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Louisville Airport's Bourbon Academy Educates Imbibers



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With the trend to bring local flavor to airports in full swing, HMSHost recently debuted Bourbon Academy Tasting Room at Louisville International Airport in Kentucky.

Located on the second floor of the main rotunda of the airport, the space previously housed a private club and smoking

area where no food was prepared. It was hard to find.

"We completely gutted the space and created a new, larger bar as well as a kitchen," says Lisa Kennedy, director of design and construction for Wisconsin's Manna, Inc., the project's architect, interior designer and construction management firm. A kiosk was added to the first floor to highlight the new menu and food offerings and to draw attention to the new restaurant. Seating has been extended to the edge of a glass rail that overlooks the rotunda.

"The inspiration behind the concept was to not only serve bourbon to patrons but to educate visitors about bourbon and the heritage of Kentucky," says Kennedy. The entrance area features a bourbon education wall where guests can read articles and see artifacts collected from Kentucky distilleries.

The new 2,585-square-foot space seats 95. A variety of seating options provides visual interest with two-tops, four-tops, bar-height tables and eight seats at the bar itself.

Other key design elements include a barn door closure to the kitchen and, most notably, a woven bourbon stave wall. The wall — made of wood from bourbon barrels — provides the authentic aroma of bourbon and drives the concept's theme home.

An advertisement for emu outdoor furniture. The main image shows a bright red, modern outdoor table and two matching chairs set on a gravel patio. The table has a small potted plant and some bread on it. The background is a stone wall and a glass door. In the bottom right corner, there is the emu logo (a red flower-like shape) and the text "emu". Below the logo, it says "60 years of manufacturing experience in outdoor furniture. 'Made in Italy' at its best." At the bottom left, there is the slogan "it's in to be out" in a white script font, followed by the website "www.emuamericas.com" and the phone number "800.726.0368". At the bottom right, there are social media icons for Facebook, Twitter, Google+, Instagram, and Pinterest.

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