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A uniquely 'Canberra' experience for travellers

From today travellers at Canberra Airport will now be greeted with a new retail and gift store, **Merchant Canberra**, and the much-anticipated reopening of favourite, **Noodles XO**, an Asian noodle, and sushi restaurant.

Merchant Canberra is a celebration of Canberra, focusing on locally made products designed to showcase Canberra and the surrounding regions. It is the concept of Lagardere AWPL, a world-class airport retailer.

Ben Norton, Multi Site Manager of Lagardere AWPL, said, "We are excited to have delivered a store dedicated to Canberra and unique to Canberra Airport, designed to represent the nation's capital in a world-class airport environment. Inside the store, customers will find local brands including Bison, Wildbrumby, Helm Wines, Jasper and Myrtle chocolates and Indigenous artwork from around Australia, perfect for those last-minute gifts."

Noodles XO serves fresh and fast in one of the brightest and boldest restaurants at Canberra Airport. Noodles XO is for noodle lovers – from Dumplings to Hand Rolled Sushi, from Pho to their Signature Laksa. This is the fifth Food and Beverage offering for Airport Retail Enterprises (ARE) at Canberra Airport.

Luke Tulloch, General Manager of ARE said, "We are excited to be reopening Noodles XO after closing during the pandemic. The restaurant is a tailor-made offering and compliments the high quality and great experience travellers experience at Canberra Airport."

These openings coincide with the upcoming school holidays and serval new airline services, including Jetstar to the Gold Coast, Link Airways to Coffs Harbour and the restart of international services with Qatar next month.

"We are always trying to enrich the travel experience for Canberrans and our visitors, with a strong ongoing focus on showcasing local products. And we hope the community loves this next offering as much as we do," says Richard Snow, Head of Property at Canberra Airport. "These new openings are perfectly timed for the school holidays and the lead-up to Christmas."

Richard Snow is available for interviews.

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