

3Sixty Duty Free opens new stores in Newark and Orlando airports



Gary Cavanagh

3Sixty Duty Free has opened new stores at Newark Liberty International Airport (EWR) Terminal B and at Orlando International Airport (MCO).

Gary Cavanagh, 3Sixty Chief Operating Officer, tells *TMI* that the reopening of its B Main store at Newark Terminal B marks an important milestone for the company.

“It’s the first of several new and refurbish-ed locations we will deliver in Terminal B this year, and it reflects our continued investment in elevating the retail experience for international travelers.

“The project also highlights the strength of our team on the ground and their ability to execute at pace in a high-traffic environment.”

Regarding its operations in Orlando, Cavanagh said: “The reopening of our Orlando store represents a significant transformation

of the space and reinforces our commitment to delivering a more modern, engaging retail experience. MCO is a key gateway within our network, and this updated store positions us well to serve a diverse, global traveler base while supporting continued growth in the region.”

3Sixty Duty Free Head of Marketing, Cristian Baires calls the new stores a continued evolution of the company’s retail experience: “These openings were truly a team effort. From store design and operations to supply chain, merchandising, and vendor partnerships, many teams worked together to bring these spaces to life,” he wrote on LinkedIn.

“From the marketing side, we were proud to support all categories with the visual storytelling that helps define the in-store experience, developing creative assets, and brand visuals that make these stores vibrant, engaging, and welcoming for travelers from around the world,” he noted.



The 3Sixty Duty Free team at the opening of the new store in Newark Liberty International Airport Terminal B.

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New F&B@Sea industry report reveals how cruise lines are reinventing onboard dining

Cruise dining is entering a new era of creativity and guest engagement, with experiential dining, destination-driven menus and wellness leading cruise food trends in 2026. Being aware of these trends, travel retail F&B suppliers can create offers to best meet these developments.

According to the newly released Cruise Food & Beverage Trends Report 2026 from F&B@Sea, two key priorities emerged with equal importance: experiential dining and global flavor exploration. Both trends captured the highest levels of industry attention in the survey results, highlighting immersive dining experiences and destination-driven menus as shaping the future of cruise F&B, followed closely by the significance of health, wellness, and sustainability considerations, on future cruise F&B strategy.

Based on insights from 163 buyers and suppliers from across the cruise F&B and hospitality industry (responsible for food and beverage, entertainment, supply chain, distribution, food service, and more), the report provides a holistic view of industry practices and challenges, highlighting how cruise lines are evolving their food and beverage strategies to reflect changing traveler expectations around experience, wellness, and destination-driven dining.

Respondents placed a strong emphasis on immersive or themed dining experiences, with 80% pointing to experiential dining as a key trend, signaling a shift toward restaurants that blend cuisine with entertainment and storytelling.

“Food and beverage is becoming one of the most creative and competitive areas of the cruise experience,” said Chiara Giorgi, Global Brand & Event Director for Seatrade Cruise Global.

“From immersive restaurants to destination-driven menus, cruise lines are reimagining how dining can connect guests more deeply to both the journey and the places they visit.”

Destination-Driving Dining

Cruise lines are increasingly using food and drink to deepen connections with the destinations on their itineraries, with global and local flavors representing one of the most significant priorities for cruise shipping professionals.

Over 54% of respondents who highlighted the precedence of global and local flavors identified destination-inspired cuisine as the top menu strategy. Similarly, more than 81% of those in the innovative mixology category highlighted destination-inspired cocktails and beverages as a key trend shaping onboard beverage programs.

Together, these findings underscore how cruise lines are using culinary programming to reflect the cultures and flavors of the regions their ships visit.

Health, Wellness, & Sustainability Move to the Center of Cruise Menus

Health-conscious travel trends are increasingly shaping the future of cruise F&B, with health, wellness and sustainable choices emerging as the most important beverage category. Over 57% of respondents highlighted health-focused and functional beverages—options enriched with ingredients such as probiotics, vitamins, or fiber that provide benefits beyond basic nutrition, such as boosting immunity or enhancing energy—as a top priority.

27% pointed to the rising demand for low- or no-alcohol

drinks, another substantial focus area. These trends reflect cruise lines' efforts to cater to the growing demand for wellness-oriented and health-conscious options at sea.

Technology transforming cruise kitchens

Technology is also playing a growing role in how cruise dining programs operate behind the scenes.

Guest-experience technologies led innovation investments, with nearly 47% of respondents emphasizing that personalized dining, driven by data analytics, will play a pivotal role in the future of cruise restaurants (up year-over-year from 41.67%). This innovation enables cruise lines to customize menus and experiences based on guest preferences.

At the same time, predictive inventory management dominates operational technology priorities, identified by more than 54% of respondents in this category as a key innovation, helping operators better manage complex global supply chains while maintaining menu quality and consistency.

Ongoing operational pressures

Despite rapid innovation, the report highlights the continued operational challenges facing cruise food and beverage teams.

Nearly 55% of respondents to these category questions identified supply chain disruptions and delivery uncertainties as the industry's most significant operational challenge. This marks an increase from just under 40% last year, highlighting the growing complexity of sourcing ingredients and products for global cruise fleets.

These trends will take center stage at F&B@Sea, the cruise industry event dedicated entirely to food and beverage innovation, taking place April 15-16, 2026, at the Mana Wynwood Convention Center in Miami. Held in Miami in the same week as Seatrade Cruise Global, the world's largest cruise industry gathering,

F&B@Sea brings together cruise line executives, chefs, beverage leaders and suppliers to explore how dining is evolving as one of the most important drivers of the onboard guest experience.

Download the full [Cruise Food & Beverage Trends Report 2026](#).



The Alexander James & Co. team at F&B@Sea in 2025.

Seatrade Cruise Global announces expanded 2026 agenda, as global cruise leaders convene in Miami Beach to chart the industry's next era



Left: Charles "Bud" Darr, CLIA; Jason Liberty, Royal Caribbean Group; Pierfrancesco Vago, MSC Group; Josh Weinstein, Carnival Corp and Contessa Brewer, CNBC.

Seatrade Cruise Global has unveiled the 2026 conference program, with a keynote featuring leaders of Carnival Corporation & plc., MSC Group, and Royal Caribbean Group, as well as Cruise Lines International Association. The session will be moderated by CNBC correspondent Contessa Brewer.

The theme of this year's event, taking place April 13–16 at the Miami Beach Convention Center, is *"Beyond the Horizon: Leveraging cruising's strength and scale to drive innovation."*

The conference's very popular keynote conversation, moderated by Brewer, will bring a sharp business and economic lens to the state of cruise. With her experience

covering markets, leadership and global commerce, Brewer will guide a forward-looking discussion with Charles "Bud" Darr, President & Chief Executive Officer, Cruise Lines International Association (CLIA); Jason Liberty, Chairman & Chief Executive Officer, Royal Caribbean Group; Pierfrancesco Vago, Executive Chairman, Cruise Division, MSC Group and Josh Weinstein, Chief Executive Officer, Carnival Corporation & plc, examining how cruise leaders are balancing growth, innovation and operational complexity in a rapidly evolving travel landscape.

"'Beyond the Horizon' captures a defining moment for cruise," said Chiara Giorgi, Global Brand & Event Director, Seatrade Cruise

Global. "Our industry has long been known for innovation, but what's most compelling now is how that scale is being leveraged — to invest in smarter technology, more immersive entertainment, healthier guest experiences and stronger partnerships with destinations around the world. Seatrade Cruise Global 2026 is designed to reflect that evolution and to challenge leaders to think about what comes next."

New for 2026, the program places heightened emphasis on wellness and entertainment — two sectors redefining the cruise value proposition — as well as digital transformation, destination strategy and infrastructure investment and sustainability.

The expanded agenda reflects an evolution of the industry: cruise is not only scaling in size, but in sophistication, cultural relevance and global economic impact.

The four-day Seatrade Cruise Global will bring together more than 11,500 attendees and 650 exhibitors, including cruise executives, port authorities, suppliers, destination leaders and hospitality innovators. Sessions will explore AI-driven operations, sustainable design, retail and concessions, community engagement, and the evolving relationship between ships and the destinations they serve.

The event also features Retail Days and the F&B@Sea showcase.

Seatrade Cruise Global: Retail Days agenda

The Retail Days, co-organized by Seatrade Cruise Global and the *Moodie Davitt Report*, returns on Tuesday, April 14 and Wednesday, April 15.

The program provides "actionable insights" on engaging the next generation of shoppers, key retail categories, technology and much more. All sessions take place in the Lincoln Road meeting room at the Miami Beach Convention Center.

Tuesday, April 14, 2-2:20 Trends Report: Spotlight on Cruise Retail. Dermot Davitt. Presentation of the Moodie Davitt Report/-Seatrade Cruise Global Retail Survey, which outlines key trends and market sentiment within the

cruise retail sector from participants across cruise lines.

2:20-3:00 A discussion of the key findings from the Trends Report, with insights from industry leaders into consumer dynamics that will shape the sector's future. Chris Matthews, CEO Harding+ and Claudia King McWilliam, VP & General Manager at Starboard Group, moderated by Dermot Davitt.

3:00 – 4:00 Taking Onboard Retail to the next level. How do stakeholders in the cruise retail 'Trinity' elevate the role of retail as part of the onboard experience.

Nicolas Hoeborn, CEO at Heinemann Americas; Craig Fteyn, VP, Onboard Revenue, Norwegian Cruise Line; and Jennifer Patience, EVP, Effy Jewelry.

4:00-5:00 Networking session.

Wednesday, April 15
10-10:40 The Opportunity Pipeline. Cruise line onboard revenue leaders discuss the vision, planning and execution pipeline for their portfolios in 2026 in terms of space, offer and experience and address the role of retail within the overall cruise guest journey. Claudio Sammartano, head of Onboard Revenue, Azamara Cruises

Georg Schmickler, SR VP Onboard Revenue, MSC Cruises

10:40 – 11:20 The Cruise Trinity in Action. What does a great partnership look like between cruise line, retailer and brand owner? This session features case studies of best practice. America Lopez, Regional Director TR Americas, LVMH Beauty Karla Nedeski, Director of Merchandising, Starboard Group

11:20 – 12 AI and its impact on cruise retail's future

Avolta opens new arrivals store in Samaná, Dominican Republic



Avolta has opened a new duty free store in the Arrivals Hall of President Juan Bosch International Airport in Samaná in the Dominican Republic.

The new store will carry fragrances, alcoholic beverages, tobacco, confectionery and personal care items and target both Dominican Republic nationals and international tourists.

Avolta Managing Director for the Caribbean and Cruise Lines, Gianfranco Botteri, commented, “Along with the whole Avolta team, we are extremely proud to open this new arrivals duty free store and to support the development of tourism in this very special part of the

Dominican Republic. Avolta is committed to invest in innovation and to offer world class shopping experiences in each place where it operates and this new store in Samaná is an excellent example of how we carry out our commitment.”

Carlos Núñez, Business Development Director for airport operator Aerodom - VINCI Airports, added, “The opening of this new duty free store in the arrivals terminal at Samaná reinforces our own commitment to offer travelers the very best airport experience. Collaborating with partners like Avolta allows us to give our passengers more options, more convenience,

and the very best quality.

“... tourism and the economic development of Samaná and the Dominican Republic. We are incredibly pleased to strengthen the commercial offer at the airport and improving the experience of arriving passengers,” he added.

Avolta has been operating in the Dominican Republic for nearly 20 years. In addition to the new store in Samaná, the company is the anchor duty free retailer at Las Americas International Airport in Santo Domingo, as well as in Santiago, La Romana and Puerto Plata airports and the Amber Cove and Taino Bay cruise ports in Puerto Plata.

John Gallagher

SSP awarded new F&B contract at JFK Terminal 6

SSP America has been awarded a contract to operate four units at John F. Kennedy International Airport’s (JFK) Terminal 6.

The offer will include both local favorites and celebrated SSP original concepts, to provide an authentic taste of place at one of the USA’s most iconic travel destinations.

JFK Millennium Partners CEO Steve Thody comments: “Our vision for T6 is to create a welcoming dining experience that captures the essence of New York. SSP America shares that vision, bringing together exceptional local flavors, iconic brands, and hospitality that will resonate with travelers from around the world.”

The four new outlets include:

For Five Coffee: Founded in

2010 in Queens, New York, For Five is a micro-roasting facility bringing specialty coffee to the city, and is now a New York and national coffee powerhouse.

P. J. Clarke’s: A venerable Manhattan saloon and gastropub founded in 1884 on Third Avenue and East 55th Street, P. J. Clarke’s is a wonderfully storied NYC brand, synonymous with culinary excellence across the region.

Le Grand Comptoir: Le Grand Comptoir is a multi-award-winning SSP chef-driven proprietary concept designed specifically for the airport environment.

The Gotham Burger Social Club: The Western-inspired on-trend local name Gotham Burger Social Club is warm, cozy, rustic and modern.

For Five Coffee and P.J. Clarke’s will begin service when T6 opens to the public later this year. Le Grand Comptoir and The Gotham Burger Social Club will open in phase two of T6 construction, which is expected to be completed in 2028.

The new Terminal 6 is a key component of the Port Authority of New York and New Jersey’s \$19 billion transformation of JFK.

Currently under construction, Terminal 6 is being developed in two phases, with the first six gates opening in 2026 and construction completion expected by 2028.

Terminal 6 is a public-private partnership between the PANYNJ and JFK Millennium Partners – a consortium that is led by Vantage Group.

IATA forecasts air travel demand to more than double by 2050

The International Air Transport Association (IATA) forecasts air travel demand will more than double by 2050, driven by growth in emerging markets.

IATA’s newly released Long Term Demand Projections (LTDP) incorporates three growth scenarios, high, mid, and low, each driven by long-term economic growth, population growth, global aviation fuel price trends, and air transport supply-side capacity development.

IATA notes that the pace of growth will be uneven across regions, reflecting differences in demographics, market maturity, economic development, and connectivity potential.

IATA says that the scenarios are linked to the global energy transition via the long-term economic projections and places its long-term RPK projections in the context of the airline industry’s transition toward net zero carbon emissions by 2050.

Under the mid-range scenario, Asia Pacific and Africa are expected to be the fastest growing regions over 2024-2050, with CAGRs of 3.8% and 3.6% respectively. Europe and North America are projected to grow more slowly, at 2.5% and 2.8%.

IATA’s mid-range forecast says demand will reach 20.8 trillion annual growth rate (CAGR) of 3.1% (2024-2050) from the 9 trillion RPKs seen in 2024.

A higher growth scenario would see a 3.3% CAGR with passenger demand reaching 21.9 trillion RPKs in 2050. A lower growth scenario would see 2.9% CAGR with passenger demand reaching 19.5 trillion RPKs by 2050.

Despite its optimistic forecast, the IATA report warns that the future price of air travel will be influenced significantly by global aviation fuel price trends under various energy transition settings. [Ed. note: Considering the current Middle East tensions this outlook could face rising uncertainty as volatile fuel prices and geopolitical instability are disrupting the short-term travel demand.]

Anora Group expands Blue Caterpillar partnership to key Americas domestic markets



Anora Group Plc has expanded its long-term partnership with Blue Caterpillar to include domestic distribution across selected key markets in Latin America, Central America and the Caribbean, in addition to the existing Travel Retail Americas mandate.

The move marks an important evolution in Anora's Americas strategy, creating an integrated commercial platform that aligns Travel Retail presence with

selective domestic market development. Blue Caterpillar will now represent Anora's portfolio across both channels in priority markets including Mexico, Central America, selected South American territories, and the Caribbean islands.

The expanded agreement strengthens distribution for flagship brands such as **Koskenkorva Vodka**, the award-winning Finnish vodka distilled from 100% barley; **Lysholm Linie Aquavit**, the Norwegian oak matured icon aquavit dated back to 1805 and Anora's growing innovation-driven portfolio under **Nordic Spirits Lab (NSL)**.

Bo Madsen, Director GTR & Expansion Markets at Anora Group, commented: "Blue Caterpillar has demonstrated strong in-market execution across Travel Retail Americas. Expanding into domestic markets across Latin America and the Caribbean allows us to build our brands in a more integrated and disciplined way. We see strong long-term potential for Koskenkorva, Lysholm Linie and our Nordic Spirits Lab portfolio in the region."

A spokesperson for Blue Caterpillar added:

"Premium brands are built through consistency and commitment in market. By aligning Travel Retail and domestic distribution under one strategy, we can create stronger retail partnerships, improve execution standards, and support sustainable premium growth across the Americas."

The expanded partnership reinforces Anora's commitment to developing the Americas as a strategic growth region. With increasing premiumization across Mexico, Central America and the Caribbean, the company sees meaningful opportunity.



ANY DI produced this exclusive SunCover design for Ray-Ban

Haleybrooke International to represent Terroirs Distillers in USA and Canada Duty Free and Travel Retail

Haleybrooke International has announced an agreement with Terroirs Distillers Artisanal Brands to represent three of its brands the USA and Canada in the Duty Free and Travel Retail channel.

Terroir Distillers is the spirits arm of Picard Vins & Spiritueux, created in 2011 and now under the stewardship of the third generation of the Picard family. Its extensive portfolio of brands and distilleries includes Tullibardine, and, most recently, Ballina Distillery.



Tullibardine, established in 1947, is a multi-award-winning Highland Single Malt with complete control from grain to glass. Tullibardine is one of the few Scottish distilleries with an onsite cooperage and bottling facility.

Highland Queen, the blend of Tullibardine, was founded in 1893 and was inspired by the adventurous spirit of Mary Queen of Scots. Crafted at the Tullibardine distillery, the company has remained faithful to the same Classic Blend recipe for over 50 years.

Ballina Irish single malt, crafted on the banks of the River Moy on Ireland's rugged west coast, is double and triple distilled in small batches using 100% Irish malted barley. Ballina was awarded a best in category medal for Irish Single Malt Small Batch 12 Years and under in the World Whiskies Awards 2026.

Manon Llera, North and South America Area Manager will be on the Haleybrooke International booth #401 at the Summit of the Americas in Orlando to discuss and sample the three whiskies.

"I am very pleased with the agreement with Terroirs Distillers Artisanal Brands as whiskies are such a big category in duty free. Haleybrooke has been searching for just the right brands that are perfect for consumers in travel retail, and they are now in the Haleybrooke portfolio," says Patrick Nilson, President of Haleybrooke International.

Internationally successful ANY DI accessories targets U.S. travel retail

ANY DI Munich, a luxury accessories brand combining smart functionality with elegant design, has made a big impression in travel retail wherever it has launched.

The next strategic step for the company is expansion into the United States, which has been identified as a key target market for 2026. As part of its U.S. launch, ANY DI has donated a very special gift for attendees to the WiTR+ gathering at the SOA.

The brand creates products for modern women who navigate multiple roles throughout the day and need accessories that are stylish, versatile, and practical at the same time, founder Anne Dickhardt tells *TMI*.

ANY DI is currently available in more than 50 countries and distributed through over 5,000 retail partners worldwide, including premium optical stores, department stores, international airports, duty free shops, and airlines.

ANY DI's signature product is a patented SunCover for sunglasses, along with the Pocket PhoneStrap and the Puffer Bag. The company reached seven-figure million in turnover in 2025 and is forecasting the eight-figure revenue range in 2026.

A key driver of this growth is travel retail, says Dickhardt, a professional tennis player until ending her career due to injury. The brand is listed with Heinemann, Lagardère and Avolta and last year launched with Qatar Duty Free and Dubai Duty Free. In Taiwan, partner Everrich sold more than 4,000 ANY DI products at a single location in 2024. ANY DI products are today available in more than 30 international airports worldwide, as well as inflight.