Autogrill’s fifth premises to open in the Naples International Airport:

a Ciao restaurant with seating for 220,

offering 150 traditional Italian recipes

A 600m$^2$ area, with seating for 220 and 150 different recipes which seem to simply appear before clients eyes: these are the numbers that Autogrill and Naples International Airport are counting on in offering the more than 4 million persons who visit Southern Italy’s most important airport the pleasure of a lunch or dinner worthy of Italy’s finest culinary traditions.

Ciao Restaurants offer clients the freedom to move as they please without waiting in lines or losing time and select their favourite meals from a wide array of prepared-to-order hot meals, grilled foods, sliced cold-cuts and cheeses, salads and a variety of desserts. Each day there is a selection of 20 different meals including classical Mediterranean diet, light meals and typical Italian regional dishes.

An airport leader

With the new Ciao Restaurant, in addition to the two cafés, the Spizzico and Burger King outlets already operating in the Campania airport, Autogrill continues to increment its presence in the airport sector. The Group also operates in the Milano-Linate, Milano-Malpensa, Roma-Fiumicino, Bologna-Guglielmo Marconi and Torino-Caselle airports.

The new self-service area, located on the airport’s recently renovated first floor overlooking the airport apron, covers 638 m$^2$ of an overall total surface area of 1,148m$^2$.

Thus, the airport’s first floor, which also hosts the "Galleria Napoli" shops, is increasingly an area in which passengers and visitors can leisurely shop or enjoy a meal or snack.

A one million euro investment and 14 jobs

The Ciao restaurant, located in the new wing of the airport’s commercial centre following an investment of one million euro, currently provides employment for 14 persons between kitchen staff and service personnel.

Gesac-BAA, a record of change

In order to ensure increasingly efficient and high quality service, Gesac-BAA – the Naples Airport operator, invested 14.5 million Euro in the airport infrastructure during the year 2001-2002. Most of the work centred on modernizing and enlarging the terminal and included the extension of the arrivals area and the departure lounge, reorganization of the first floor with the opening of new refreshment areas, restyling of the entire air-side façade of the terminal with a floor-to-ceiling window overlooking the airport apron. Additionally, the external airside façade of the terminal was moved forward by 10 metres which allowed for the complete renovation and extension of the departures area with its 12 gates and lastly, the total number of parking spaces was increased and currently stands at 1,709.

The Autogrill Group: Autogrill is the food industry’s first specialist in serving persons "on the move". The company is controlled by Edizione Holding, the Benetton Family holding company, with a 57.09% majority share. Autogrill operates in 16 countries and four continents: North
America, Europe (where most of the business is concentrated) Oceania and Asia. Turnover for 2001 was equivalent to 3.26 billion Euro. The group has channelled its food-service operations into five specific areas: Motorway, airport and railway stations as well as in city and commercial centres. The Group’s main brands or proprietary trademarks, the Ciao Restaurant Chain (with 140 sales outlets) and the Spizzico Pizzeria Chain (169 sales outlets), operate in Italy as well as in other European countries.

**Naples International Airport:** Total passenger traffic for 2001 was 4,003,001 and during the first months of 2002 there was a slow but constant recovery in passenger traffic. From January to the end of July, 2,230,000 passengers transited the Naples airport (3.2% less than the same period last year) and 400,000 in the month of July alone (2.5% less than July 2001). During the first four months of the summer season (April – July) the number of passengers was approximately 1,554,000, a 0.7% decrease from the same period in 2001.

*The Naples airport currently offers direct flights serving 12 domestic destinations, 9 international destinations including the European capitals of Amsterdam, Brussels, London, Munich and Paris and more than 50 charter flight destinations.*