



## SSP America Extends Presence with New Contract at Cincinnati/Northern Kentucky International Airport Collection of brands includes concept which celebrates the Cincinnati Bengals

(United States, January 17, 2024): SSP America, a division of SSP Group, a leading operator of food and beverage brands in travel locations worldwide, has been awarded a contract at Cincinnati/Northern Kentucky International Airport (CVG) to develop a portfolio of 6 concepts.

The lineup of brands which sees SSP America begin operations at CVG for the first time will include local restaurants which celebrate the culinary landscape of Cincinnati including a concept which celebrates the Cincinnati Bengals, boutique concepts which address the unique needs of passengers and national brands which offer broad, name brand appeal.

"We remain focused on elevating the airport, adding creative and new food and beverage options for travelers," said Candace McGraw, chief executive officer, CVG. "We have had great success partnering with local brands to bring more local flavors into the airport. Last year, we opened several new concessions, and we look forward to rolling out these concepts in the coming years."

"The SSP America team values the enormous economic impact CVG has on the region as a direct result of strategic, long-term investment," said Paul Loupakos, Senior Vice President of Airport Development and Retention, SSP America. "We will be enthusiastic members of the Airport community ready to deliver a terrific passenger experience given our focus on bringing travelers a true 'taste of place.'

The new restaurants are:

**Bengals Bar & Kitchen:** A contemporary Sports Bar which pays tribute to the city's popular sports franchise—the Cincinnati Bengals. The food, beer, and cocktail menus are classic, yet carefully curated and thoughtfully executed to create a contemporary Cincinnati sports bar experience.

**Taste of Belgium**: Taste of Belgium offers a unique, Belgian-inspired culinary experience with a focus on locally sourced ingredients, featuring a diverse menu of Belgian and American fusion dishes and one of the largest selections of Belgian beers in the region.

Carmella's Modern Trattoria: An engaging Italian trattoria concept specifically tailored and customized for the CVG traveler. The concept delivers a modern Italian, full-service bar and restaurant experience featuring a chefdriven menu and scratch-made dishes.

**Dunkin'**: America runs on Dunkin and so will the CVG traveler with two new locations. Dunkin' is America's all-day, everyday stop for coffee and baked goods, offering a range of high-quality coffees, espresso drinks, teas, frozen beverages, sandwiches and baked goods.

**Tap & Pour Gastrobar**: A brand designed specifically for travelers and the airport environment, Tap & Pour offers something for everyone—hand-crafted drinks and hometown brews combined with freshly prepared dishes filled with local flavors in a warm and welcoming full-service setting.

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## **About SSP America**

SSP America is a division of SSP Group, a leading operator of food and beverage concessions in travel locations, operating restaurants, bars, cafés, food courts, lounges and convenience stores in airports, train stations, motorway service stations and other leisure locations. We operate in approximately 600 travel locations and manage more than 550 international, national, and local brands across our 2,600 units. The SSP America team is driven by a shared vision to bring authentic restaurant experiences to every airport in North America. Our employees have a passion for exceptional food served by people who believe in heartfelt hospitality. Our airport partners trust SSP America to deliver a world-class portfolio of brands with broad passenger appeal and lasting commercial viability. Our brand heroes trust us to bring a taste of place to their hometown airport.

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