
dnata unit at YVR begins operations

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The new 48,000 square-foot catering facility at Vancouver International Airport (YVR) operated by [dnata](#) began operations today. The Dubai-based company's latest expansion represents a multi-million dollar investment and is expected to create 80 new, direct jobs with the company over the next 18 months.

The dnata facility has the capacity to prepare up to 8,000 meals a day. The company began serving its first commercial airline customer, [British Airways](#), in Vancouver February 1. The caterer will also serve VIP and charter aircraft operators from its new facility.

The Canadian operations for dnata include ground handling and cargo services to 18 airlines through its joint venture, GTA dnata, at Toronto Pearson International Airport (YYZ). GTA dnata's 750 employees handle 8,600 flights and move 90,000 tonnes of cargo annually.

"We are delighted to announce this further expansion of our operations in North America, a strategic market with high growth potential for dnata," said Robin Padgett, Divisional Senior Vice President, dnata, in today's announcement.

"Our investment in a new facility in Vancouver underscores our long-term commitment to Canada, and we are confident that with our global expertise, innovative approach and dedicated team of local culinary professionals we can make a difference and add significant value to our customers' onboard offering in the country. We look forward to delivering best-in-class services and products from our newest facility."

North America dnata has opened new facilities at the airports of Houston (IAH), Boston (BOS), Los Angeles (LAX) and San Francisco (SFO) in the United States in 2019. In 2020 dnata will further expand its footprint in the continent by establishing catering operations at Dallas Fort Worth International Airport (DFW).