



Retailer DGPilot Arriving at Union Depot in Saint Paul

Twin Cities' Premier Travel-Lifestyle Store Finds a Larger Home in Iconic Lowertown Landmark

SAINT PAUL, Minn. (November 14, 2025) — DGPilot, the Twin Cities' premier travel-lifestyle store, is preparing for takeoff at a new location within the historic Union Depot in downtown Saint Paul. The store will open on Friday, November 28 just in time for the holiday shopping season.

The move marks an exciting new chapter for the local retailer, which has spent the past five years in its previous Saint Paul storefront and 10 years building a brand rooted in all things Minnesota, travel, and aviation.

Founded by Donald Gardner, a commercial pilot with a lifelong passion for aviation and travel, DG Pilot was born from his love of exploration and the joy of discovery. "Travel is such an experience. It takes you to new places, allows you to meet new people and discover new things," Gardner said. "Through DGPilot, I get to share my love for three of my favorite things—Minnesota, travel, and aviation—with everyone who walks through our doors."

The new location at Union Depot will serve as DGPilot's largest retail space to date, allowing for expanded product offerings and more room to highlight local makers. The store currently features goods from more than 25 Minnesota brands including Adam Turman, Cindy Lindgren, Hippy Feet, Northmade Co., Homespun Goods and PuzzleTwist. DGPilot plans to increase that number to more than 35 as part of the move.

"Our new home at Union Depot gives us the space and atmosphere to truly bring the DGPilot experience to life," Gardner said. "The building's nostalgia and connection to travel fit our brand perfectly, and there's an incredible energy among the retailers here who are all working to make Union Depot a true Twin Cities destination."

A One-Stop Gift and Travel Hub

DGPilot's expanded space will feature travel gear, Minnesota-made gifts, aviation collectibles and home décor from Kind Bag travel backpacks, luggage tags and passport covers to locally designed apparel, mugs, wall art and model airplanes. Signature favorites include mugs, water bottles and t-shirts with the motto "I Love St. Paul" alongside vintage aviation-themed apparel from Red Canoe Brands, and scale models from GeminiJets.

Eventually, Gardner plans to host community events in the new space, creating a welcoming hub for locals, travelers and aviation enthusiasts alike. "We want our guests to be inspired to travel, to learn more about Minnesota, and to discover the world of aviation," he added.

Hours of Operation

Monday – Saturday: 11 a.m. – 6 p.m.

Sunday: 11 a.m. – 5 p.m.

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ABOUT UNION DEPOT:

Union Depot is a multi-modal transportation hub and vibrant event venue in the heart of the Twin Cities. Completed in 1926 and on the National Register of Historic Places since 1974, it was beautifully restored in 2012. Union Depot offers a robust schedule of free community events year-round, making it a cultural hub for residents and visitors. It provides extensive transportation services, including Amtrak®, Jefferson Lines, Metro Transit, Greyhound, Megabus, FlixBus and Hertz, along with parking and bike storage. It is home to businesses such as Lowertown Bike Shop and Coffee, Choo Choo Bob's Train Store, 1881 Eating House, Story Line Books, and DG Pilot. Union Depot is also an ideal setting for weddings, events and meetings. Union Depot is owned by Ramsey County Regional Railroad Authority and operated by JLL. For more information, visit uniondepot.org.

About DGPilot

DGPilot is the Twin Cities' premier travel-lifestyle store, celebrating the intersection of Minnesota, travel and aviation. Founded in 2015, DG Pilot showcases the largest selection of Minnesota-made local goods in downtown Saint Paul and curates a globally inspired mix of travel essentials, home décor, and aviation merchandise. DGPilot invites customers to explore, discover, and be inspired to travel. Learn more at dgpilot.com or follow @dgpilotmsp on Instagram and Facebook.

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