

HMSHost International bolsters UK presence



ComptoirLibanais brings its sensory dining experience to travelers. Its Shakshuka Egg & Feta breakfast is popular

HMSHost International has extended its presence in the United Kingdom securing five additional stores and the extension of one store for seven years at London Stansted Airport. The total contracts valued at just over €190 million (US\$193.6 million).

Alongside a recently opened Comptoir Libanais, Sunny Side Café, Perch and Terracotta, HMSHost brings an additional LEON store, positioning the company as the largest food & beverage operator at the airport, growing the partnership with Manchester Airports Group.

Sytze van der Aa, Regional Managing Director Europe at HMSHost International said, "HMSHost International does a few things well; builds partnerships, understands brands and creates places to be. Our new development at London Stansted shows how well we work with partners, teaming up with Manchester Airports Group, listening to their wishes and combining this with our deep knowledge of travelers, resulting in the delivery of a sensational food & beverage experience for our guests, and bringing global partners Comptoir Libanais and LEON, amongst others, to the table. We can't wait to see all our stores open and deliver travelers with a memorable food & beverage experience at London Stansted, as we continue to create places to be."

Stephen Martin, London Stansted's Retail Director, said: "This is a very exciting time for London Stansted as our growing and successful relationship with HMSHost has delivered this fantastic range

of new restaurants in our departure lounge.

"As one of the fastest recovering airports in the UK, the £12million (US\$14.3 million) investment to provide passengers with a greater choice of contemporary and innovative places to dine, with fresh and varied menus, will really help create a buzz of excitement and a very positive airport experience. Thanks to the dedication and hard work of teams at HMSHost and here at the airport, these amazing new concepts are now ready to be enjoyed by the millions of people taking to the skies from London Stansted this summer."

The five additional stores at London Stansted will be well-received by travelers to the UK's fourth busiest airport in the UK (pre-pandemic), with a focus on fast service, variety of menus and Instagram-able moments," reads the July 21 press release.

Comptoir Libanais brings its sensory dining experience to travelers, already proving to be a hit with its Shakshuka Egg & Feta breakfast. A new LEON opening on landside will give travelers the opportunity to enjoy the Naturally Fast Food brand on both land-side and air-side.

Sunny Side Café, a casual café concept will be a winner for coffee lovers with fresh pastries. Premium bar and kitchen, Perch, brings great cocktail game to the airport, complimented later this year with a stunning Nikkei east-meets-west menu. While Terracotta, a classic Italian osteria will grow its reputation as a brilliant spot for handmade pizzas with great quality ingredients.

In addition to the five stores at London Stansted, home to the leading low-fares airlines in Europe plus the world-renowned Emirates, HMSHost UK has been busy redeveloping its existing stores. Travelers can already enjoy a drink at the newly opened concept Burnells, previously known as Illustrious, which has had a long-awaited reveal after its pre-COVID redevelopment. The original LEON will also enjoy a well-earned redevelopment, mirroring the newest store.