

Press Release

New version of Amadeus e-Travel Management balances corporations' global and local needs

- Guest traveller functionality allows travel to be booked for temporary workers, or clients, without creating a customer profile
- Hotel booking back-up rules offer travellers greater flexibility within corporate guidelines
- One-way fare air display increases choice and flexibility in the Australian market

Madrid, Spain, 20 September 2006: Amadeus, a global leader in technology and distribution solutions for the travel and tourism industry, today announced the latest release of Amadeus e-Travel Management which balances corporations' global and local needs.

"Meeting the evolving needs of our customers is an essential part of being a technology partner. The latest Amadeus e-Travel Management release is testament to our continued dedication to provide flexibility and localised content to our corporate customers across the world, ensuring that the solution is readily-tailored to specific market requirements," says Jérôme Destors, Commercial Director, Amadeus e-Travel.

The "guest traveller" functionality, available to corporations around the world, allows companies to arrange travel for clients, consultants and job applicants without completing a full, permanent profile. This important addition saves time and makes it easier for corporate travel departments to accommodate the growing reliance on temporary employees.

Destors adds: "Our corporate customers tell us they are increasingly reliant on consultants and contractors who need to travel but don't need a full profile in the corporate booking tool, so we implemented "guest traveller" functionality. This constant dialogue and involvement of our customers in our development process underlines Amadeus' claim to be the technology partner for the travel industry."

Amadeus e-Travel Management now also allows travel managers to prioritise elements of the corporate travel policy for hotels. As well as the standard rules, travel managers can now set

“back-up” rules for hotel bookings. The solution will first attempt to obtain availability results that match the high priority rules. If none are returned, the lower priority rules will be applied.

The key to offering a truly global solution is local understanding. Corporate travel managers in Australia were looking for flexible one-way combinable fares from a corporate booking solution. Amadeus e-Travel Management is now able to answer this local market need by incorporating a one-way air display with combinable fares in the Australian market. More fare options are displayed per flight, including a greater number of fare options for web search. The traveller is able to combine any fare type, including full service carrier flights taken from the distribution system with web search options within the same reservation, giving travellers a higher degree of flexibility and choice when booking their flights. The one-way air display will become a standard functionality of the e-Travel Management solution and will be available globally in 2007.

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Notes to the editors

Amadeus is a 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 & Consultancy**.

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, Thales and Siemens.

The company is owned by WAM Acquisition, whose shareholders are BC Partners, Cinven, Air France, Iberia and Lufthansa. Amadeus employs nearly 6,700 employees worldwide, representing 95 nationalities.

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