



New Dining and Retail Choices Arrive at SRQ

Openings Offer Passengers a Blend of Local Flavor, National Brands and Concepts Tailored to the Airport

(United States, XX April 2026): SSP America, a division of SSP Group, a leading operator of food and beverage brands in travel locations worldwide, today announced the opening of six new concepts at Sarasota Bradenton International Airport (SRQ). The new dining and retail experiences spotlight beloved local institutions, celebrated regional craft producers, and nationally recognized favorites—all tailored to the pace and expectations of modern travel.

SRQ has experienced a major growth phase, fueled by record passenger increases and extensive capital upgrades. The airport has added a new six-gate concourse, modernized its baggage handling system, expanded ground transportation areas, and is completing a full refresh of Concourse B—including new restaurants, bars, and shops designed to meet rising traveler demand. With passenger traffic now exceeding 4.5 million travelers annually, SRQ continues to enhance its amenities to elevate the overall customer experience.

“As SRQ has grown at one of the fastest rates in the country, we’re focused on exceeding passenger expectations,” said SRQ President and CEO Paul Hoback. “By bringing in both household names like Wahlburgers and standout local favorites, we’re delivering the balance travelers tell us they want. The feedback has been overwhelmingly positive, and we’re excited to continue working with partners like SSP America to keep raising the bar.”

The lineup of new restaurants and retail shops brought to SRQ by SSP America are:

Anna Maria Oyster Bar: Gulf Coast favorite Anna Maria Oyster Bar brings its fun, family-friendly spirit to SRQ with freshly prepared oysters, seafood platters, steaks, salads, and tropical-inspired cocktails—an inviting sit-down stop for travelers seeking coastal classics before takeoff or upon arrival.

Patrick’s: Downtown Sarasota mainstay Patrick’s extends its welcoming, all-day gathering place into the airport with a full bar and a menu that spans hearty breakfasts; shareable flatbreads and salads; signature, award-winning burgers; and entrée staples like grass-fed ribeyes, and pan-seared scallops, capped with indulgent desserts including Key lime pie and chocolate mousse pie.

Sarasota to Go: A convenient and built-for-speed retail spot which offers a streamlined, modern marketplace experience featuring curated books and gifts, travel and tech accessories, premium snacks, and a full barista coffee station highlighting Peet’s Coffee. Travelers will also find locally sourced, freshly made sandwiches and salads from local favorite Morton’s Market, and baked treats ideal for tight connections and early departures.

Motorworks Brewing: One of Florida’s most-awarded craft breweries, Motorworks will pour regional favorites such as Pulp Friction Grapefruit IPA, Mango Habanero IPA, Longboat Light, and V Twin Vienna Lager®, alongside seasonal releases. A complementary food lineup includes sandwiches, salads, wraps, soups, shareable boards, and breakfast items, with options for vegetarian and gluten-friendly diets as well as family-priced selections and a full liquor program.

The Shoppes at Siesta Key: This shop channels the laid-back charm of Siesta Key Village into a fast, airport-friendly retail experience, and essentials with gourmet grab-and-go items, plus coffee crafted by local partners—bringing a bit of island browsing to the concourse.

Wahlburgers: Founded by brothers Mark, Donnie, and Chef Paul Wahlberg, Wahlburgers arrives at SRQ with a craveable lineup of 100% Certified Angus Beef® gourmet burgers like the O.F.D., BBQ Bacon, and Our Burger, plus the signature Chicken Ranch Sandwich, entrée salads, parmesan truffle tots, and crispy fried pickles, along with breakfast burgers, sandwiches, and burritos for early flyers—alongside a full bar.

SSP America Vice President of Business Development Jen Juul commented, “Each concept, whether a beloved hometown institution, nationally adored favorite or a shop that is tailored to the SRQ traveler has been chosen to meet travelers where they are with hospitality, warmth, and authentic local flavor. Together with SRQ, we’re proud to help create memorable moments that make the airport not just a gateway, but truly the best part of the journey.”

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About SSP America

SSP America is a division of SSP Group plc (LSE:SSPG), a global leading operator of food and beverage outlets in travel locations employing 49,000 colleagues in around 3,000 units across 38 countries. We specialize in designing, creating, and operating a diverse range of food and drink outlets in airports, train stations, and other travel hubs across six formats: sit-down and quick service restaurants, bars, cafés, lounges, and food-led convenience stores. Our extensive portfolio of brands features a mix of international, national, and local brands, tailored to meet the diverse needs of our clients and customers.

Our purpose is to be the best part of the journey, and our focus is on making every journey taste better – bringing great food and welcoming hospitality to travelers across the globe. Sustainability is crucial for our long-term success, and we aim to deliver a positive impact for our business while uniting stakeholders to promote a sustainable food travel sector.