
dnata announces Q Catering acquisition

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HAMBURG — Global air services provider dnata yesterday announced it has signed an agreement to acquire Q Catering from Qantas Airways.

Q Catering operates units in Perth, Brisbane, Melbourne and Sydney. Its Snap Fresh subsidiary in Queensland operates an off-airport food development, production and preparation facility, which caters to a wide range of industries.

"This agreement reflects our confidence in Australia as a market and the ongoing growth potential into the future," dnata's Divisional Senior Vice President of Catering, Robin Padgett. "By combining dnata's network strength and international talent with Qantas' domestic catering expertise, this will allow us to further grow our presence and deliver catering excellence to more customers across Australia than ever before. This includes investing in more infrastructure, starting with a new catering facility in Sydney."

Under the agreement, dnata will supply catering for Qantas flights for an initial period of 10 years, and Qantas will continue to work with key suppliers in menu design and development.

"The catering businesses will benefit significantly from dnata's global footprint, catering expertise, and ability to drive investment and growth for what is a core focus of its operation," added Qantas Domestic CEO, Andrew David.

Qantas' premium service will continue to include [Rockpool](#)-designed menus for First and Business Class passengers, showcasing Australian produce.

Dubai-headquartered dnata operates 11 catering facilities in Australia, under the dnata catering brand (recently rebranded from Alpha Flight Services). dnata employs more than 4,000 people in Australia across its catering, cargo and ground handling businesses.

Over the past 12 months dnata has invested significantly in growing its global catering network. Its most recent milestones include the opening of a catering facility in Dublin, Ireland, the opening of its \$50m Melbourne catering facility and an agreement to acquire New York-based caterer 121 inflight catering. It is also currently constructing a facility in Vancouver, Canada.

The agreement is subject to approval from the Australian Competition and Consumer Commission (ACCC).