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SWISSPORT CONTINUES TO EXPAND IN ITALY: OPERATIONS AT MILAN CITY AIRPORT IN LINATE STARTING ON 1 OCTOBER

Just 12 weeks after starting up operations at Rome-Fiumicino airport in Italy's capital, Swissport is starting operations at Milan Linate, adding another leading European business hub to its vast and growing network. Swissport will provide passenger services from 1 October. Further expansion in Italy is planned.

Swissport has been awarded the ground handling business at Milan-Linate Airport, Italy, from Alitalia – Società Aerea Italiana S.p.A. in extraordinary administration – and will be providing airport ground handling services such as check-in, gate and boarding, airport lounge hospitality and lost & found services from 1 October 2022.

In Milan, Swissport will support ITA Airways with high-quality and efficient services. "We are honored to be serving ITA Airways at their national hub in Milan as well," says Marina Bottelli, Swissport's General Manager Italy. "This is a further step in our expansion strategy in Italy and we are very pleased to welcome 104 former Alitalia employees. Their professionalism will be the key to success for a reliable operation at Milan Linate."

On 14 July, Swissport began providing airport ground handling services at Italy's largest hub airport, Rome-Fiumicino. By the end of August, Swissport has already served over 900,000 passengers and handled 7,225 flights for 42 airlines at Fiumicino airport in Rome, Italy. Swissport successfully started in Italy, demonstrating from the start its ability to swiftly and reliably start up at any airport or to take over airport service providers with no disruption to operations, even with high passenger volumes during the summer travel season.

The planned expansion of its presence to other airports across Italy reflects Swissport's growth plan, which has seen the company transform from a small local player in Switzerland into the global leader of aviation services in just over 25 years. With Linate, Swissport now operates at 288 airports in 45 countries on six continents.

In 2021, Swissport International AG provided best-in-class airport ground services for some 97 million airline passengers (pre-COVID 2019: 265 million) and handled roughly 5.1 million tons of air freight (2019: 4.6 million) at over 120 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 48,000 employees, was active at 287 airports in 45 countries on six continents as of 14 July 2022.

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