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Airport Features National Brands in Food & Beverage and Retail Concessions Renovation – New Stores Offer Variety and Greater Customer Appeal

An airport-wide, two-year concessions renovation plan began last fall at McCarran International Airport. The airport's master food and beverage concessionaire, HMSHost's approximately \$15 million renovation plan focuses on national branding. Customers tend to purchase from brands they know and trust. HMSHost partners with the airport to bring in original concepts and creative store designs, all with the goal of delivering outstanding customer service.

McCarran's aggressive concessions plan helps keep its passenger facility charges down. Last fiscal year, a healthy 65 percent of airport revenue, approximately \$121 million, came from non-aviation sources, including gaming, transportation, retail sales and parking. Airlines accounted for only 35 percent of airport revenue. This was not always the case: prior to 1994, a lower percentage of non-aviation-generated revenue meant the airport relied heavily on airline revenue, and these costs were passed on to the customer.

"McCarran's 10-year-old food and beverage facilities, which were not built to handle current levels of passenger traffic, are being replaced with innovative designs that make the best use of available space," said Randall H. Walker, Clark County director of aviation.

New dining venues at McCarran include Wolfgang Puck Express and Wolfgang Puck To Go, bringing the total number of food and beverage outlets to 56. By the end of this year, Chili's, Chili's Too, The Great Steak and Potato Company, 360° Gourmet Burrito, and Flatbreadz will open. McCarran offers five Starbucks Coffee locations throughout the airport, with four more locations to open by the end of this year.

Retail operations are being renovated this summer, too. Hudson News is remodeling all of its news and gifts stores, giving them an updated look. Hudson News and Gifts is opening two stores, one located at the Terminal 1 esplanade and one in D Gates. Crabtree and Evelyn, retailers of fine skin care products, will replace Hudson Booksellers D Gates. New stores, including Bijoux Turner and Memorabilia World, will open in the northeast wing of D Gates this year.

The existing retail lineup runs the gamut from the Bose kiosk, featuring Bose audio technologies for travelers, to the Oxygen Bar, where customers inhale pure oxygen to relax and rejuvenate. A complete list of food & beverage and retail concessions at McCarran airport is available at www.mccarran.com. For more information on concessions, visit www.hmshost.com or www.hudsongroupusa.com.

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