dnata continues U.S. expansion with unit at IAH

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[dnata](#) this week opened a new 4,700 square meter facility at George Bush Intercontinental Airport (IAH) in Houston, the first of five units planned to open in the United States this year.

The new unit at IAH has a capacity of more than 10,000 meals per day. It will add 150 new jobs and the launch airline customer is British Airways, which operates two daily flights from Houston.

"We are delighted to open another best-in-class catering facility at a major U.S. airport" said Robin Padgett, Divisional Senior Vice President for dnata's catering. "Our expansion into Houston once again underlines our commitment to the United States, where we see excellent business opportunities for dnata.

"In 2019 we will continue to enhance our operations in the country by investing in new facilities and growing our team with highly-skilled, local catering professionals. We look forward to providing quality services and products to an increasing number of airlines in the U.S. ensuring an exceptional dining experience for their passengers on each flight."

dnata expanded in the U.S. catering market in 2018 through the acquisition of 121 Inflight Catering. Besides Houston, dnata currently operates catering facilities at New York (JFK), Nashville (BNA) and Orlando (SFB), serving commercial, VIP and private aviation companies, fixed base operators and charter aircraft operators.

In 2019, dnata will open four additional catering facilities at the airports in Boston (BOS), Los Angeles (LAX), Newark (EWR) and San Francisco (SFO). By year-end, dnata will provide catering at eight U.S. airports. This year dnata will further increase its footprint in North America by establishing operations in Vancouver, British Columbia.

dnata's catering team now operates from 63 locations in 11 countries, producing more than 320,000 per day.