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[Chris "Ludacris" Bridges](#) now has a 90-seat restaurant at the world's busiest airport.

The Atlanta-based three-time Grammy Award-winning rapper turned Hollywood superstar, in partnership with Atlanta-based Jackmont Hospitality Inc., opened Chicken+Beer at Concourse D of Hartsfield-Jackson Atlanta International Airport with a soft launch Nov. 17.

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Ludacris and his manager Chaka Zulu.

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Hartsfield–Jackson told *Atlanta Business Chronicle* the restaurant will have its official opening in December.

The name of the restaurant comes from Ludacris' third studio album "Chicken-n-Beer," which was released by his and his manager's Atlanta-based label Disturbing tha Peace through Def Jam Recordings in 2003. The record has sold more than 3 million copies to date.

"It took me three years but it's finally coming to fruition," Ludacris said in a video posted to his Instagram [account](#). "...We are finally here, Chicken and Beer, I've seen it come from my third album, triple-platinum album, all the way to a restaurant."

Jackmont Hospitality said the restaurant is its second independently developed concept at Hartsfield–Jackson following One Flew South, which became the first airport restaurant in the U.S. to be a contender for the James Beard Award.

The foodservice management company is working with Chef [Todd Richards](#) and Sommelier Jerry Slater, both of whom were part the opening team at One Flew South. Chicken+Beer will feature dishes like battered catfish with corn edamame succotash and parsnip puree, and Luda's Chicken and Pecan Waffles with whiskey maple syrup and andouille sausage. It will also serve locally sourced beers from SweetWater Brewing Co., Terrapin Beer Co., Monday Night Brewing, Creature Comforts Brewery, Orpheus Brewing and Reformation Brewery.

"Chicken+Beer will speak to the distinctions of minorities in the hospitality industry and empower the cultural and social landscape not only in Atlanta, Ga., but internationally as part of the world's busiest airport," the company said.

Jackmont Hospitality CEO and co-founder Daniel Halpern specifically sought out Bridges' partnership to liaise with the Atlanta community and restaurant industry.

"For over 20 years, the Jackmont Hospitality name has been synonymous with delicious food, warm hospitality and a steadfast commitment to excellence," he said in a statement. "[Chris](#) is the quintessential advocate for Atlanta's rich culture and together we aim to introduce Chicken+Beer as a reflection of the city's character."

The partnership with Jackmont Hospitality isn't Ludacris' first with an Atlanta company. He recently partnered with Atlanta-based Roadie Inc.

Ludacris told *Atlanta Business Chronicle* in an April [interview](#) he partnered with the logistics service because he "wanted to take advantage of the thriving tech community that is here in Atlanta, Georgia, because it's our Silicon Valley."

"The business is definitely growing, which I'm happy to see because my business portfolio continues to expand and that's something I wanted to add to it," he said.



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