
Leon Restaurants to open eatery at Heathrow's Terminal 2

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Healthy fast food chain Leon Restaurants is set to open its largest restaurant location at Heathrow Airport's Terminal 2: The Queen's Terminal early next year.

The 240m² eatery will feature 130 covers and will be situated in the post-security area of Terminal 2, catering to over 20,000 travellers per day.

Italian-based catering and retail firm, Autogrill Group, through its airport food-service subsidiary, HMSHost, announced the extension of its partnership with UK-based Leon Restaurants.

"At HMSHost we are thrilled and enthusiastic by bringing Leon to the dynamic new centre of London Heathrow. Fifteen million travellers a year can experience that natural fast food can be healthy, full of flavor and full of goodness. Ultimately, this will enhance the experience for guests at Heathrow Airport and 'Making the Traveller's Day Better', according to our vision," said Walter Seib, CEO of HMSHost International.

The new restaurant will be the second and largest airport opening for HMSHost and Leon Restaurants, following an opening in Heathrow's Terminal 3. The Terminal 2 restaurant will feature fabrics and materials that tell a story of aviation history through use of reclaimed bricks from the old Heathrow Control Tower that made way for the new Terminal 2.

This latest opening will take Leon's total estate to 14 as part of the group's expansion plans, which is meeting demand by customers for a healthier alternative to traditional fast food.

When we started Leon we wanted to revolutionise fast food. We wanted to make it easy for everyone to eat good food. We are thrilled that Leon is the only fast food restaurant in T2 and occupies such a prominent spot. It proves that it is possible not only to serve fast food that tastes good and does you good, but to do it at a price that is accessible to everyone," said Henry Dimpleby, Leon's co-founder and CEO.

Leon will serve its full menu at the new restaurant, covering breakfast, lunch, dinner and its "Bits in Between" range.