
Airmall announces new CEO

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[Airmall USA](#) announced today the appointment of **Ben Zandi** as president and chief executive officer, overseeing the North American operations of parent company, [Fraport](#).

Fraport serves more than 230 million travelers in 24 airports and nine countries. In the U.S., its airport concessions program, Airmall, is in four major airports.

Zandi has more than 30 years of experience in hospitality, business management and retail and restaurant development and operations.

“Fraport is a major international player with an impressive wealth of knowledge, talent and resources,” said Zandi. “I am passionately committed to positioning the Airmall brand for the 21st Century as best in class by creating breakthrough services, products and experiences to serve the shifting customer base. It’s an exciting time.”

Zandi joins Airmall following his role as executive vice president of operations of PGHC Inc., a privately owned restaurant company based in Dedham, Massachusetts with annual revenue of \$250 million.

Before joining PGHC Inc., for 12 years, he owned and operated Zanick Inc., a regional restaurant group and consulting firm based in Bristol, Tennessee, and grew the business to more than \$15 million in annual revenue. He also served as director of operations of all retail, food and beverage concessions in major airports for Host Corporation by Marriott for 13 years.