano's Little Italy. “This is why we're excited to partner with HMShost to bring Maggiano's made-from-scratch Italian-American dishes to all traveling through the DFW airport.”

Along with the authentic Italian-American menu that Maggiano's made famous, its culture of dining family-style is alive in DFW for travelers to enjoy as if hanging out in the neighborhood with friends and family. With the traveling public in mind, solo travelers and small groups will find single-serve portions of the same renowned family-sized dishes for enjoyment.

“We're excited to welcome Maggiano's to DFW, providing another great choice for our customers and elevating the dining experience for our busiest terminal, Terminal C,” said Zenola Campbell, vice president of Concessions for DFW Airport. “Maggiano's has strong ties to our local community, and we're proud to share their customer service with the nearly 70 million domestic and international customers who fly to, from and through DFW each year.”

The introduction of Maggiano's to airports is a benefit to travelers, but it also builds on HMShost's and Dallas-based Brinker International's proven record of collaborating on successful restaurants in airports across North America. HMShost operates 17 of Brinker's Chili's restaurants in airports across the country.

A list of existing HMShost-operated locations at Dallas Fort Worth International Airport is available on the [HMShost location finder map](#).

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](#) for more information and connect with HMShost on [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#) and [Instagram](#).

About Maggiano's Little Italy

Maggiano's Little Italy® specializes in Italian-American cuisine served in a warm and friendly atmosphere. Maggiano's menu features both classic and contemporary recipes – authentic pastas, signature salads, prime steaks, fresh seafood, regular chef specials and specialty desserts. Maggiano's 52 restaurants nationwide offer lunch, dinner and brunch, delivery, carryout service and banquet spaces for special occasions. Maggiano's is owned and operated by Brinker International, Inc. (NYSE: EAT), one of the world's leading casual dining restaurant companies, serving more than one million guests daily. Brinker owns or franchises more than 1,600 restaurants in 30 countries and two territories. In addition to Maggiano's, Brinker owns and operates Chili's® Grill & Bar.

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About Dallas Fort Worth International Airport:

DFW Airport warmly welcomes more than 67 million customers along their journey every year, elevating DFW to a status as one of the most frequently visited superhub airports in the world. DFW Airport customers can choose among 176 domestic and 58 international nonstop destinations worldwide. DFW is elevating the customer experience with modernized facilities and updated amenities. Centered between its owner cities of Dallas and Fort Worth, Texas, DFW Airport also serves as a major economic generator for the North Texas region, producing over \$37 billion in economic impact each year by connecting people through business and leisure travel. For more information, visit the DFW [website](#) or download the DFW Mobile App for [iOS](#) and [Android](#) devices.

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