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# Abu Dhabi International awards SSP five-year food and beverage contract

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Abu Dhabi International Airport has awarded food and beverage operator SSP a contract to run 12 new units across Terminals 1 and 3.

The new facilities will feature a number of well-known international brands as well as local cuisines. SSP's new offering will include: The Montreux Jazz Café, which plays concert video footage and sound recordings to passengers while dining; O'Learys, which reflects an American sports bar environment; Alsafi, which will offer a traditional Arabic menu; Italian coffee shop Caffè Ritazza; fast food restaurant Burger King; and Camden Food Co., where travelers can buy organic and natural foods.

"With the vast mix of travelers through Abu Dhabi Airport from all over the world, as well as the transit passengers, the offering at the capital's airport needs to cover this wide array of tastes and preferences," said Mohammed Al Bulooki, chief commercial officer at Abu Dhabi Airports.

"From this perspective, Abu Dhabi Airports has implemented a commercial strategy whereby it targets experienced private sector partners who hold the required expertise within the aviation and airport businesses. The cooperation with SSP today is a translation of this strategy and will ensure that such a unique offer will continue to exist and expand at Abu Dhabi International Airport," added Al Bulooki.

All of the units will be located airside, with the exception of one in Terminal 3, which will be landside.

SSP has operated at Abu Dhabi since 2009 and now employs 200 staff at the airport. Passenger numbers at Abu Dhabi are projected to grow by over 10% per year and will exceed 20 million by 2017, making it one of the fastest growing airports in the region.