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## **AIR ARABIA AGAIN CHOOSES SWISSPORT IN MOROCCO**

Air Arabia has renewed its commercial agreement with Swissport in Morocco. The Swiss market leader in aviation services provides its long-standing airline customer with ramp handling and passenger services at 12 airports across Morocco.

Swissport in Morocco has been successfully serving Air Arabia for over ten years. The carrier recently renewed the commercial agreement with the company for another term. The long-standing cooperation, which started with five airports in 2013, including Casablanca (CMN), Fes (FEZ), Tangier (TNG), Nador (NDR) and Marrakech (RAK), has since been extended to 12 airports across the country. Swissport operates at 15 Moroccan airports.

In 2022 Swissport handled over 9,600 aircraft of Air Arabia in Morocco alone and provided services to more than 1,088 million passengers, traveling to Europe, the Middle East, and domestic destinations.

"We are honored that Air Arabia has again chosen Swissport in Morocco as their partner for airport ground services," says Christian Zweifel, Managing Director Swissport Morocco. "Our cooperation is a decade long and we will continue to provide best-in-class services to support the growth of Air Arabia, in Morocco, and beyond."

Air Arabia, based in Sharjah, United Arab Emirates, is the largest low-cost carrier in the Middle East and North Africa. It operates from five main bases, including Mohamed V International Airport in Casablanca, Morocco, from where it provides flights to domestic Moroccan and international destinations.

Swissport started operations in Morocco in 2012. With nearly 1,000 employees, Swissport today operates at 15 airports across the country, providing ramp handling, passenger services, and executive aviation services to 19 international airlines, handling on average of 3,300 flights per week.

At its headquarters in Casablanca, Swissport Morocco offers Centralized Load Control, a weight and balance solution that significantly reduces operational costs for airlines and improve passenger safety.

Swissport is also a leader in green and sustainable operations, especially electric Ground Support Equipment (GSE). At Casablanca's Mohammed V International Airport, 22 percent of Swissport's GSE fleet is electric. This number is set to increase to 29 percent. These efforts are fully in line with extensive sustainability goals set by

the company in September 2022, including the increase of the share of electrically powered vehicles in company's fleet to at least 55% by 2032 and cutting CO2 emissions by at least 42% over the same period.

The company promotes education of young talents in aviation, recognizing the importance of engaging with students and graduates. Last year, Swissport in Morocco signed a Cooperation Agreement with the Mohammed VI International Academy of Civil Aviation, providing the platform for knowledge and experience exchange.

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. At the end of 2022, the world's leader in airport ground services and air cargo handling, with currently around 50,000 employees, was active at 292 airports in 45 countries on six continents.

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