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## For Immediate Release

### LAMBERT-ST. LOUIS INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT AND HMSHOST TOAST FIRST OF NEW RESTAURANT OPENINGS *Missouri travelers enjoy taste of local vineyards combined with a French café*



Celebrating the grand opening of Brioche Dorée and Missouri Vineyards: Lambert Director Richard Hrabko; Danene Beedle, Missouri Wine Board; St. Louis City Mayor Francis Slay; Darryl T. Jones, D & D Concessions; Kathy Waltz, representing U.S. Rep. Russ Carnahan (D-MO); Stephen Douglas, Vice President, HMSHost; and St. Louis City Comptroller Darlene Green.

**BETHESDA, MD** – Lambert-St. Louis International Airport (STL) and HMSHost Corporation, a world leader in travel dining and shopping, and its joint venture partners D&D Concessions LLC, today raised a glass to the airport's newest pre-security dining venues: **Missouri Vineyards** and **Brioche Dorée Café**. These highly anticipated food and beverage concessions are the result of an eight year contract extension awarded to HMSHost last year, which runs through 2020. Both restaurants have been developed as part of a joint venture with local St. Louis-based D&D Concessions, LLC Partnership, run by business partners Darryl Jones and Donald Suggs.

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"We're excited about these new concepts which offer distinctively new and fresh menus in a stunning space beneath our newly restored historic domed ceilings," said Richard Hrabko, Director Lambert-St. Louis International Airport. "This is just the first phase in our continuing effort to upgrade the customer dining experience. No doubt we're off to a great start."

**Missouri Vineyards** and **Brioche Dorée Café** are located in the Main Terminal, pre-security on the ticketing level. They are ideal concepts to welcome travelers, meters/greeters and other visitors at the airport.

"The side by side proximity of these concepts is a bonus. We've used the French history of St. Louis and long-standing wine production in this region to create a true sense of place at the airport," said HMSHost Vice President of Business Development, Stephen Douglas. "HMSHost and our partners, D&D Concessions, are pleased to open these new brands to enhance the airport experience and welcome travelers to Lambert-St. Louis International Airport."

Founded by two Frenchmen—Pierre LaCledé and August Chouteau—St. Louis and its surrounding region have produced wine from America's heartland for more than 160 years. In the 1960s, several original area wineries reopened and today, Missouri's wine industry is thriving. Now, **Missouri Vineyards** offers travelers the luxury of a wine tasting opportunity at the airport. Local boutique vineyards and award-winning varietals such as Cynthiana and Norton anchor the selection list. The menu includes small bites such as Smoked Salmon, Jumbo Shrimp Skewer and Cheese & Fruit Plates. Delicious soups, salads, and sandwiches, such as Lime Chicken Brie, Asian Fusion Salmon and Sliders 3 Way—all designed to complement the featured wines. Every Thursday of the month, Missouri Vineyards will offer wine tastings.

Right next door to the wine bar, **Brioche Dorée Café** offers an upscale, quick and casual authentic venue set in a country French atmosphere that features the aroma of fresh bread and pastry in the oven. Guests may enjoy an array of hand made sandwiches, healthy garden salads, artisan breads, gourmet pastries and custom roasted coffees.

"These are exciting times for the HMSHost D&D Concessions, LLC Partnership. We have the opportunity to share Director Hrabko's vision of creating a new airport experience for our travelers and promoting our great city by bringing local food and flavor to travelers," said Darryl Jones Managing Partner of D&D Concessions, LLC.

In addition to **Missouri Vineyards** and **Brioche Dorée Café**, throughout the rest of 2009, HMSHost and D&D Concessions will open **Mosaics Tapas Fusion**, **The Pasta House Co.**, **Fitz's Root Beer** and **Baja Fresh Express**. A new **Freshens Smoothies and Frozen Treats** will join the existing brands operated by HMSHost-D&D Joint Venture, including **Starbucks Coffee**, **Wolfgang Puck**, **Tequileria**, **Budweiser Stadium Club**, **Burger King**, **Quiznos Sub** and **California Pizza Kitchen**.

#### **About HMSHost**

*HMSHost is a world leader in creating shopping and 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 34,000 sales associates worldwide. HMSHost is a part of Autogrill Group, the world's leading provider of food and beverage and retail services for people on the move. With over €5.8 billion expected sales in 2008, the Group operates in 43 countries and employs some 70,000 people. It manages over 5,300 stores in more than 1,200 locations worldwide. Visit [www.HMSHost.com](http://www.HMSHost.com) for more information.*

#### **About Lambert**

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