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HMSHOST BRINGS THE LOCAL FLAVOR OF SILKS SARATOGA BISTRO TO TRAVELERS AT ALBANY INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT



From left to right: David Langdon, Chairman, Albany County Airport Authority; Michael Jones, Vice President, HMSHost Corporation; Paula Mahan, Colonie Town Supervisor; Charles Houghtaling, Chairman, Albany County Legislature; Michael Breslin, Albany County Executive and others celebrate the grand opening of Silks.

BETHESDA, MD – HMSHost Corporation and Albany International Airport celebrated the opening of **Silks Saratoga Bistro** with the familiar call to the post by Saratoga Spring's own Sammy the Bugler.

Silks is a full-service, proprietary restaurant concept developed by HMSHost specifically for Albany International Airport. It is located in the main terminal, post security in the Times Square area and is part of a ten-year food and beverage concession contract awarded to HMSHost, a world leader in travel dining and shopping, in 2008.

"Travelers will find that HMSHost and the Airport have embraced the heritage of the region with the addition of Silks Saratoga Bistro. Silks represents a superb dining experience and is an excellent start to our new partnership with HMSHost," said David E. Langdon, chairman of the Albany County Airport Authority.

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Silks' menu features a number of selections from Albany's finest restaurant, **Jack's Oyster House** including Jack's Famous Caesar Salad, Jack's Seafood Duo of broiled salmon and seared scallops, Jack's Finest Cowboy Steak and Jack's Lump Crabmeat Martini. Guests will find a selection of Old Saratoga Brewing Company beer on tap, in addition to cocktails, wine, domestic and imported beer and non-alcoholic beverages.

A colorful thoroughbred statue—one from the Horses, Saratoga Style exhibit—welcomes guests at **Silks'** entrance, offering a sense of place of the Capitol Region and horse races for which it is renowned. Also highlighting the entrance is a “rail” similar to the one that circles the Saratoga Race Course. The restaurant's décor imparts the excitement of the area's racing history, from large wall murals and framed replicas of “silks” worn by jockeys during Saratoga Races, to flat screen televisions airing local horse races in real-time throughout the day.

HMSHost Vice President of Business Development, Michael Jones, said, “HMSHost is honored to bring the outstanding local flavor and tradition Silks Saratoga Bistro offers to Albany International Airport.”

Jones added, “As we complete our food and beverage program at ALB, we anticipate the traveler's day will be made better by finding a collection of local and national brands from which to choose—whether it's coffee at Starbucks, a quick meal at Brioche Dorée Café Bakery, or a glass of wine from the Hudson Valley Wine Bar—we want to make the traveler's day the best it can be.”

In addition to the new **Starbucks Coffee** and a **Dunkin' Donuts** which opened pre-security this fall, HMSHost will unveil a new **Brioche Dorée Café Bakery** on Concourse C later this month and an **Adirondack Lounge** fast casual restaurant on Concourse A in spring 2010. Another locally-themed proprietary concept, **Hudson Valley Wine Bar**, will open on Concourse B next spring as well.

Silks Saratoga Bistro will be staffed by 19 HMSHost associates.

In addition to Albany International Airport, HMSHost operates food and beverage concessions at New York's John F. Kennedy (JFK), La Guardia (LGA), and Long Island MacArthur (ISP) airports.

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.

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