



## News Release

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### **O'HARE TRAVELERS WINE AND DINE AT STEFANI'S TUSCANY CAFÉ**

CHICAGO – Phil Stefani's line of Signature Restaurants has arrived at O'Hare International Airport with the opening of Stefani's Tuscany Café in Terminal 1, Concourse B near Gate 18. O'Hare's newest sit-down restaurant is a comfortable trattoria and bar serving northern Italian dining specialties including homemade pastas, gourmet pizzas and flavorful wines.

"Stefani's Tuscany Café offers our travelers a taste of Italy as well as a true Chicago dining experience," said Aviation Commissioner Richard L. Rodriguez. "We are pleased to provide another Chicago tradition at O'Hare."

From its roots on Taylor Street in the heart of Chicago's "Little Italy" neighborhood, to the many successful locations across the Chicago area, Stefani's Tuscany Café has become the benchmark for high quality, full service Italian cuisine. HMSHost, a world leader in travel dining and shopping, brought the concept to the airport, with an emphasis on speed of service and convenience for travelers.

Tuscany's authentic Italian menu includes mouthwatering appetizers, hearty soups and salads, gourmet pizzas, homemade pastas, savory entrees and delicious desserts. The restaurant's wide selection of wines and beverages are the perfect pair for any of the incredible dishes. For passengers with early flights, Tuscany offers traditional breakfast options like omelets and French toast, and serves fresh Lavazza® coffee.

"Phil Stefani is very excited to work with HMSHost and the Department of Aviation to bring Stefani's Tuscany Café to Chicago O'Hare International Airport. We look forward to serving Chicago travelers flying in and out of O'Hare," said Steven Hartenstein, CEO and CFO, Phil Stefani Signature Restaurants.

The O'Hare Stefani's Tuscany Café décor is based on the original restaurant on Taylor Street. The kitchen is open to an elegant dining room with warm mahogany wood. Wrought iron chandeliers and wall sconces, and terra-cotta floor tiles capture the look and feel of a trattoria in Italy's Tuscany region. The restaurant's sidewalk café, complete with umbrellas and flower planters, creates an experience similar to the hundreds of sidewalk cafes throughout Chicago in the summer months.

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### **About Chicago Airport System**

The Chicago Airport System is self-supporting, using no local or state tax dollars for operations or capital improvements at O'Hare and Midway International airports. Together, Chicago's airports generate more than \$45 billion in annual economic activity and create 540,000 jobs for the region. Please visit [www.flychicago.com](http://www.flychicago.com) to learn more about the Chicago Airport System.

### **About HMSHost**

HMSHost is a world leader in creating shopping and dining for travel venues. HMSHost operates in more than 100 airports around the globe, including the 20 busiest airports in North America. The Company has annual sales in excess of \$2.6 billion and employs more than 33,000 sales associates worldwide. A part of Autogrill S.p.A, HMSHost and the rest of the Autogrill Group are recognized leaders in travel restaurants and retail. With sales exceeding €4.8 billion, Autogrill is present in 42 countries with more than 5,300 points of sale in more than 1,200 locations (including 216 airports and 704 motorways) where 68,000 employees serve over 890 million customers every year. Visit [www.HMSHost.com](http://www.HMSHost.com) for more information.

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Editor's Note – Two photos and captions are attached.

Photo #1



An event was held December 5, 2008 to celebrate the grand opening of Stefani's Tuscany Café at O'Hare International Airport. The airport's newest sit-down restaurant and bar serves northern Italian dining specialties and is located in Terminal 1, near Gate B18.

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Photo #2



(Left to right) Aviation Deputy Commissioner Jorge Perez; Claudio Ulivieri of Phil Stefani Signature Restaurants; Chicago Aviation Committee Chairman and 45<sup>th</sup> Ward Alderman Patrick Levar; and Phil Stefani Signature Restaurants CEO and CFO Steven Hartenstein cut a ribbon to celebrate the grand opening of Stefani's Tuscany Café at O'Hare International Airport on December 5, 2008.