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## **HMSHost International expands footprint in India; Bangalore International Airport awards contracts valued at more than €160 Million over 8 years.**

- T2 contracts include 14 stores between 7 and 8 years with a combined estimated value of €100 million
- T1 contracts include 10 stores for between 3 and 8 years with a combined estimated value of around €60 million
- HMSHost brings successful international brands to T1, including **P.F. Chang's**, Jones the Grocer's newest Express formula, **Jones Express**, and **Giraffe** to India for the first time

**Bangalore, 28 June 2022 – HMSHost International, global market leader in the food and hospitality industry for people on the move, is strengthening its presence in India with the addition of 14 new stores at the newly developed Terminal in a Garden, T2, and 10 new stores in T1, at Bangalore International Airport Limited's (BIAL's) Kempegowda International Airport (BLR Airport), Bengaluru. Together, these tender wins strengthen the company's footprint at the airport to a total of more than 30 stores.**

Jagvir Rana, HMSHost International Regional Managing Director India and Middle East says, "We are proud to work together with our long-term partner BIAL on this exciting and ambitious new project to create a Terminal in a Garden. As the leading hospitality operator at BLR Airport, we are passionate about bringing BIAL's vision to life, bringing some remarkable new brands into the country and doing what we do best; creating places to be."

As one of India's most innovative Airports, BLR Airport continues to delight travellers with their innovative concepts. Their vision to create a 'terminal in a garden' in their new T2 – a nod to the lauded green aesthetics of Bengaluru – sees architecture working together with nature to create a visual delight.

Kenneth Guldbjerg, BIAL's Chief Commercial Officer said, "With our partnership with HMSHost International, we aim to offer passengers unrivalled food and beverage options and an eco-friendly dining experience. It is truly exciting for us to bring some of the most successful international F&B brands for the first time to India and the city of Bengaluru, but at the same time highlighting our commitment to sustainability by banning the use of single-use plastics and encouraging sustainable materials in the construction of all our outlets."

T1: BLR Airport

Alongside culinary darling Jones the Grocer opening with their exciting new grab and go concept, **Jones Express**, travellers through T1 can expect to enjoy a new entry of the Asian sit

down restaurant **P.F. Chang's**, the family restaurant **Giraffe**, plus global favourite **KFC**, urban bar **Brew'd**, Art deco inspired Indian bistro **Chef's Talkie**, botanical bar **The Beer Plot** and revamped versions of South Indian restaurants **Tiffin Express** and **Tiffin Centre**.



## T2: BLR Airport

All restaurants are complementary to the 'terminal in a garden' vision of BLR International Airport in design, menu execution and storytelling. The selection of brands – to be announced later – showcase Bengaluru as the tech capital of the region while highlighting our commitment to sustainability through the use of re-used and sustainable materials in construction.

## Boosting HMSHost International's footprint in India

The new contract wins boost the footprint of HMSHost International to a total of more than 30 stores at BLR Airport. With this expansion, HMSHost India strengthens their presence in the country, operating a total of more than 100 stores across several key locations including Hyderabad and Delhi Airports, Secunderabad Train Station and a selection of shopping malls.

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**Pictures are available for download** at this link: <https://bit.ly/3byxzHK>

### **About HMSHost International:**

HMSHost is a world leader in creating dining experiences for travel venues, operating international and proprietary brands in more than 120 airports around the globe. 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. HMSHost is part of Autogrill Group – the world's leading provider of food & beverage services for people on the move.

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### **About BLR Airport:**

Kempegowda International Airport, Bengaluru (BLR Airport) has the unique distinction of being the first Greenfield Airport in India, established on a Public-Private Partnership (PPP) model. This heralded a revolution in Indian aviation, as more airports in the Country were privatised, thereafter. BLR Airport commenced operations on May 24, 2008 – 33 months from the start of construction. Having served 10 million passengers in 2008, BLR Airport witnessed phenomenal growth during the subsequent years, becoming the fastest growing airport in the world in 2018. As the busiest Airport in South India and the third largest in the country, BLR Airport welcomed 33.3 million passengers in FY 2018-19 (during pre-Covid).

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