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## For Immediate Release

**HMSHost and San Antonio International Airport Celebrate a New Dining Experience for Travelers with the Opening of Several New Restaurants**  
*Local favorites by renowned Chef Johnny Hernandez and other great eats now at SAT*



*From left to right, San Antonio Aviation Director Frank Miller, San Antonio Councilman Rey Saldana, HMS Host joint venture partner Johnny Hernandez, HMSHost Vice President Anthony Alessi, Steak N Shake Sr. Vice President Vic Yeandel and San Antonio City Manager Sheryl Sculley.*

**SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS** – Global restaurateur [HMSHost](http://HMSHost.com) and San Antonio International Airport cut the ribbon yesterday in celebration of the recent openings of several new restaurants that are sure to enhance the traveler's airport dining experience. Now travelers can share in the local buzz created around town by renowned San Antonio Chef Johnny Hernandez's own culinary creations **La Gloria** and **The Fruteria**, and his innovative menu items at **Mission City Icehouse**, through a joint venture with HMSHost and Hernandez. HMSHost has also opened **La Tapenade**, along with national favorites **Steak 'n Shake**, **Famous Famiglia** and **Auntie Anne's/Cinnabon**.

"The new and innovative dining options at the airport reflect a good balance between national favorites and the cuisine that is unique to San Antonio," Mayor Julián Castro said. "We are committed to creating a memorable experience for our visitors."

With **La Gloria**, Chef Hernandez introduces travelers to the authentic taste of Mexican “street foods,” right in the airport. Hernandez’s adventurous culinary flavors create a menu that includes items such as taco al pastor, tlayudas, and cocteles de mariscos, among others, putting San Antonio on the map and offering travelers a taste of the best the city has to offer.

“La Gloria has been at the center of a culinary resurgence of chef-owned restaurants in San Antonio; our cuisine celebrates the flavors found only in the Interior Mexico,” said Chef Johnny Hernandez. “We are excited to share La Gloria with a whole new world of travelers.”

“Chef Johnny Hernandez’s La Gloria is a highlight of the San Antonio culinary scene, and we are excited to see that visiting travelers at San Antonio International Airport are already reveling in this local favorite,” said HMShost Vice President of Business Development Anthony Alessi. “La Gloria and the other restaurants HMShost has recently opened at the airport will welcome travelers with a wide variety of exciting dining experiences from which to choose.”

**The Fruteria**, also created by Chef Johnny Hernandez, brings travelers fresh and healthy options with a tasty twist. Among the menu items are fresh fruit slices topped with lime juice and chili powder, yogurt and granola, as well as fruit cups, vegetable juices and a variety of smoothies. At night, The Fruteria transforms into a contemporary cocktail lounge featuring fresh fruit tequila cocktails.

**Mission City Icehouse**, featuring a menu also created by Chef Hernandez, celebrates the rich, vibrant history of San Antonio, with a bar featuring local brews and spirits, and grab-and-go sandwiches and salads—a perfect option for the traveler on the go who still wants a taste of the local culture.

**La Tapenade Mediterranean Café** offers customers a plethora of healthy, yet delicious meals. Featuring freshly baked bread, fire-roasted vegetables, specialty meats and assorted cheeses to fill sandwiches and top pizzas and salads, La Tapenade is a great escape from a hectic travel day.

**Steak ‘n Shake** features the famous combination of premium burgers and delicious milkshakes that will make your mouth water. For over 75 years, Steak ‘n Shake has been satisfying customers around the country, and this is the first Steak ‘n Shake franchise to open in San Antonio.

**Famous Famiglia** now brings award-winning pizza brand to the airport. From chicken, spinach and breakfast strombolis, to chicken parmigiana and its famous pizzas, Famous Famiglia will provide travelers with good Italian favorites on the go.

Perfectly suited for airport travelers looking for a quick and delicious snack, **Auntie Anne’s/Cinnabon** provides a variety of freshly baked pretzels, and those melt-in-your mouth cinnamon rolls sure to satisfy any sweet tooth!

#### **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 30,000 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 €6 billion in 2012, the Group operates in 38 countries and employs some 63,000 people. It manages approximately 5,300 stores in approximately 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://fb.com/HMShost) and Twitter [@HMShost](https://twitter.com/HMShost).

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#### **About San Antonio International Airport**

With more than 8 million passengers in 2012, the San Antonio International Airport (SAT) contributes more than \$5 billion to the region’s economy. The gateway for South Texas, SAT offers nonstop service to more than 30

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