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STAR Bank and Fort Wayne International Airport Announce The Gateway Lounge for Business Travelers

The Gateway Lounge to Open in Early 2025

Fort Wayne, Ind. (Nov. 12, 2024) – STAR Bank and the Fort Wayne International Airport (FWA) are excited to announce the launch of The Gateway Lounge, a space designed to meet the needs of today’s business travelers. Scheduled to open in early 2025, The Gateway Lounge provides travelers with an upscale and peaceful environment to work, relax, and unwind, offering a first-class experience within FWA.

“STAR Bank has a significant focus on investing in our community, and The Gateway Lounge is a great example of another way we can serve our region,” said Executive Vice President of Commercial Banking at STAR Bank Jim Cook. “The Gateway Lounge offers an elevated experience for travelers in a welcoming and comfortable environment, and we are thrilled to partner with FWA on this offering.”

The Gateway Lounge will offer an impressive range of amenities specifically designed with business travelers and frequent flyers in mind. A quiet and comfortable space away from the bustling terminals, it features cozy seating and workspaces, allowing travelers to stay productive or simply take a break. Lounge members and day-pass holders will enjoy complimentary light refreshments, private restrooms, and a convenient kitchenette. With flexible access options including a day pass or membership, the lounge is designed for those who prioritize comfort and convenience while on the go.



“Last year, FWA served over 795,000 passengers, marking a record year for the airport. The Gateway Lounge by STAR Bank is another fantastic addition to enhance travel and convenience at FWA,” said Scott Hinderman, Executive Director of the Fort Wayne International Airport. “Alongside our ongoing and completed

terminal improvements, these thoughtful amenities make a difference in the lives of travelers every day. We are grateful for STAR's leadership and partnership in bringing this project to life."

The Gateway Lounge will operate during standard airport operating hours, with annual memberships available for frequent flyers and day passes on a first-come, first-served basis. This amenity is exclusive to Fort Wayne International Airport as part of FWA's continued commitment to enhancing the passenger experience. The lounge is owned and operated by the Airport Authority and is not restricted to any airline, credit card, or other airport lounge loyalty program.

For access to the lounge, passengers who fly frequently will be able to purchase an annual pass. Those interested in becoming members of the Gateway Lounge will be able to access information and sign up to join through FWA's website at fwairport.com/travelers/gatewaylounge. A registration portal will be live on the airport lounge page in the coming weeks. Access to the Lounge will be "self-serve" through a digital membership pass. The Gateway Lounge remains open with the terminal building and will be accessible prior to the first flight out in the morning, through the final arrival in the evening. The Gateway Lounge will be conveniently located next to FWA's newest, local food and beverage spaces to open - Hop River Brewing and Bon Bon's Coffee.

The Gateway Lounge is part of FWA's East Terminal Expansion and Renovation Project, under Project Gateway, which includes the West Terminal Expansion, Parking Lot Rehabilitation, Renewable Solar Energy Project, and Apron Improvement Projects.

More information including Gateway Lounge annual pass pricing and registration details will be available soon.

About STAR Financial Bank

[STAR Financial Bank](http://www.starfinancial.com), headquartered in Fort Wayne, Indiana, is committed to delivering quality financial expertise and distinctive banking solutions to exceed customer expectations. In addition, STAR Private Advisory offers private banking, investment and fiduciary services. STAR has grown to nearly \$3 billion in assets with locations across central and northeast Indiana. For more information, visit www.starfinancial.com.

Note: In all references to STAR, "STAR" should be in all caps, as the name STAR was derived from the first names of the early principals (Selah Wright, Thomas Marcuccilli, Arthur Hodson, and Ralph Marcuccilli).

About Fort Wayne-Allen County Airport Authority

The Fort Wayne-Allen County Airport Authority (FWACAA) was created in 1985 and is responsible for managing the Fort Wayne International Airport and Smith Field Airport. The airport authority is governed by a six-member board appointed by the Mayor of Fort Wayne and the Allen County Commissioners. Serving northeast Indiana and the surrounding region, FWA offers nonstop service to 13 cities on four airlines. In 2023, FWA served 795,750 passengers – a record year for passenger traffic. As a result of FWACAA's commitment to customer service, Fort Wayne International Airport was recognized by USA Today as one of the friendliest airports in the nation. For more information about the Fort Wayne-Allen County Airport Authority, visit www.FWAairport.com.

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