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Robbie Gill is Co-founder and Managing Director of The Design Solution. He is a qualified architect and has been responsible for the airports' consulting and transportation projects for the last 15 years. His experience of working in the airports retail sector throughout the world has led to many speaking engagements at international conferences, as well as having numerous articles published in a wide range of sector publications.

The Design Solution is a UK based company of architects and designers that specialises in the retail sector. Its experience covers all aspects of retail commercial design, from shopping centres and department stores through to food courts, restaurants and bars. Over the last 20 years The Design Solution has worked throughout the world with on-going projects in Australia, North America, China and the Middle East.

Since the company's first airport project 16 years ago, it has become internationally recognised for its expertise in the design of airport terminals, specifically in the areas of retail planning and the design of passenger spaces. This experience covers the design of new terminals through to the expansion and refurbishment of existing terminals.

The Design Solution has worked with a number of the world's major airport groups. In February 2004 it was appointed for a further 5 years as one of BAA's framework architects, this is the third time the worlds largest airport group has renewed its contract with the company. Over the last 4 years The Design Solution has been working with Macquarie Airports, and is currently advising on all commercial aspects of its five airports; Birmingham, Bristol, Sydney, Rome and Brussels.

The Design Solution has worked on a number of airports in the USA. The majority for BAA-USA including Boston Logan, Indianapolis and Baltimore Washington. In China, the company has consulted on Xi'an and was part of the winning team to be appointed on Beijing's Capital Airport Terminal 3, scheduled for completion in time for the Olympics in 2008. Other airports' projects include the retail planning of Terminal 3 at Hamburg

airport and the retail planning and strategy for the new Doha International Airport in Qatar.

As well as working directly for airports, The Design Solution has also been responsible for the design of many Duty Free stores and other retail projects; together with food and beverage operations at many airports, railway stations, and other transportation hubs. The Design Solution is a specialist in the field of transportation design and sees this as the company's most important sector during the coming years.