



Dayton International Airport announces new restaurants to open in January

-Tailwind LLC is new master concessionaire-

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Dayton International Airport (DAY) will enter into a five-year Master Lease and Concession Agreement with Tailwind DAY LLC beginning Jan. 1, 2026, and concluding December 31, 2030. The agreement marks a significant step forward in enhancing the airport's food and beverage offerings for travelers and visitors alike.

Tailwind will invest \$2 million in capital improvements for five key concession concepts:

- Warped Wing
- Buckeye Pie
- Dunkin' Donuts
- The 1903
- Gem City Provisions

Renovations will include upgraded bars, countertops, seating, flooring, wall coverings, lighting, televisions, a hot coffee bar, and grab-and-go coolers—designed to elevate the passenger experience and reflect the vibrant spirit of Dayton.

"This partnership with Tailwind represents a bold reimagining of our airport's culinary landscape," said Gil Turner, director, City of Dayton Dept. of Aviation. "We're excited to offer travelers a refreshed, locally inspired experience that showcases the best of Dayton's hospitality."

Tailwind was unanimously selected from three submitted proposals. The company is recognized for its outstanding service concepts, competitive pricing, operational expertise, and commitment to small business participation.

These new concessions will enhance the passenger experience at DAY, offering local flavors and high-quality options that complement the airport's broader vision. Tailwind's partnership with DAY exemplifies the value of strong collaboration with airports, enhancing the passenger experience while supporting local businesses and showcasing Dayton's rich aviation history.

"We are excited to partner with Dayton International Airport to bring local and national favorites to the terminal and support the airport's vision for growth and innovation," said Jeffrey Switzer, president & CEO of Tailwind. "Our goal is to provide travelers with a memorable and enjoyable experience through high-quality dining options that reflect the character of the community and the familiarity of national favorites."

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About Tailwind:

Our journey began in 2005, when we secured our first food, beverage and retail contract. This

is when we started to build our reputation and began to grow. We have refined our success in the years since. When possible, we collaborate with the airport to develop the five keys to growth:

1. Create innovative designs and remodels to increase sales.
2. Build satellite bars to increase revenue and reduce crowds at the main bar.
3. Analyze sales data to identify buying trends.
4. Adjust our menus and retail offerings to capture higher revenue.
5. Identify underused terminal square footage to create new revenue centers.

After 20+ years of operating at airports, we are proud to say that Tailwind is providing premier concession services at 63 locations and growing.

About Dayton International Airport

Located near the “Crossroads of the America” – Interstates 70 and 75, Dayton International Airport (DAY) provides air service to travelers to and from Southwest Ohio. The DAY mission is to contribute to the prosperity of Southwest Ohio by connecting it to the rest of the world through our aviation system. Airport staff provide an enjoyable travel experience making DAY an easy to and through experience. For more information about the Dayton International Airport, visit www.flydayton.com or call the marketing manager at 937-454-8200.

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