

Press Release

Amadeus Cars, first to achieve 100% e-Voucher

Since 01 January 2009, those travel agents using the payment by voucher option for car rental benefit from a 100% paper-free solution

Madrid, Spain, 12 January 2009 – Amadeus, the leading provider of technology to the travel and tourism industry, becomes the first in the car rental industry to achieve 100% e-Voucher for its car rental reservations worldwide as of 01 January 2009.

Back in October 1996, Amadeus was the first and only Travel Distribution Company to offer a global paper voucher solution for car rentals. Ten years later, in December 2006, Amadeus pioneered the launch of the e-Voucher and following the path initiated by the airline industry, Amadeus takes the next step forward and moves to greener, more efficient processes for travel agencies with the full withdrawal of the traditional paper vouchers.

Amadeus Cars e-Voucher is an electronic means of payment for car rentals. Just as the e-ticket has transformed the airline industry, the e-Voucher saves car rental companies money as they no longer need to print and distribute pre-printed forms to travel agents. In addition, customers no longer need to show any paperwork as proof of reservation and/or payment when attending at the car rental counter.

With Amadeus Cars e-Vouchers, some 99,000 travel agencies and 34,000 airline sales offices using the Amadeus system worldwide can benefit from a faster, more efficient and reliable booking process for car rental, bringing savings in terms of time and money. Amadeus Cars e-Voucher also permits a higher level of flexibility for travel agencies to accommodate last minute and same day bookings.

Marcos Isaac, Director, Travel Services Business Group, Amadeus, commented: “With the complete withdrawal of paper vouchers, Amadeus takes the lead as the technology partner for the car rental industry. Just as we did when we launched Amadeus Cars e-Voucher, we are providing the technology to bring benefits to travellers, travel agents and car rental providers.”

Elaine Cottrell, Distribution Systems Manager, Avis Europe commented: "Avis Europe is delighted to have implemented Amadeus Cars e-Voucher globally. This functionality is a great benefit for travel agents as it provides them with the ability to pay for their reservation without having to produce a voucher at the rental counter."

Amadeus Cars offers 24 global car rental companies in 36,000 rental locations in more than 250 destinations. With Amadeus Cars, car rental providers can sell their content from a single point in real-time to both online and offline travel agencies in a cost-efficient way.

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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**.

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 217 markets.

The company is majority owned by WAM Acquisition, whose shareholders are BC Partners, Cinven, Air France, Iberia and Lufthansa. Amadeus employs over 8,600 employees worldwide, representing 105 nationalities.

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