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**BRITISH AIRWAYS EXTENDS DECADE-PLUS PARTNERSHIP WITH SWISSPORT AT LARNACA INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT IN CYPRUS**

Swissport Cyprus secured a contract extension with its long-standing partner, British Airways, for airport ground services at Larnaca International Airport (LCA). The contract, which dates to 2008, covers complete airport ground services. Swissport also offers lounge hospitality for airline's passengers at Larnaca's airport.

Swissport, the largest airport ground services and air cargo handling company in Cyprus, has been serving British Airways at Larnaca International Airport (LCA) and Paphos International Airport (PFO) since 2008, the year Swissport was established in Cyprus.

"British Airways was one of the first clients of Swissport Cyprus, and we are thrilled to continue to serve the airline and the passengers," says Sofocles Tymvios, Managing Director Swissport Cyprus. "This long partnership has been built on trust and operational excellence provided by our professional and dedicated teams. It is truly an example of aligned goals of efficiency, reliability, and understanding between the airline and the handler."

Since the beginning of the partnership in 2008, Swissport teams have handled many British Airways aircraft types, including an iconic Boeing 767, now decommissioned. The aircraft, marveled by many aviation enthusiasts, touched down for the last time in Larnaca in November 2018 before making the final journey to Heathrow.

"Over a 15-year-long cooperation, almost 3.7 million passengers of British Airways were proudly served by Swissport Cyprus. Our teams ensured the swift and remarkable journey for each and every passenger, prioritizing passenger safety, comfort, and satisfaction," added Tymvios.

In Cyprus, Swissport operates at two international airports: Larnaca International Airport (LCA) and Paphos International Airport (PFO). The company provides passenger services, ramp and cargo handling, and executive aviation services. In addition, it operates a state-of-the-art hospitality lounge at the airport in Larnaca.

In 2022, Swissport International AG provided best-in-class airport ground services for some 186 million airline passengers (2021: 97 million) and handled roughly 4.8 million tons of air freight (2021: 5.1 million) at 117 air cargo centers worldwide. Several of its warehouses have been certified for pharmaceutical logistics by IATA's CEIV Pharma and by the British MHRA. The world's leader in airport ground services and air cargo handling, with currently around 56,000 employees, was active at 294 airports in 44 countries on six continents at the end of June 2023.

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