

Press Release

New version of Amadeus e-Travel Management enhances personalised travel experience for the corporate traveller

Madrid, Spain, 09 July 2007: Amadeus, a global leader in technology and distribution solutions for the travel and tourism industry, today launched the latest version of Amadeus e-Travel Management. Version 10.2 provides travellers with increased functionality to make booking travel a more personalised and improved travel experience, adding access to a wider range of local customised services and saving time for the traveller.

Conveniently access localised services in one go

The new version includes a section where travel managers can give users access to external local providers within the corporate travel programme. This can be used to conveniently access localised services such as restaurants, car services and independent hotels in a specific location. Using the tool is also more time efficient as travellers need only log in once – rather than visiting a different homepage for each provider using different log in details each time. It also has a new auto-complete function that provides an instant predictive list of city, airport or rail station locations from which to select. Flight searches can be conducted by arrival time which assists travel itinerary planning.

A new 'Vendor Exclusion Wizard' allows the travel manager to exclude up to 50 air, car, or hotel providers which do not conform to their travel management, environment and corporate social responsibility policies. Once a vendor has been excluded, employees booking their travel online through v10.2 will not receive future recommendations from that supplier.

Enables access to carbon-offset providers

The new version also allows companies considering how best to reduce their carbon footprint to link to online carbon-offset providers of their choice. Using new functionality, v10.2 enables a direct link to be put in place to selected carbon management suppliers so that travellers can choose to measure the environmental impact of individual journeys against their corporate environmental policy.

Manages unused air tickets better to minimise significant losses

The 'unused ticket indicator' feature allows companies to see clearly in real-time how many purchased air tickets have not been used by employees. Air ticket refunds are often complex and differ depending on regional markets across the globe. This valuable information can help companies based in, or with significant travel spend to or from the United States and United Kingdom, to see how much they are losing out by not

effectively managing unused air tickets and to put policies in place to minimise otherwise significant losses to the travel budget.

Commenting on these latest and most personalised version of Amadeus e-Travel Management, **Marcos Isaac, Director of Corporate & Distribution Channels, for Amadeus said;** “This latest version of Amadeus e-Travel Management is the next step forward in helping to make the booking process a far more ‘tailor-made’, improved travel experience. Access to many different local and external services for users makes the overall experience far more bespoke and therefore helps to drive up adoption rates”.

He added; “Through the unused ticket indicator, companies might also chose to re-evaluate whether the booking of non-refundable tickets makes financial sense and to manage overall travel budgets more cost-effectively.”

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Notes to the editors

Amadeus is the chosen technology partner for providers, sellers, and buyers of travel. The company provides distribution, IT and point-of-sale solutions to help its customers adapt, grow and succeed in the fast changing travel industry. Customer groups include **travel providers** (airlines, hotels, car rental companies, railway companies, ferry lines, cruise lines, insurance companies and tour operators), **travel sellers** (travel agencies) and **travel buyers** (corporations and travellers). Solutions are grouped in four solution categories – **Distribution & Content**, **Sales & e-Commerce**, **Business Management** and **Services & Consulting**.

Solutions for corporations

In e-commerce, Amadeus is the global leader in online travel technology and corporate travel management solutions. It services travel agencies in 90 countries, and powers the websites of over 1,000 corporations and more than 70 airlines and hotels. **Amadeus e-Travel Management** is an online travel booking solution to help corporations manage their travel policy more efficiently. Both Amadeus and its partners enable corporations to integrate all the elements of their global travel programmes, into one easy-to-use and easy-to-administrate solution. Customers include Altria, Cemex, Daimler Chrysler, Ericsson, Huntsman, Nestlé, Total and Thales.

Amadeus has central sites in Madrid (corporate headquarters & marketing), Nice (development) and Erding (Operations – data processing centre) and regional offices in Miami, Buenos Aires and Bangkok. At market level, Amadeus maintains customer operations in 76 countries covering more than 215 markets.

The company is majority owned by WAM Acquisition, whose shareholders are BC Partners, Cinven, Air France, Iberia and Lufthansa. Amadeus employs nearly 7,600 employees worldwide, representing 95 nationalities.

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