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## **A brand new core for Terminals 2A and 2C at Paris-Charles de Gaulle Airport**

### ***A more comfortable, streamlined experience for Aéroports de Paris customers***

This morning Aéroports de Paris Deputy CEO, François Rubichon unveiled the AC connecting building, the new facility that will transform passengers experience in Terminals 2A and 2C at Paris-Charles de Gaulle Airport.

The first step in a vast renovation project for Terminals 2A and 2C, the 16,600 m<sup>2</sup> connecting building now links up the two terminals, offering passengers significant gains in time and comfort.

The central building –the fruit of a 71 million-euro investment– will ultimately handle more than 5 million passengers a year.

*"We wanted to make the connecting building between Terminals 2A and 2C into a premium showcase for Aéroports de Paris' know-how, and show people what the future looks like for Paris-Charles de Gaulle Airport," says Aéroports de Paris Deputy CEO François Rubichon. "We deliberately opted for a daring architecture, which now offers a brand new shopping space with leading Parisian brand names. Our ambition is to give our passengers a totally new kind of travel experience".*



### **Making things clearer for the passenger: one floor, one function**

Designed to facilitate passenger orientation, the AC connecting building is also an opportunity to completely rethink the way these two terminals –housing mainly Oneworld Alliance airlines– are operated.

- After check-in, either at Terminal 2A or 2C, passengers are directed to the large area dedicated exclusively to passenger control, on the ground level of the building. With its 14 Police checkpoints (passport control) and 14 security checkpoints, this 3,400m<sup>2</sup> space will reduce the time required to go through border controls;

- Passengers then advance to Level 1, with its shops, bars, restaurants and Parisian boutiques. They will walk through the largest retail area ever opened at a Paris airport (1,300 m<sup>2</sup>), built in the style of a department store. After that they can stroll down the "Avenue", where the finest luxury brands and gourmet restaurants stand side by side, in the image of the Avenue Montaigne in Paris;



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**A chic pre-flight shopping moment**

A range of prestigious brands enables passengers to prolong the Parisian shopping experience until boarding. The line-up already includes the chic boutiques of such big-name brands as Bulgari, Burberry, Gucci, Hermès, Prada, Rolex and, shortly, Dior. And for gastronomic delights, passengers can choose between Fauchon, Ladurée, Caviar House and Maison du Chocolat.

- Passengers will then move on to the boarding lounges of Terminal 2A or 2C, depending on their destination;
- On Level 2, airlines' VIP customers will soon be able to enjoy 3,300 m<sup>2</sup> of lounge space with a view over the runways.

**A daring architectural approach**

Aéroports de Paris has opted for a futuristic external architecture, with a façade covered in light-reflecting bands of metal. This choice was based on a number of criteria: its plasticity, its flexibility and its role as both "sunscreen" and decoration. "The AC connecting building seen from the outside looks like a huge "drape", a live stage curtain capturing the quality of light and changing skies around Ile de France" explains François Tamisier, Chief Architect of Aéroports de Paris.

Once inside, passengers discover a light, elegant setting. At each step along the way, they can look out through large picture windows that let in daylight and provide a view of the planes.

Particular care was taken with the decoration, which features the spectacular "Mercury" lamp by designer Ross Lovegrove for Artemide. *"A suspended lighting installation that is at the same time majestic, subtle and poetic, and which creates an effect of surprise at the very heart of the new shopping area,"* says Aéroports de Paris Senior Architect Marc Fidelle.

**The on-going transformation of Terminals 2A and 2C**

The connecting building is the first step in a total renovation of Terminals 2A and 2C, to be completed in the second half of 2013. At the end of 2012, in Terminal 2A, Aéroports de Paris will offer its passengers a renovated boarding lounge and a new 1,000m<sup>2</sup> arrivals hall.

In the 2nd half of 2013, the revamping will conclude with the renovation of the terminals' public areas. The work on these terminals, including the new connecting building, represents an investment of 104 million euros.

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**About Aéroports de Paris**

Aéroports de Paris builds, develops and manages airports including Paris-Charles de Gaulle, Paris-Orly and Paris-Le Bourget. In 2011, Aéroports de Paris handled more than 88 million passengers and almost 2.5 million tons of freight and mail. With an exceptional geographic location and a major catchment area, the Group is pursuing its strategy of adapting and modernizing its terminal facilities and upgrading quality of services, and also intends to develop its retail and real estate business. In 2011, the group revenue stood at €2,502 million and the net income at €348 million.