
SSP Group to acquire 14 Australia airport outlets

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SSP Group has entered into an agreement to acquire 14 food & beverage units from Australian hospitality company Red Rock, the outlet operator announced this week. It will take over the majority of Red Rock's food and beverage business at [Melbourne Airport](#) (MEL), as well as full operations at [Perth Airport](#) (PER).

This marks [SSP](#)'s first entry into PER, where it will acquire seven units, including Long Neck Public Houses in the International and Domestic areas of Terminal 1, as well as Loco POCO at Terminal 1 International. The line-up also features two outlets from Italian-inspired brand Macchinetta and two Haymarket units. SSP also intends to acquire a further three units at Perth - Common Bar + Kitchen, Pronto by Macchinetta and a new grab-and-go unit.

At MEL, SSP will acquire four units. These include two Two Johns Taphouse pubs at Terminal 4 Domestic and Terminal 2 International, and BÀ XÃ Noodle Bar at Terminal 2 International. The fourth unit will be Able Baker Charlie, a modern Italian bakery, pizzeria and bar.

"These new units will build on our newly established business at Melbourne Airport, and will mark our entry into Perth Airport for the first time," said Simon Smith, CEO of SSP Group. "We're very excited to be adding new Australian brands to our portfolio and welcoming new colleagues into our SSP team, and we look forward to growing our business further in Australia."

SSP began its operations in Australia in 2009, opening its first outlets at [Sydney Airport](#) (SYD). The group now runs 23 food and beverage units at four key travel hubs - Sydney Airport (SYD), Melbourne Airport (MEL), [Brisbane Airport](#) (BNE) and [Hobart Airport](#) (HBA). Most recently in Australia, SSP opened the new Food Collective food hall concept at BNE earlier this month.