



## San Diego's Original Roast

San Diego International Airport travelers will soon be able to get their caffeine fix – and a fresh scone, muffin or cookie – from San Diego's original coffee roaster, Pannikin Coffee & Tea.

Pannikin first opened its doors in San Diego in 1968. The shop had a small coffee roaster, which founder Bob Sinclair used to roast high quality coffee beans. Pannikin quickly became known as the only place to get fresh roasted whole bean coffee in San Diego.

Responding to the demand for roasted coffee and tea, Sinclair relocated to a larger space in 1972, and expanded its coffee and tea menu. But in 1997, after more than 30 years in the business, Sinclair decided it was time to move on. When a sale to a large national chain fell through, Shawn and Carol Holder came on board to help Sinclair and see if the business was the right fit for them. Six months later, the Holders were owners of San Diego's premier coffee business.

The Holders proved to be a good team. The couple introduced fresh daily baking to the Pannikin business, starting out by mixing banana bread in a bucket with a paddle! Today, everything except the French pastries are made in-house from scratch, no mixes allowed. The same approach is taken in the kitchen. The food is hearty, healthy and made from scratch.

Fourteen years later, Pannikin Coffee and Tea, while still small, continues to thrive.

The Holders are proud to be part of the "local flavor" coming to San Diego International Airport.

"We're San Diegans," said Holder. "We've grown up here, our son works in the business and we're very excited to represent San Diego to the many travelers coming in and out of the airport."

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Flying Foods, a boutique, family-owned and operated company that manages airport concessions. Its airport locations will feature Pannikin's signature roasted coffee beans and baked goods. The batters and dough will be prepared from scratch in Encinitas and sent to the airport location for baking daily.

"The airport locations are a big deal for our little company," said Holder. "People are spending a lot more time at

the airport these days. Travelers have time to sit and enjoy a cup of coffee rather than just buy a cup and continue on their way. We're excited to bring them that experience."

The airport locations also mean more local jobs. The Holders are proud that most of their employees have been with them since they took on the business 14 years ago. And they look forward to adding many new members to their team to support the needs of the new airport locations.

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