

RETURN TO TRAVEL NEWS (July/August 2023)

30/8 USA. WHSmith North America, incorporating Marshall Retail Group and InMotion, has unveiled a new speciality retail concept at Salt Lake City International Airport. Located inside Concourse A, the Public Market includes a dedicated news/convenience store on one side and a fashion/lifestyle concept on the other.

28/8 NEW ZEALAND. Aelia Duty Free has partnered with JB Hi-Fi to open tax free electronics stores at Auckland and Christchurch airports. It marks a debut for the well-known consumer technology retail brand at New Zealand airports.

More here: https://bit.ly/3PmRLga

22/8 UK. WHSmith has extended its presence at Bristol Airport with a new curi.o.city store. The premium gifting concept offers travellers upmarket stationery items, quirky and eclectic gifts, keepsakes and mementos. The Bristol outlet is WHSmith's sixth curi.o.city store to open this year.

More here: https://bit.ly/3ZqkUeU



21/8 GUYANA. Simextra Group has opened a Simextra Duty Free Store at the Canawaima Ferry Terminal in Moleson Creek, Guyana. It is the group's sixth duty free store. Moleson Creek is a community on the Corentyne River in the East Berbice-Corentyne region of Guyana. Its ferry terminal serves the Guyana-Suriname route.

More here: https://bit.ly/466iepp

18/8 CHINA. Rituals Cosmetics has opened a store at the Haikou International Duty Free Complex in partnership with China Duty Free Group. The store concept features four core Rituals collections curated for the Asian market – Amsterdam Collection, Private Collection, Classic Home Collection and Signature Collection.

More here: https://bit.ly/3PXTJFv

17/8 INDIA. Independent travel retailer CocoCart has unveiled Bon Voyage, a convenience goods store at Bengaluru Kempegowda International Airport. The outlet is described as a "one-stop solution for every kind of traveller" that combines the elements of a traditional newsstand and a convenience store.

More here: https://bit.ly/462uM0U

16/8 QATAR. Qatar Duty Free has opened a Dolce & Gabbana boutique in the South Node luxury area at Hamad International Airport. The boutique builds on Dolce & Gabbana's pop-up presence in the airport's Viale del Lusso upscale retail and dining zone.

More here: https://bit.ly/3Rwtalj



16/8 JAPAN. Narita International Airport will extend the retail and dining offer in Terminal 2. Retail openings airside include Fa-So-La Tax Free Akihabara, a destination concept managed by airport subsidiary NAA Retailing.

More here: https://bit.ly/3RwqPx7

16/8 CHINA. Cartier has opened a 190sq m boutique in Chongqing Jiangbei International Airport Terminal 3's domestic travel area. The boutique, centrally located in T3's luxury retail zone, showcases the Maison's wide array of products in an opulently designed space.

More here: https://bit.ly/3PLoEVh

4/8 UK. Dufry has opened its latest mind.body.soul. shop-in-shop concept at London Stansted Airport. The concept was developed to meet increasing consumer demand for healthier more sustainable products.

More here: https://bit.ly/48mtpvN

3/8 CHINA. Dufry has revealed five standalone luxury beauty boutiques at Chongqing Jiangbei International Airport Terminal 3, following the five-year contract it won in September 2022. The stores cover 450sq m of retail space both in landside and airside departures areas.

More here: https://bit.ly/46oBiPB

28/7 TURKEY. ATÜ Duty Free, the partnership between TAV Airports and Gebr Heinemann joint venture Unifree Duty Free, has opened multi-brand concept Luxury Square and destination concept Old Bazaar at Dalaman Airport. It has also introduced a luxury eyewear pop-up outlet featuring sunglasses collections from a range of brands.

More here: https://bit.ly/48jNVxb



24/7 FRANCE. Groupe ADP has selected Lagardère Travel Retail as co-shareholder of the future Extime Travel Essentials Paris joint venture at Paris Charles de Gaulle and Paris Orly airports. The JV will manage the travel essentials business, mainly under the Relay banner, through a ten-year contract from 1 February 2024, subject to regulatory approval.

More here: https://bit.ly/46mkWHe

21/7 AUSTRALIA. Hobart Airport has struck seven-year contract agreements with SSP and Lagardère AWPL for dining and retail services respectively. It comes as passenger numbers continue to rise, and amid plans for a new runway and a terminal expansion.

More here: https://bit.ly/3t5li5x

20/7 USA. Dufry company Hudson has partnered with The House of LR&C, the fashion house of Super Bowl champion Russell Wilson and Grammy winning singer-songwriter Ciara, to open the brand's first airport store at Denver International. Located in Concourse C, the 500sq ft experiential store leans on the brand's sustainability credentials.

More here: https://bit.ly/3PLAwqk

19/7 POLAND. Lagardère Travel Retail has opened a shopping and food service area at Warsaw Modlin Airport, with the company's portfolio now including an Aelia Duty Free store, a Relay shop, a 1 Minute Smacznego! store and two redesigned So Coffee cafes.

More here: https://bit.ly/3ZqOr8m

18/7 ICELAND. Airport authority Isavia has revealed that Keflavík International Airport's new East Wing, due for completion next year, will increase the terminal size by +30%, including a much-expanded commercial area.

More here: https://bit.ly/48BcHJg



15/7 SINGAPORE. King Power Singapore has opened a 98sq m Tommy Hilfiger store, at Singapore Changi Airport Terminal 3. The contract for the concession runs for three years.

More here: https://bit.ly/3LVHtmv

14/7 USA. The San Diego County Regional Airport Authority Board has approved the final group of concession partners for restaurants and retail shops at the new Terminal 1. These offer a mix of local, regional and national brands. In total, six partners will open 19 restaurants and seven retail stores in the new T1, including 14,000sq ft for convenience retail space.

More here: https://bit.ly/3EOzvaA

13/7 AUSTRALIA. Lotte Duty Free has opened its Melbourne Airport duty free operation. The Lotte Duty Free business at Melbourne Airport embraces 3,592sq m, including the departure and arrival duty free shops. The retailer plans to expand the Melbourne Airport footprint to 5,634sq m.

More here: https://bit.ly/3rgRMKK

13/7 GERMANY. Frankfurt Airport Retail, the joint venture between Fraport Group and Gebr. Heinemann, has reopened the 580sq m B-West store at Frankfurt Airport Terminal 1 as a new World of Fine Taste experience. It houses liquor, tobacco and confectionery with brands that include Hennessy, Rémy Martin, Royal Salute and many others.

More here: https://bit.ly/48nnCGh



13/7 SINGAPORE. King Power Singapore has opened a Godiva store at Changi Airport Terminal 3. The 38.5sq m store from the Belgian premium chocolate house is located near Changi Airport Skytrain in a high traffic area landside.

More here: https://bit.ly/3rms9be

13/7 RUSSIA. Moscow Domodedovo Airport has officially opened its new 240,000sq m Terminal 2. It features business lounges, cafés, bars, restaurants and duty free shops. T2's commercial area covers 13,150sq m.

12/7 USA. The Port Authority of New York and New Jersey, in partnership with American Airlines and Unibail-Rodamco-Westfield (URW) Airports, has announced a US\$125 million commercial redevelopment programme for John F. Kennedy International Airport Terminal 8. The project will feature a new Great Hall and will include more than 60 new shopping and restaurant offerings in the terminal.

More here: https://bit.ly/3EM9it8

11/7 SPAIN. Lagardère Travel Retail has broken innovative new ground with the opening of 'The Gallery In Barcelona', a hybrid concept combining a fashion boutique and a gourmet bar. The space at Josep Tarradellas Barcelona–El Prat Airport Terminal 1 offers travellers the opportunity to shop while enjoying a relaxing break and savouring top-quality gourmet foods.

More here: https://bit.ly/3Puklqn



10/7 SWITZERLAND. Micro Mobility Systems has teamed up with Dufry to launch three retail concepts under the brands Toys, Anecdote and Spirit of Switzerland at Zurich Airport. The collaboration sees Dufry offer a range of products under the Micro brand. The Toys store features a diverse selection of toys for all ages, from scooters to board games.

More here: https://bit.ly/3PAjWIO

10/7 CHILE. Travel retailer Morpho Travel Experience has opened destination store Salar de Sol at Santiago Arturo Merino Benítez Airport Terminal 2. The new shop offers a wide selection of homegrown products including gourmet delicacies, souvenirs, travel essentials and other convenience items.

More here: https://bit.ly/3PL7zuu

7/7 SPAIN. Dufry has been awarded the rights to two key duty free packages, covering Madrid-Barajas and Catalonia (Barcelona-El Prat, Girona-Costa Brava and Reus), after the company was the sole bidder in a revised tender process run by Spanish airport company Aena.

More here: https://bit.ly/3Zr2pqM

6/7 DENMARK. Rituals Cosmetics opened its first standalone store at Copenhagen Airport on 30 June. The 50sq m space in Terminal 2 offers travellers a wide selection of the brand's signature collections.

More here: https://bit.ly/3PNhXSp



5/7 DENMARK. Copenhagen Airport has extended Gebr. Heinemann's retail contract by a further ten years, taking the partnership to at least 2033. Under the agreement, the main duty free departures store will be extended to 4,000sq m of space.

More here: https://bit.ly/3LzL3SR

4/7 BRAZIL. Dufry has opened a duty paid store at Vitória Airport after striking a ten-year contract with Zurich Airport Brasil. The 350sq m departures walk-through store features perfumery & cosmetics, liquor, confectionery and luxury accessories. Brands available include Chanel, Dior, Veuve Clicquot, Swarovski, Sunglass Hut and Lindt and more.

More here: https://bit.ly/3Lxw37X

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