

MEDIA RELEASE

WESTJET AWARDS SWISSPORT AIRPORT GROUND SERVICES BUSINESS ACROSS HAWAIIAN ISLANDS

WestJet and Swissport are expanding their cooperation in Hawaii. The Canadian airline now relies on Swissport's ground services at all four destinations it serves on the islands. The expansion also brings the addition of a new airport to Swissport's vast and growing global network: Kona Airport on the Big Island.

Swissport and WestJet are deepening their cooperation across the Hawaiian Islands. New to WestJet's network is Kona International Airport at Keāhole on the Big Island (KOA), where Swissport began providing services on 30 October. At KOA, Swissport is responsible for the ramp handling of aircraft, and, through its joint-venture Hallmark Aviation Services, also for the wellbeing of WestJet's passengers at check-in and boarding gates.

Following the successful servicing of WestJet's inaugural flight last Sunday, Swissport now serves Canada's second-largest airline at four destinations on the Hawaiian Islands. In addition to Kona, Swissport operates at Honolulu Airport on O'ahu (HNL); Kahului Airport on Maui (OGG); as well as Lihue Airport on the island of Kaua'i (LIH). WestJet and Swissport have recently extended all existing contracts for another two years.

"Thanks to our global network, Swissport is the best partner when airlines are looking to grow and expand their network with a reliable outsourcing partner for ground services," says Frank Mena, Chief Executive Officer and Managing Director of Swissport in North America. "We are grateful that WestJet is relying on our services at more and more destinations."

Overall, Swissport serves the Canadian carrier at a total of 13 airports in 5 countries, including the two hub airports Halifax and Quebec in WestJet's home market Canada.

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.

Media contacts

Swissport International AG, Group Communications, Stefan Hartung, P.O. Box, 8058 Zurich Airport, Switzerland
media@swissport.com, +41 43 815 00 22