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# HMSHost opens Italian favorite at DFW

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*Celebrating the first Maggiano's Little Italy in an airport at DFW (from left to right): Peter Barth, General Manager, HMSHost; Anthony Alessi, Vice President of Business Development, HMSHost; Larry Konecny, Chief Operating Officer, Maggiano's Little Italy; Gustavo Phinedo, Executive Chef, HMSHost; Zenola Campbell, Vice President of Concessions, Dallas Fort Worth International Airport; Mollie Standridge, Vice President, Star Concessions, Ltd.; Kelly C. Baltes, President, Maggiano's Little Italy*

[Maggiano's Little Italy](#) opened last week at Dallas Fort Worth International (DFW) Airport's Terminal C (near Gate 17).

[HMSHost](#) with business partner Java Star Inc. teamed up with [Brinker International, Inc.](#), parent company of Chili's® Grill & Bar and Maggiano's Little Italy, and DFW to introduce the casual dining restaurant to an airport for the first time.

The restaurant can seat up to 225 people and features a dining room split by the bar into two large sections with seating for parties of all sizes. The modern kitchen is large for an airport location, with

up-to-date equipment to support dining room rushes while also supplying a convenient grab-and-go area with freshly made signature sandwiches and pastas.

“A taste of amazing homemade food while traveling is something special,” said Kelly C. Baltes, president of Maggiano’s Little Italy. “This is why we’re excited to partner with HMSHost to bring Maggiano’s made-from-scratch Italian-American dishes to all traveling through the DFW airport.”

Solo travelers and small groups will find single-serve portions of the same renowned family-sized dishes for enjoyment.

“We’re excited to welcome Maggiano’s to DFW, providing another great choice for our customers and elevating the dining experience for our busiest terminal, Terminal C,” said Zenola Campbell, vice president of Concessions for DFW Airport. “Maggiano’s has strong ties to our local community, and we’re proud to share their customer service with the nearly 70 million domestic and international customers who fly to, from and through DFW each year.”

HMSHost operates 17 of Brinker’s Chili’s restaurants in airports across the country.