

Thales Plays Pivotal Role in Securing Muscat International Airport's New Terminal

- The new, highly modernised terminal of Muscat International Airport is now fully operational using state-of-the-art security technologies provided by Thales
- Muscat International Airport expected to manage 20 million passengers per year and 177 flights per day.
- Thales's global security expertise complements its successful references in major international hubs across the MENA region



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Following the opening of the new, highly modernised terminal of Muscat International Airport in March 2018, passengers are benefitting from enhanced operations and overall security experience thanks to Thales. This new expansion was aimed to service the 17% increase in passenger arrivals per annum. Ensuring the realisation of state-of-the-art technology for operations and security infrastructure was of the utmost importance to the Ministry of Transport and Communication of Oman, which is why they selected Thales, a key international player in security, to fulfil their big ambitions.

Recent reports state that the airport witnessed a growth in annual passenger arrivals of 17% in 2017 to 14 million compared to 2016. Following the latest expansion, including the new 580,000 square metres terminal, the airport is now fully equipped to manage 20 million annual visitors, helping the Sultanate realise their goals in line with their National Strategy for Tourism 2040. This growth in visitor arrivals is complemented by an increase in aircraft movement, with Oman Air announcing the addition of new routes and fleet to serve Europe and North Africa.

Thales, a major provider of integrated security and telecommunications solutions for critical infrastructures, has successfully met the demand for enhanced security at the new airport thanks to its role as master system integrator for the implementation of the integrated security management solutions.

The state-of-the-art technologies provided by Thales, focus on the Airport Operation Control Centres and include an advanced perimeter intrusion detection system, video surveillance system with video analytics, access control, screening equipment, E-gates, security check points, as well as a full Airport IT suite that manages airport operations supported by an information broker to handle integration and communications between systems. The infrastructure is complemented by fully redundant data centres, including the server farms and the storage area network, access and backbone network as well as trunked radio systems and network security appliances to ensure high performance, reliability and quality of services.

All systems provided by Thales at Muscat International Airport have gone through a total of 45 operational readiness tests, incorporating over 26,000 participants, successfully meeting and surpassing all expectations and standards.

“We are delighted to have partnered with Muscat International Airport to meet the needs for integrated security and operations protocols at the new airport. Through our industry leading solutions, we are ensuring efficient operations and the safety and security of the overall infrastructure as well as that of the passengers. We’d like to thank the Authorities in Oman, the Ministry of Transport and Communication of Oman (MOTC) and Public Authority for Civil Aviation (PACA) as due to our partnership we are able to continue supporting their efforts in the development of major infrastructure projects within the country.” **Roger Daix**, VP of Thales Middle East

This successful implementation is the latest in a long list of projects confirming Thales’s position as a leader in Airport Master System Integration and airport security and operational solutions. Thales secures some of the main high-profile state-of-the-art critical infrastructures such as the JFK airport in New York, Paris and Lyon. Also present within the MENA region, Thales secures the airports in Dubai, Doha and now Oman.

About Thales

The people we all rely on to make the world go round – they rely on Thales. Our customers come to us with big ambitions: to make life better, to keep us safer. Combining a unique diversity of expertise, talents and cultures, our architects design and deliver extraordinary high technology solutions. Solutions that make tomorrow possible, today. From the bottom of the oceans to the depth of space and cyberspace, we help our customers think smarter and act faster - mastering ever greater complexity and every decisive moment along the way. With 65,000 employees in 56 countries, Thales reported sales of €15.8 billion in 2017.

Notes to editors:

Thales is a world leader in air traffic management, avionics, airspace surveillance and airport security, and a valued partner for all the stakeholders in the civil aviation sector.

With a full range of products, systems and services, we offer complete, integrated solutions tailored to each airport’s needs. Thales airport security solutions are modular, scalable and intelligent. They are designed from the outset to accommodate new procedures and technologies as they emerge.

Thales solutions meet the needs of airport operators, security services, regulators and airlines and are ideal for existing systems as well as new airport projects. They provide end-to-end security management of airport infrastructure, operations, data, passengers and personnel to boost overall operational efficiency. Thales has already provided airport security solutions in Doha, Paris, Lyon, Bahrein, New-York and Oman.

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