

Travelers score with soccer-themed pub at Orlando Airport

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City Pub is a full-service restaurant and bar at Orlando International Airport featuring Orlando City SC-inspired cuisine and merchandise

HMSHost, in partnership with Orlando City SC and the Greater Orlando Aviation Authority, has opened the City Pub dining experience at Orlando International Airport.

The soccer-themed pub is located in the airport's pre-security main terminal.

City Pub is a full-service restaurant and bar featuring game day-inspired cuisine and a festive venue celebrating the city's teams - Orlando City in Major League Soccer (MLS) and Orlando Pride of the National Women's Soccer League (NWSL).

"This is an exciting project we have been looking forward to opening with our great partners in one of the most traveled airports in the world," said Alex Leitão, CEO of Orlando City SC.

“The energy and excitement for soccer continues to grow in Central Florida, and we want every person traveling through Orlando to get a taste of our soccer Club, especially during a year where Orlando will be on full display as the host for the 2019 MLS All-Star and the home of world-class players ahead of this summer’s FIFA Women’s World Cup.”

Marking the only MLS- and NWSL-themed restaurant and bar in a North American airport, the pub is adorned in the Club’s signature purple, along with official soccer balls, team jerseys, soccer scarves, cleats, soccer field-shaped pendant lighting and faux grass throughout.

On the menu, guests can choose from all-day dining options. The restaurant features a nod to game-day favorites like Chili, Pork Tacos, and a Brisket Burger to other entrée options such as the Rice & Veggie Bowl. Breakfast favorites include Chicken & Waffles, and Egg White Scramble.

The drink menu offers beers, wine, and cocktails such as the Away Days Sangria.

Large televisions decorate the restaurant, and an illuminated ticker provides non-stop updates on the latest scores from across the globe.

Travelers can also shop for official Orlando City SC merchandise inside City Pub.

“We are pleased to add a quality dining option before security, especially one that offers a themed experience with our community’s very popular soccer teams,” said Phil Brown, CEO of the Greater Orlando Aviation Authority.

“This is also an excellent opportunity for Orlando International Airport to both strengthen our relationship with Orlando City SC and provide our customers a unique amenity.”

“The City Pub brings travelers a first-of-its-kind dining experience that will have travelers making it a goal to visit the next time they are at Orlando International Airport,” said Amy Dunne, Vice President of Business Development for HMSHost.

“HMSHost is honored to team up with the Greater Orlando Aviation Authority and Orlando City SC to welcome travelers and fans with great food and drinks along with a fun sports atmosphere that centers on the history and tradition of soccer in Central Florida.”