

## Maldives Airports Company Limited Press Release

### **Inauguration of the New Water Front Building at Velana International Airport**



**Velana International Airport, Maldives 19<sup>th</sup> September 2018** – The new water front building opens along with franchised F&B outlets at Velana International Airport (VIA). Minister of Economic Development Mr. Mohamed Saeed inaugurated the building at a special ceremony held today afternoon.

The water front building located at the west harbor lagoon area of VIA comes with 400 capacity franchised outlets at the 1<sup>st</sup> floor of the building. HMSHost Maldives will operate and manage world-renowned brands such as Pizza Hut, KFC, Costa Coffees and Harvest Market at the outlets.

General Manager of HMSHost Maldives Mr. Durgadutt Shetty said that his company has provided the best of the franchised outlets in the world and it is a privilege to work at VIA.

MD of Maldives Airports Company Ltd (MACL) Mr. Adil Moosa said that these are the greatest days of VIA as just yesterday the first A380 landed at the new Code F runway and today is just another bright day with the opening of the new water front building along with world class F&B outlets. He hopes that this new establishment will benefit airport users and thanked the President of the Republic of Maldives Abdulla Yameen Abdul Gayoom for his visionary leadership.

Minister of Economic Development Mr. Mohamed Saeed said that he is proud of his government's achievements to make Maldives a better place and continued with the mega projects planned by the government. He thanked the President of the Republic of the Maldives Abdulla Yameen Abdul Gayoom for the development he has initiated for the Maldives to become a world economic strength.

The ceremony was attended by the senior management of MACL and airport stakeholders.

### **About HMSHost**

HMSHost is a world leader in creating shopping and dining experiences for travel venues and is part of the Autogrill Group – the world’s leading provider of food & beverage and retail services for people on the move. HMSHost operates international brands and proprietary concepts in more than 100 airports around the globe. Through its HMSHost International division, the company has F&B operations in more than 41 airports across Europe, the Middle East, Asia, and the Pacific.

**Pizza Hut:** Is the world’s largest pizza brand with thousands of restaurants worldwide and a 50 year legacy of leadership and innovation making it a recognized leader in the fast food pizza industry today. Pizza Hut launched the first menu-wide transition to pizzas made entirely from natural ingredients.

**KFC:** The world famous Kentucky fried Chicken, is the world’s most popular chicken restaurant chain. KFC stands for unique signature recipes, innovative flavors, and freshly made chicken sandwiches. HMSHost International operates KFC at Hyderabad and Bangalore Airports and at RMZ Ecoworld at Bangalore.

**Costa Coffee:** Is known and admired for the high quality and unmistakable taste of its coffee, an outstanding blend made up of many types of pure Arabica that every day delights millions of people. It is the Second Largest Coffee House Chain in the world.

**Harvest Market:** A concept developed by HMSHost International, a warm and natural market environment and fresh food preparation and presentation, which provides customers with customized food offerings. Harvest Market provides travelers with a globally inspired menu: breakfast dishes including a traditional English breakfast, pastry treats from the bakery, a fresh selection of juices and smoothies, American gourmet burgers, Asian curries and noodles and Australian steaks served all day.

### **About Maldives Airports Company Ltd**

Maldives Airports Company Limited (MACL) is a 100% government owned limited liability company incorporated under the Companies Act of the Rep of Maldives. MACL is governed by a Board of Directors appointed by the Privatisation & Corporatisation Board of the Maldives. The Corporate Office of MACL is on the island of Hulhule’, Republic of Maldives

Maldives Airports Company is the operator of Velana International Airport and has been massively involved in destination marketing and bringing in new airlines to the Maldives to boost up the tourism industry. MACL has embarked on one of the biggest projects in the history of Maldives in developing the future Velana International Airport such as the development of a brand new international passenger terminal, a new code F runway, a new cargo terminal complex and a new fuel farm along with hydrant system and major infrastructure developments at Velana international Airport

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