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Saudi Arabia supporting operational readiness of Saudia and Flyadeal airlines in the new Jeddah Airport terminal

Egis was attributed a contract to provide assistance to Saudia airline and its subsidiary Flyadeal in transitioning to their new facilities at King Abdulaziz International Airport (KAIA) in Jeddah. This is indeed a complex shift with operational efficiency as major target.

New facilities at a new terminal



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King Abdulaziz International Airport (KAIA) in Jeddah has recently been undergoing major works that will initially expand the airport capacity from 13 to 30 million annual passengers. KAIA's expansion is a huge and complex project that will be conducted in 3 phases until 2035, with a final target capacity of 80 million annual passengers.

In 2018, the planned opening of a new terminal with 46 gates for international and domestic flights will clearly impact and improve how airlines work and operate to and from the airport. In order to prepare Saudia and Flyadeal for operational readiness and transfer (ORAT) at the new terminal and to ensure that the move is managed successfully, Egis will support the two airlines through specific consultancy services, from project planning through to post-opening support.

Managing a successful transition

The scope of works includes a gap analysis and assessment of Saudia's current status in relation to requirements and readiness within the new terminal that includes people, processes, and IT; an assessment of Saudia and Flyadeal business strategy in relation to the facilities; planning assistance for operation readiness including training, familiarisation, testing and trials; and support through the post-opening period.

In order to achieve a successful and smooth transfer to the new terminal, Egis will work closely with Saudia's Project Management Office (PMO). Also, this will require coordination with many stakeholders at the airport, including the Civil Aviation Authority (GACA), the airport operator (Changi Airport Group), the contractor (Saudi Bin Laden Group), the construction manager (Dar-Al-Handasah), Saudia subsidiaries, and government agencies involved such as immigration or Customs.

"We are particularly honoured to provide our support to Saudia and Flyadeal in this complex and challenging project. Our team will make sure to closely assist Saudia and Flyadeal to meet their expectations until operations at the new terminal run like business as usual" says Egis Aviation Middle East Director Jacques Khoriaty..

A global approach with strong operational expertise

Egis is recognised internationally for its airport consulting and engineering capabilities. This expertise is also backed by the strength of a 17 airports network across the globe. As an investor and airport operator Egis has the capacity to bring added-value in airport operation, development and management as well. Building on this unique blend of expertise Egis focuses on operational performance in every project.

About the Egis group

€1 Bn managed turnover in 2016
13,800 employees



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