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## MEDIA RELEASE SWISSPORT ACCELERATES THE GLOBAL EXPANSION OF ITS ASPIRE LOUNGE BUSINESS WITH NEW LOUNGES IN THE U.S.

Aspire Airport Lounges, a division of Swissport International AG, is adding three more lounges in the United States. A newly refurbished lounge in San Diego, California, already opened its doors. Two more lounges will follow in Ontario, California, in mid-May. With these additional facilities, Swissport will operate 64 lounges worldwide.

Swissport is accelerating the global expansion of its Aspire Airport Lounges brand. With the opening of four lounges in Perth (Australia), Manchester (UK), Geneva (Switzerland) and Kilimanjaro (Tanzania) between January and March, and now three additional lounges in the U.S., the Aspire network will grow to 64 locations worldwide by the end of May, giving the brand a growing and increasingly visible presence at airports around the world.

The fully refurbished former Airspace Lounge at San Diego International Airport, California, opened its doors on 19 February as an Aspire Lounge. It is accessible to all passengers departing from Terminal 2. In addition, two more Aspire lounges will open their doors on 19 May at Terminals 2 and 4 at Ontario International Airport, one of the airports serving the Los Angeles metropolitan area in Southern California.

"We are excited to bring our renowned Aspire lounge brand to the U.S. with three carefully refurbished lounges. The opening of the San Diego and Ontario lounges mark an important milestone in the expansion of our global lounge network," says Nick Ames, Head of Lounges North America. "The three U.S. Aspire lounges are open to all travelers irrespective of travel class or airline and offer a dedicated space to relax, refresh and recharge before a flight."

The San Diego lounge accommodates up to 126 visitors and features floor-to-ceiling windows that offer exceptional views of the busy airfield. The new delicatessen counter houses the central buffet with a wide selection of food and beverages. The lounge also includes shower facilities and a fully equipped business area where travelers can work in peace and privacy with charging facilities and free Wi-Fi.

Ontario's Aspire lounges, both set to open on 19 May, will be located in Terminals 2 and 4 and will be able to accommodate 64 and 54 guests respectively. Each lounge impresses with excellent views of the airfield and will offer a quiet environment where guests can relax before their flight. The usual Aspire lounge amenities, such as tabletop charging and free Wi-Fi, are available. The breakfast, lunch and dinner menus include fresh pancakes, smoked bacon and sausages in the morning and a selection of salads, soups and a variety of hot dishes in the





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afternoon and evening. The Aspire Lounge in Terminal 2 will be open from 5 a.m. - 1 p.m. and from 8 a.m. - 11 p.m. (and until 12 a.m. on Wednesdays). The lounge in Terminal 4 will be open from 5 a.m. to 6 p.m. daily. The lounge is open to all passengers for an admission fee of \$45 per adult.

Visits can be pre-booked at www.aspirelounges.com. All Aspire Lounges accept various entry methods, including eligible American Express cardholders, Priority Pass, and Dragonpass. Each U.S. Aspire Lounge offers a discounted "thank you" rate for military and emergency personnel of \$32 per adult.

Swissport currently operates some 64 lounges at 38 airports worldwide and welcomes more than 5 million passengers per year.

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 100 air cargo centers worldwide. Several of its air cargo centers 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 45,000 employees, was active at 285 airports in 45 countries on six continents at the end of 2021.

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