

WH Smith to open two stores in Nadi International Airport, Fiji

WH Smith, in partnership with The Tappoo Group, has been awarded the exclusive contract for News, Books and convenience in Nadi International Airport and will open two stores.

The islands are already home to two WH Smith stores in Suva and Port Denarau and these latest stores, due to open in late 2015, are to be created using the latest WH Smith design in fixtures and fittings.

A staple at travel locations, WH Smith provides both incoming and outgoing passengers with a tailored range of products to meet their specific requirements; offering a wide range of reading materials, travel accessories, confectionery and drinks. The new stores will be present in both the airside and landside lounges.

WH Smith is now present in 24 international airports outside of the UK and in 30 UK airports. The iconic British retailer has more than 1,300 stores both in the UK and internationally, and more than 50 in the region, including Australia, Indonesia, Malaysia and China.

Louis de Bourgoing, International Director, WHSmith said, *“We are delighted to be opening two stores in Nadi International Airport and to be expanding our presence on the islands. We firmly believe that these new stores will complement the existing WH Smith stores locally and provide international travelers with a one-stop-shop solution ahead of their flight.”*

Harnish Tappoo, Executive Director, Tappoo Group said, *“The Tappoo Group are pleased to announce the arrival of two new WH Smith stores to Nadi International Airport as part of our long-term commitment to growing the retail variety in the airport. As a market leader in news, books and travel essentials, WH Smith has both the expertise and experience that will add to the world-class facilities at Nadi International Airport.”*

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Note to Editors:

WHSmith currently operates over 1,300 stores, both in the UK and in international locations including Northern Europe, the Middle East, Asia and Australia. The retailer occupies over 700 retail units in airports, railway stations, hospitals and motorway service areas and more than 600 high street stores. WHSmith sells a wide range of newspapers, magazines, stationery, books and confectionery products, with WHSmith Travel tailoring its offer to meet the needs of people on the move.

The Tappoo Group

The Tappoo Group, established in Fiji for over 70 years, operate a chain of up market retail stores throughout Fiji. These include duty free Departures & Arrivals as well as a variety of speciality stores at the Nadi & Nausori international airports; award-winning department stores at major town centers and premium stores at 5 star resorts & hotels catering for the Fiji tourism market. TappooCity located in Fiji’s capital, Suva houses Tappoo’s flagship department store covering 3 floors of branded international offerings including select speciality stores. Besides retailing The Tappoo Group’s investments are diversified in a range of other businesses which include wholesaling of international renowned branded products, property and shopping mall management, tourism hotel investments, motor vehicle distribution, petroleum retail, travel business and manufacturing.