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Chef Rick Bayless to Bring Frontera to O'Hare

Two restaurants to open at O'Hare International Airport

Chicago - Award-winning chef-restaurateur (Frontera, Topolobampo), cookbook author, and television personality Rick Bayless has signed a license agreement to bring two new restaurants to O'Hare International Airport. The restaurants are scheduled to open this fall and will be located in Terminals 1 and 3.

"We are delighted to enhance our restaurant offerings by welcoming Rick Bayless's outstanding regional Mexican cuisine to O'Hare International Airport," said Chicago Department of Aviation Commissioner Rosemarie S. Andolino. "O'Hare is the global gateway of our city and region, and we strive to meet Mayor Richard M. Daley's goal to provide amenities at our airports that reflect the diverse cultures of the city. We are delighted to introduce O'Hare's passengers to Chicago's own 'Celebrity Chef'."

"I am thrilled to add Frontera flavors to O'Hare's culinary offerings," said Rick Bayless.

The new locations are part of a license agreement with current food and beverage concessionaire HMSHost Corporation.

"We're excited to add Rick Bayless and Frontera to the mix of restaurants we operate at Chicago O'Hare International Airport. Frontera will be an exceptional enhancement to the dining experiences at O'Hare," said Stephen Douglas, Vice President, Business Development for HMSHost. "At HMSHost, our everyday goal is to make the traveler's day better."

Bayless's restaurants will complement the numerous dining options at O'Hare.

O'Hare International Airport consistently ranks as one of the world's busiest airports offering nonstop and direct service to 220 cities worldwide. More than 50 commercial carriers operate out of 189 gates at O'Hare, carrying more than 64 million passengers annually.

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The Chicago Department of Aviation (CDA) 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 to learn more about the Chicago Department of Aviation.

The CDA continues to incorporate and expand sustainable initiatives for airport planning, operations and maintenance, concessions and tenants in accordance with the CDA Sustainable Airport Manual (SAM), released in August 2009. To view case studies, lessons learned and new technologies, and for more information on the SAM, please visit www.airportgoinggreen.org.

The O'Hare Modernization Program (OMP), introduced by Mayor Richard M. Daley in June 2001, transforms O'Hare's airfield from an outdated system of intersecting runways into a modern parallel runway configuration. The program will reduce overall delays at the Airport by 79 percent, and bad weather delays by 95 percent. It will create 195,000 new jobs and \$18 billion in additional economic activity each year. Please visit www.oharemodernization.org to learn more about the OMP.

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