



Press Release

## **Flying Food Group and Servair announce the creation of a common company at JFK Airport in New York, strengthening their US partnership.**

**New York City, June 17, 2009.** Flying Food Group (FFG), an international airline and retail catering company founded by Chicago-based entrepreneur Sue Gin in 1983 that operates from thirteen US gateway cities and one in Shanghai, China, and Servair, a subsidiary of Air France founded in 1971 and the top French and the world's 3<sup>rd</sup> largest airline caterer, are building on their longtime strategic partnership in the US by announcing the creation of a new company named **Flying Food Servair** at New York's John F. Kennedy International Airport (JFK). JFK is a primary international gateway city.

With the debut of Flying Food Servair JFK, the partnership will jointly hold almost 45% of the international market share in five key cities: Chicago, Miami, New York, San Francisco and Seattle.

Flying Food Servair JFK is a state-of-the-art production unit enjoying close proximity to the terminals. With a surface area of 9847 square meters or 106,000 square feet, it boasts 40,000 meals per day production capacity. Nearly 500 employees will work in this ultra-efficient catering center, which will be managed by Flying Food Servair. The new facility debuts with over 20 longtime FFG international airline customers.

Working each day in close partnership, Servair and FFG guarantee deluxe on-board services and passenger satisfaction by putting customer needs at the heart of their joint operations and exceeding the highest standards of quality and reliability. Flying Food Servair is justifiably proud of its staff of highly trained and creative chefs.

*"This new facility at JFK strengthens our leadership position in airline catering at a key gateway city to Europe, the Middle East and Asia," said **Sue Gin, FFG founder and CEO.** "The debut of this cutting-edge operation is the culmination of a partnership that began 21 years ago, when I expanded my start-up airline catering company from one domestic customer to servicing many international airline customers. Today, Flying Food Group services over 60 airline customers, primarily international. Our success is an outgrowth of our affiliation with Servair."*

*"Airlines demand more and more comprehensive solutions in order to ensure a continuous quality of services," said **Patrick Alexandre, Chairman and CEO of Servair.** "Consolidating and developing Servair's international presence is thus strategic. Strengthening its 21-year partnership with Flying*



*Food Group falls under Servair's policy to build local alliances—bringing reliability and constant quality of service while respecting local specificities, in order to match its customers' development. With over 50 stopover throughout the world and a strong position on four continents, Servair is an active and solid world leader in airline catering: number one caterer in Africa; major player in Europe, particularly in major hubs; present in Asia, in America, in the Indian Ocean and the Caribbean" Alexandre said.*

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**FLYING FOOD GROUP** "The Preferred Alternative" operates seventeen catering facilities in North American gateway cities and one in Shanghai, China. Eleven of its North American kitchens are USDA approved Fresh Food Solutions Units. Flying Food Group operates five stand alone Fresh Food Solution production kitchens, which include Los Angeles, Washington D.C., San Francisco, Chicago and Atlanta.

**SERVAIR** is the number one French airline catering and cleaning company. Ranked third worldwide and present in over 70 centers with its partners (Flying Food Group in the USA, Servair Airchef in Italy, Newrest Servair in Spain) and subsidiaries, SERVAIR offers airlines a whole range of essential services for air transport and passenger comfort. SERVAIR's demand for quality and know-how makes it a true force to its 120 clients in order to improve their passenger services all while meticulously respecting the constraints of the air transport industry. Servair announced recently the signing of a management and engineering contract in Nigeria, Lagos.

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