

# Aviator Airport Alliance Europe signs letter of intent with SAS

## Press release

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Aviator Airport Alliance Europe has today signed a letter of intent with SAS, concerning taking responsibility for the SAS Ground Handling operations at the major Scandinavian airports Oslo Gardemoen, Copenhagen, Arlanda, Malmö and Gothenburg. The letter of intent gives Aviator the exclusive right to work during the autumn period towards reaching a final agreement on the transaction. Both parties have a joint ambition to work towards a quick process, while simultaneously respecting the complexity that comes of a transaction of this size.

*“The signing of the letter of intent represents a very exciting opportunity for Aviator. We look forward to a continued constructive dialogue with SAS”*, comments Paul Synnott, CEO Aviator Airport Alliance Europe AB

Aviator was founded December 2010 through the acquisition of Swedish company Nordic Aero, and the two Norwegian companies Røros Flyservice and Norport Ground Handling. As a result of Aviator’s ambition to keep on growing, in 2011 the company purchased Danish companies Novia and Sturup Handling. In 2014 Aviator entered into the UK and increased in the Finnish market by purchasing the ground handling operations at London-Gatwick, Newcastle airport and Helsinki-Vantaa airport from Servisair. The Swissport operations at Birmingham were also acquired at the same time. Since the second quarter 2015, Manchester and Edinburgh are included in the Aviator family.

By constantly working towards Aviator’s vision of becoming the world’s greatest provider of Aviation Services recognised for its dedication to Efficiency, Safety and Innovation, the company now covers eighteen airports in the Nordic area and five major airports in the UK.

Aviator has its head office in Stockholm, Sweden and is majority owned by the investment fund Accent Equity 2008. In 2014, the Group recorded a turnover of approximately EUR 230m.

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