

SSP and DFA to boost restaurant roster at Salvador Bahia Airport



The fast-growing food court at Salvador Bahia Airport

Salvador Bahia Airport will welcome seven restaurants and food and beverage outlets as part of a new partnership between SSP and Duty Free Americas (DFA).

Under the new joint venture, called SSP DFA Restaurantes Brasil Ltda, a number of international and local brands will open at the airport.

DFA operates Salvador Airport's duty free store. From June, it will also run the duty paid store in the new boarding area, a 780 square meter walkthrough facility.

"SSP brings expertise to add more high-quality options to our airport, while DFA offers sound knowledge of the Brazilian market," said Marc Gordien, Commercial Director of Salvador Airport.

Chris Rayner, CEO, SSP Latin America, added: "We're delighted to have reached an agreement to open seven new restaurants in Salvador Airport. We're looking forward to supporting Salvador Airport with their exciting plans to upgrade the passenger experience."

DFA President Leon Falic commented: "We at DFA are very enthusiastic about SSP DFA Restaurantes Brasil Ltda, our joint-venture company, and the new agreement with Vinci Airports at Salvador. The new restaurants, together with our DFA duty free and DFA duty paid stores, will provide a unique sense of place experience for passengers going through Salvador Airport. We are committed and continue to work towards providing unique and memorable experiences for travelers."

Ritazza, the Italian espresso bar with a presence at international airports, is one of the key brands due to open at Salvador Airport. It will be joined by Italian restaurant Barzetti, Mexican-themed concept Mi

Casa Burritos, baked goods specialist Millie's and healthy eating brand Haven.

The units will be distributed between the landside food court and the airside area, both in the new commercial spaces in Arrivals and in Departures.

New chef restaurant

In other news, leading Brazilian chef Tereza Paim will shortly be opening her first restaurant in an airport at Salvador Airport.

Bringing the flavors of Bahia and Brazil to the airport, Mesa de Tereza will open later this year.

The project is the result of a partnership between Tereza and SSP DFA Restaurantes Brasil Ltda.

Mesa de Tereza has been developed specially for Salvador Bahia Airport. Passengers will find the best regional cuisine.

Located in the landside food square, it will open for breakfast, lunch and dinner. Some of Tereza's handmade products, including farofas and spices, will be on sale.

Bahia Bar

In addition to Mesa de Tereza, SSP has created the Bahia Bar for Salvador Airport. Located airside, with decor inspired by Bahia beaches, it will serve drinks and meals.

DFA's Falic said: "Our new restaurants, particularly Mesa de Tereza and the Bahia Bar, together with our DFA duty free and DFA duty paid stores, will provide a unique sense of place experience for passengers going through Salvador Bahia Airport."