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Gerald R. Ford International Airport Opening New Restaurant Pre-Security



(Above): "Leinie Lodge" opening in May in the pre-security area at the Gerald R. Ford International Airport.

GRAND RAPIDS, Mich. – More food and beverage offerings are coming to the Gerald R. Ford International Airport (GFIA), this time in the pre-security meet and greet area.

Global restaurateur HMSHost, in partnership with the Gerald R. Ford International Airport, is opening a new pre-security bar called "Leinie Lodge" adjacent to Starbucks in the Airport's Grand Hall.

Leinie Lodge will predominantly feature Leinenkugel's wide range of award-winning German-inspired beers both on tap and by the bottle. To complement the beer offerings, travelers can enjoy a selection of sandwiches, wraps, salads, and an assortment of snacks to perfectly match their beverage of choice.

"Our passengers were craving more options for food and beverage pre-security, and this new offering will accomplish just that," said Gerald R. Ford International Airport President & CEO Jim



Gill. “We are excited to have a new addition to our restaurant scene, especially in an area where so many West Michigan meeters and greeters welcome in family, friends, and business clientele.”

The new space is expected to open in May.

“HMSHost is excited to bring a new food and beverage option to travelers with Leinie Lodge this summer,” said HMSHost Vice President of Business Development Bryan Loden. “We, along with our partner Steve Jenkins, are thankful to continue our partnership with GFIA to offer both travelers and those awaiting arriving passengers a place to relax and enjoy a cold drink and snacks.”

For more information or interviews, please contact Tara Hernandez.

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About GFIA

The Gerald R. Ford International Airport (GFIA) is the second busiest airport in Michigan. The Airport served over 2.8 million passengers in 2017 and over 7,000 travelers pass through GFIA each day. The Gerald R. Ford International Airport offers nonstop service to 24 major market destinations with more than 120 daily nonstop flights. The Gerald R. Ford International Airport is managed and operated by the Gerald R. Ford International Airport Authority. GFIA generates over \$3.1 billion in annual economic output throughout West Michigan, and employs over 2,000 people. For more information on GFIA visit: www.flyford.org or follow the airport on Twitter: @FlyGRFord

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 99 travel plazas in North America. The Company has annual sales in excess of \$3.1 billion and employs more than 39,500 sales 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 over €4.5 billion in 2016, the Group operates in 31 countries and employs over 57,000 people. It manages approximately 4,000 stores in about 1,000 locations worldwide. Visit HMSHost.com for more information. We can also be found on Facebook at fb.com/HMSHost and on Twitter at @HMSHost.