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# Schiphol set to continue partnership with HMSHost International; focus on sustainability and flexibility

Amsterdam, 18 September 2020 - <u>Amsterdam Airport Schiphol is set to continue its food & beverage partnership with HMSHost International</u> in the years ahead. The partnership will be guided by Schiphol's new strategy, which focuses on flexibility, quality, sustainability and innovation. HMSHost has given Schiphol the confidence that it can deliver on the new strategy.

Schiphol wants to do its bit to make sure that passengers have a positive travel experience by presenting them with a range of different food and drink outlets. Given the changing needs of travellers today, Schiphol and HMSHost are working closely together to develop innovative and sustainable hospitality concepts. The airport is a testing ground and springboard for Dutch brands with international ambitions. Preparations are currently under way for the Avocado Show, and faster concept changeovers will also be introduced at a number of locations in the terminal in line with changing passenger needs and trends.

'Our partnership with HMSHost has more than proven itself and we are proud to be able to continue to work with it in the years ahead to realize our food & beverage ambitions together. Our catering services reflect the changing wishes of our passengers - healthy and conscious options, for example. The intensive partnership we have with HMSHost enables us to offer passengers an exciting and full catering experience, without losing sight of sustainability and the need to represent more local catering concepts at our airport', says Tanja Dik, Director of Consumer Products & Services at Amsterdam Airport Schiphol.

We are very glad that we are able to continue this successful collaboration with Amsterdam Airport Schiphol, even during this pandemic, with its tremendous challenges for the aviation sector. This creates even more added value for our lengthy partnership, while also serving as a positive sign for the industry to believe in the future and the value of strengthening relationships.", says Walter Seib, CEO of HMSHost International.

The airport has been working with HMSHost since 1995 as the airport's main food & beverage operator, running 79 food & beverage outlets at Schiphol. The two companies are working closely together on a number of new developments and concepts. Examples of our partnership achievements include, the <a href="Soup & Bakery by De Verspillingsfabriek">Soup & Bakery by De Verspillingsfabriek</a>, which processes vegetables that would otherwise go to waste. Another HMSHost collaboration was the <a href="introduction of a contactless payment platform">introduction of a contactless payment platform</a> when ordering food and drinks.

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## About Amsterdam Airport Schiphol:

With over 330 destinations, Amsterdam Airport Schiphol reached 71.7 million passengers in 2019 ranking as 3rd busiest in the European airport passenger volume. It is now considered an "aerotropolis" that offers a dynamic environment capable of providing services right round the clock. In 2020







Schiphol was judged Best Airport in Western Europe at the Skytrax World Airport Awards.

#### About HMSHost International:

Active in over 120 airports in the United States, Canada, Europe, Asia and Oceania, HMSHost operates in the top 20 airports in North America by passenger traffic. Through its HMSHost International division, the company has F&B operations at 43 airports, 35 train stations and 7 shopping malls in Europe, the Middle East, and Asia Pacific.

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