



The Garden District Kitchen & Bar at MKE Showcases Local Culinary Culture

MKE's newest restaurant offers travelers a taste of Wisconsin in an upscale environment

BETHESDA, Md. (June 28, 2022) – Global restaurateur [HMSHost](#) and [Perlick](#) opened The Garden District Kitchen & Bar on Concourse D in [Milwaukee Mitchell International Airport](#) (MKE) during the COVID-19 pandemic. With the busy summer travel season in full swing and passenger traffic nearing 2019 levels, the menu is being expanded to highlight the best of Wisconsin for airport passengers. The restaurant is operated by HMSHost in partnership with Airport Concessions Disadvantaged Business Enterprise joint venture partners, Limitless Brands and Newburns Management Group.

“HMSHost and Perlick provide family-sustaining jobs to hundreds of people in Milwaukee, and the investments they continue to make in our hometown Airport is great news for the traveling public,” Milwaukee County Executive David Crowley said. “Visitors fly to Milwaukee to see family or friends and attend conventions, sports events or festivals. The new menu at the Garden District Kitchen and Bar will give them a taste of what Milwaukee has to offer.”

“MKE is Milwaukee’s hometown Airport, and the Garden District Kitchen & Bar is part of the Airport’s effort to showcase Milwaukee neighborhoods,” Airport Director Brian Dranzik said. “The Airport is in the Garden District, so it makes sense to name this restaurant after the neighborhood the Airport is in.”

“Representing local business and food culture is a meaningful and authentic way to connect with the traveling public,” said HMSHost Vice President of Business Development Stephen Douglas. “HMSHost is humbled to work alongside Perlick and build an elevated local dining experience at MKE. We’d like to thank Mitchell International, Perlick and our ACDBE partners for bringing this exemplary restaurant concept to life.”

“We are thrilled to be a part of The Garden District Kitchen & Bar,” said Theodore “TJ” Perlick Molinari, Vice President, Commercial Sales, Perlick. “For more than 100 years, Perlick has been manufacturing commercial bar and beverage equipment and premium residential refrigeration in the heart of Milwaukee. We are proud to showcase our strong history in the Brew City to travelers from around the world.”

The Garden District Kitchen & Bar presented the opportunity for Perlick to join forces with travel dining leader HMSHost to create the airport’s ultimate local food and beverage experience. The restaurant showcases the latest from Perlick Milwaukee-made equipment: the bar is specially outfitted with two custom made brewers pipe draft beer towers, an 86-bottle wine temperature controlled display column, two specialty dispensing units that can be used for draft wine or craft cocktails on draft, and four temperature controlled wine drawers for wine by the glass service. The draft beer towers feature eight taps with six dedicated to pouring Wisconsin-brewed beers. There is a diverse array of local craft beers from

Spotted Cow by New Glarus and Heavenly Haze by Third Space Brewing to a classic Miller Lite or Leinenkugel.

The menu highlights a taste of the region with an emphasis on Wisconsin products and iconic foods. Diners can feast on Usingers corned beef and brats and dig into a lineup of tasty items for breakfast, lunch, and dinner. The new menu offers an appetizer of Jalapeño Cheese Curds served alongside a sriracha ranch and a Milwaukee Fish Fry featuring a lightly breaded cod served with seasoned fries, apple fennel slaw, house tartar sauce, and marble rye. From appetizers, salad, burgers, and entrees, the flavor of Wisconsin is conveyed in every dish.

The Garden District Kitchen & Bar is located on Concourse D near gate D51.

About MKE

Milwaukee Mitchell International Airport offers nonstop flights to 35+ destinations coast-to-coast, and more than 200 international destinations are available with just one connection. MKE is served by Air Canada, Alaska, American, Delta, Frontier, JetBlue, Southwest, Spirit, Sun Country, and United. The complete list of nonstop cities can be found at flymke.com.

MKE received a 2021 ASQ Best Airport – North America award for providing an outstanding customer experience. The Airport is owned by Milwaukee County and operated by the Department of Transportation, Airport Division, under the policy direction of the Milwaukee County Executive and the County Board of Supervisors. The Airport is entirely funded by user fees; no property tax dollars are used for the Airport's capital improvements or for its day-to-day operation.

HMSHost Leading the Industry

HMSHost is recognized by the industry as the leader in travel dining with awards such as Restaurateur with the Highest Regard for Customer Service and Best Brand Restaurateur for Shake Shack by Airport Experience News. USA Today 10Best Readers' Choice Travel Awards gave first place honors to both of HMSHost's Whisky River locations at Charlotte Douglas International Airport and Raleigh-Durham International Airport. ACI-NA, the trade association representing commercial service airports in the United States and Canada, recognized HMSHost with the 2020 Associate Inclusion Champion Award, for leadership and achievement in the ongoing inclusion of business and workforce diversity, outreach, and advocacy. The company also creates original award-winning events and campaigns including [Airport Restaurant Month](#), [Channel Your Inner Chef](#) live culinary contest, [1,000 Acts of Kindness](#), and [Eat Well. Travel Further.](#)

About HMSHost

Global restaurateur HMSHost is a world leader in creating dining for travel venues. HMSHost operates locations all over North America, and is part of [Autogrill Group](#), the world's leading provider of food & beverage services for people on the move. Visit HMSHost.com for more information.

About Perlick Corporation

Family owned since 1917, Perlick Corporation is a national manufacturing leader in customizable food and beverage storage and serving solutions. Perlick's commercial line includes custom bar and beverage and refrigeration equipment, innovative underbar items, industry-leading beverage dispensing equipment and time-tested brewery fittings. The company's award-winning, luxury residential product line features indoor and outdoor undercounter refrigerators, column refrigerators, wine reserves, freezers, freezer and refrigerator drawers, ice makers, and beer dispensers. A Milwaukee-based manufacturer, Perlick is dedicated to providing precision-engineered, quality, customizable food and beverage storage and serving solutions. To learn more, visit www.perlick.com or call 800-558-5592.

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