



**Derryl Benton**  
***Chief Development Officer, North America***  
**Avolta**

Derryl Benton is Chief Development Officer, North America, of Avolta, the leading global travel retail and food & beverage player. Derryl was promoted to this role in 2023 following the business combination between Dufry and Autogrill, parent companies of Hudson and HMSHost, respectively. In this role, he is responsible for growing HMSHost, Hudson, and Dufry across the region.

Derryl previously served as Executive Vice President of Business Development at HMSHost where, through his leadership, the company won contracts that led to HMSHost growing to more than 1,000 dining venues in nearly 80 airports across North America, with operations in some of the busiest airports in the region and the world.

Prior to joining HMSHost in 2014, Derryl was Senior Vice President of Business Development at Hudson, where he was responsible for identifying and developing opportunities in North America and working with the company's Government Affairs team in maintaining relationships with the nation's city mayors, city councils, and other public officials.

Prior to Hudson, Derryl was Director of Concessions/Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) for the Greater Orlando Aviation Authority, where he oversaw the operations of a \$500-million concessions program which included rental cars, food & beverage, news, and specialty retail. In this role, he also administered the authority's small business procurement policies. Before becoming Director of Concessions, he was Director of Minority/Women Business Enterprise (M/WBE) Programs for the Authority, during which he received the Federal Aviation Administration's (FAA) DBE Liaison Officer Certification.

Derryl has served as Chair and Vice Chair of the Airports Council International – North America (ACI-NA) World Business Partners/Associates Board of Directors, and has been a member of the Airport Minority Advisory Council (AMAC) since 1994 when he entered the industry. In 2023, AMAC honored Derryl with the Charles "CJ" Johnson Award for his mentorship and leadership of the AMAC community and aviation industry.

Derryl received his education in Business Administration from Lake-Sumter State College and the University of Central Florida. Derryl resides with his wife Jackie in Maryland, and they are the parents of three grown children.