

**American Express and JFK Terminal 4 Host Official Groundbreaking for the future site of
The Centurion Lounge at John F. Kennedy International Airport's Terminal 4**

A 13,000-square-foot expansion of the existing terminal will make the future location of The Centurion Lounge at JFK Terminal 4 more than 15,000-square-feet

WHAT: American Express and JFK Terminal 4, held a special groundbreaking ceremony to celebrate what will be the world's largest Centurion Lounge, set to open in 2020.

During the ceremony, guests were taken to the airfield and into the Centurion Lounge construction site for an official groundbreaking moment with Chris Cracchiolo, SVP, Global Loyalty & Benefits at American Express, Roel Huinink, the President and CEO of JFKIAT – the company which operates Terminal 4, and Huntley Lawrence, the Director of Aviation at Port Authority of New York and New Jersey. Following the ceremony, Alexander Lee, VP, Global Benefits and Services at American Express, offered a tour inside of the soon-to-be lounge space. To conclude the ceremony, guests gathered in the terminal for NYC-inspired light bites and refreshments.

Chris Cracchiolo, SVP, Global Loyalty & Benefits at American Express, shared “As a major gateway for both domestic and international travel, we’re thrilled to soon provide our Card Members with a premium lounge experience in Terminal 4, one of the most active air terminals in the country.” Before cutting the ribbon, he added, “While today marks just the beginning of this vision coming to life, we look forward to sharing more in the coming months and eventually when we open in 2020.”

Roel Huinink, the President and CEO of JFKIAT, said “As the international gateway to New York City and the rest of the United States, Terminal 4 serves more than 21.5 million travelers each year,” said Roel Huinink. “The Centurion Lounge is a perfect match for our passengers who already expect premium service and experiences when they travel out of Terminal 4, and we are very excited about this partnership.”

“We are very pleased that American Express has chosen Terminal 4 for its largest Centurion Lounge yet,” said Huntley Lawrence. “The Centurion Lounge will provide a new amenity for passengers at one of the highest volume terminals in New York City.”

With spectacular views of the airfield and one-of-a-kind design elements, The Centurion Lounge at JFK Terminal 4 will span more than 15,000-square-feet across two levels and will feature the exceptional amenities Card Members have come to love, including a complimentary custom bar and food menu, premium restrooms and shower suites, access to high-speed Wi-Fi, and noise-buffering workspaces.

As a part of American Express’ growing Global Lounge Collection, the brand is thrilled to break ground on the future site of The Centurion Lounge at JFK Terminal 4 and looks forward to opening locations in Charlotte, Denver, London, and Los Angeles over the next year.

As one of the world’s most modern and efficient air terminals with more than 21.5 million passengers per year, Terminal 4 at John F. Kennedy International Airport prides itself on providing travelers with a superior passenger experience. In addition to the American Express Centurion Lounge, Terminal 4 offers more than 122,200 square-feet devoted to

shopping and dining – featuring chic, upscale boutiques, convenience and gift stores, world-class eateries, well-known casual dining, health options and food-to-go, fitting the need of every traveler.

WHERE: John F. Kennedy International Airport’s Terminal 4

WHEN: Wednesday, March 20

IMAGES: Download images of the groundbreaking ceremony [here](#)
Courtesy of Joe Vericker

Download renderings of The Centurion Lounge at JFK [here](#)
Courtesy of American Express

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ABOUT THE AMERICAN EXPRESS CENTURION LOUNGE

The Centurion Lounge is the signature lounge program within the broader [American Express Global Lounge CollectionSM](#), which provides Platinum Card Members and Centurion Members with access to the most lounges across the globe compared to other U.S. credit cards, including access to more than 1,200 lounges around the world, in 500 plus cities, across 130 countries and counting. The Global Lounge Collection includes access to American Express Centurion Lounges, international American Express lounges, Delta Sky Club® for Card Members flying on Delta, Priority PassTM Select Lounges upon enrollment, Airspace Lounges, MAG U.S. Escape Lounges and Plaza Premium Lounges. Card Members can [find a lounge](#) at the Global Lounge Collection website or by using the [Amex Mobile app](#).

ABOUT JFKIAT

JFK International Air Terminal, LLC. (JFKIAT) is the operator of Terminal 4 at John F. Kennedy International Airport, one of the most active air terminals in the New York area, serving 34 international and domestic airlines with an annual passenger volume of more than 21 million travelers in 2018. Terminal 4 is the first existing airport terminal in the U.S. to receive LEED Gold certification by the United States Green Building Council (USGBC) for operations and maintenance. The Terminal’s expansive Retail Lounge offers an

unparalleled experience for travelers with a wide range of food and beverage and retail options, from chic to upscale and from convenience stores, to electronics, accessories and gifts. Terminal 4 was the first air terminal in North America operated by a private management company. JFKIAT's managing member is Schiphol USA Inc., a U.S. affiliate of Royal Schiphol Group. Visit us at <http://www.jfkt4.nyc>, like us on [Facebook](#) and follow us on [Instagram](#) and [Twitter](#).