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Meridiam and its partner Munich Airport awarded Sofia Airport concession

The Supreme Administrative Court of Bulgaria just upheld the decision of the Commission for Protection of Competition of 14 November 2019 confirming the selection of Meridiam and its partner Munich airport as concessionaire for Sofia Airport, by the Ministry of Transport.



The investment embedded in this 35-year long-term public-private partnership will contribute to Bulgaria's economic rebound post Covid-19 crisis and support the Bulgarian government and local authorities to achieve significant regional benefits in social, economic and environmental aspects.

The airport will develop new standards of carbon accreditation and environmental standards – serving as benchmark for other airports and industries aiming at becoming an enabler of social, economic, environmental and inclusive growth that contributes to Sofia and Bulgaria.

With a proven experience in the airport sector and an existing portfolio of landmark airports including LaGuardia Central Terminal (New York, USA), Queen Alia International (Jordan) or Ivato and Nosy Bé (Madagascar), Meridiam intends to set the ground for a sustainable success story with the new Sofia Airport. Meridiam has committed to work with the entire aviation sector to achieve the reduction of carbon emissions as part of its mission.

Munich Airport will provide all its knowledge, expertise, best practices and market outreach, especially in terms of airline marketing, route development, passenger experience, smart airport development, airport city development and operational efficiency.

About Meridiam

Meridiam was founded in 2005 by Thierry Déau, with the belief that the alignment of interests between the public and private sector can provide critical solutions to the collective needs of communities. Meridiam is an independent investment Benefit Corporation under French law and an asset manager. The firm specializes in the development, financing, and long-term management of sustainable public infrastructure in three core sectors: mobility, energy transition and environment, and social infrastructure. With offices in, Addis Ababa, Amman, Dakar, Istanbul, New York, Luxembourg, Paris, Toronto and Vienna, Meridiam currently manages US\$8 billion and more than 80 projects and assets to date. Meridiam is certified ISO 9001: 2015, ISO 26000 "Advanced" by VigeoEiris and applies a proprietary methodology in relation to ESG and impact based on United Nations' Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). www.meridiam.com  [Meridiam](#)  [Meridiam](#)

About Munich Airport

Founded in 1949, Flughafen München GmbH (FMG) operates the Munich Airport, which was opened on May 17, 1992 at its current location. FMG's shareholders are the Free State of Bavaria with 51%, the Federal Republic of Germany with 26%, and the state capital Munich with 23%. With 22 subsidiaries and affiliated companies, FMG employs around 10,000 people across the Group. Munich Airport is also among the largest workplaces in Bavaria with a total of over 38,000 employees at approximately 520 companies. Within a few years after starting operations, Munich Airport developed into one of the most important air transportation hubs and firmly established itself among Europe's ten busiest airports. Munich Airport offers flight connections to over 250 destinations worldwide. In 2019, Bavaria's gateway to the world counted around 417,000 flights with 47.9 million passengers. Bavaria's gateway to the world is the first and only European airport to date to be awarded the quality seal of "5 Star Airport" by the renowned London-based Skytrax Institute. With a history of more than 67 years in airport planning and management, the operator of Munich Airport (FMG) is an attractive partner for consultancy, management and training services vis-à-vis numerous airports around the world. By now, FMG has over 27 years of international management and operational experience with a proven track record of successfully delivered projects across all geographies and cultures. The experts of FMG provide tailor made full airport lifecycle services, including planning/design, project management, operational readiness and airport transfer

(ORAT), operational start-up, airport operation management, commercial development, customer experience, process reengineering, training services and overall airport management. www.munich-airport.de/international

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