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# dnata acquires 121 Inflight Catering

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[dnata](#) announced it has completed the acquisition of U.S.-based [121 Inflight Catering](#). The purchase of the New York-headquartered inflight and VIP caterer will help dnata expand its operations in the United States, in turn strengthening its global network, according to a December 11 press release from the company.

121 Inflight Catering services 21 international airlines and hundreds of private jet customers from New York JFK and Nashville International Airport with a team of more than 350 culinary professionals. dnata's push to increase its global catering reach included the recent opening of a new facility in Dublin and the acquisition of [Qantas Airways' Australian catering division](#), Q Catering. The caterer also plans to announce the official opening of its [first Canadian facility in Vancouver](#) next year.

"We are excited to expand our operations in the United States, the world's largest aviation market," said Robin Padgett, Divisional Senior Vice President for dnata's catering division, in a statement. "The 121 team has the right combination of extensive experience and deep market knowledge which will support our ambitious growth plans in North America, while maintaining the customer-first approach we're known for. Equally, the team's impressive dedication to culinary excellence will ensure that we continue to deliver best-in-class products to our customers."

Joe Savino, Managing Partner at 121 Inflight Catering, also commented on the acquisition: "We are delighted to be joining forces with dnata, a global player in the catering industry. Leveraging the strengths and synergies provided by our partnership, we look forward to offering an even more outstanding value proposition in the market. We are sure our stakeholders will benefit from this cooperation."

The purchase of 121 Inflight Catering by dnata also includes two restaurants. 121's flight catering operations will be rebranded to dnata and will continue to operate under the guidance of the existing 121 management team.