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IRELAND

Regional airports in Donegal, Kerry, and Ireland West (Knock) will receive over EUR 5.6 million in government funding for the Regional Airports Programme 2021-2025. The funding supports capital investment in these airports' safety, security, and sustainability projects. The allocations are EUR 1.299 million for Donegal, EUR 0.681 million for Kerry, and EUR 3.666 million for Ireland West. These investments will help the airports meet carbon reduction targets and enhance climate resilience. Significant projects include ground lighting at Donegal Airport, runway remediation and new security equipment at Kerry Airport, a new fire tender and fire training centre at Ireland West Airport, and the upgrade to electric vehicles at Kerry and Ireland West. #1216.1

UNITED KINGDOM

Leeds Bradford Airport (LBA) has initiated construction on a new terminal regeneration project named LBA:REGEN, with a budget of GBP 100 million (USD 125 million). This project aims to transform the current terminal into a modern and sustainable facility, improving the passenger experience and promoting regional economic growth. The expansion includes a three-storey, 9,500-square-meter extension and a comprehensive refurbishment of existing structures. Enhancements will feature additional aircraft stands, increased seating, expedited security processes, new retail and dining options, and expanded baggage and immigration areas. The development also addresses improved accessibility for passengers with reduced mobility. Phase 1 of construction, managed by Farrans Construction, focuses on new UK Border Force facilities and expanded retail and departure lounge areas. The entire project is slated for completion in 2026. Additionally, the project contributes to the airport's goal of achieving net zero carbon emissions by incorporating advanced energy-efficient systems and encouraging the use of quieter, more efficient aircraft. #1216.2

Nico Bezuidenhout, the chief executive of Aurigny, has expressed support for extending the runway at Alderney Airport, stating it makes "financial sense" for the airline and the island. However, he has voiced frustration over the delays in the planning process, which are affecting the cost implications of the project.

The States of Guernsey initially backed a GBP 24 million (USD 29 million) proposal in 2022 to extend the runway to at least 1,050 meters to accommodate larger aircraft, and a planning application for the runway, **along with a new passenger terminal** and fire station, was published in late 2023. Despite the perceived benefits, the plans have caused a split among politicians. Some deputies in Guernsey have opposed continuing the work. At the same time, politicians in Alderney are concerned about the project's future after the election of Lyndon Trott, a critic of the extension, as President of the Policy and Resources Committee. The discussion around extending Guernsey's runway remains ongoing, with a report on the options published in 2020. #1216.3

GERMANY

Hamburg Airport has initiated the "HAMUpgrade" program to enhance airport facilities and services in the coming years. The program, led by Managing Director Christian Kunsch, focuses on technical upgrades, increased staffing, modernisation efforts, and heightened cleanliness. Key initiatives include expanding the Slot & Fly service, which allows passengers to reserve security checkpoint slots for free—now with 50% more slots available. All baggage machines will also have hand scanners to simplify passenger handling.

Over the next three years, the airport plans to invest over EUR 10 million in renovations and upgrades, including new elevators, escalators, revolving doors, and sanitary facilities. Other improvements include more CT scanners at security, enhanced passenger control systems, better waiting time displays, self-service bag drops, sustainable recruiting for ground services, increased cleaning budgets, quicker repairs, additional water dispensers, and revamped seating and play areas.

These measures are part of a broader exploration of further enhancements to the airport's infrastructure and services. #1216.4

Fraport has launched its CargoHub Masterplan, enabling the Frankfurt hub to accommodate a projected three million metric tons of cargo by 2040—a 50% increase from the peak in 2021. The CargoHub Masterplan focuses on three key areas: digitisation and process innovation, space optimisation, and space development.

Digitisation: The plan includes introducing advanced digitised processes to improve efficiency and the Cargo Community System, developed in partnership with DAKOSY. This system provides real-time data and management options to streamline operations.

Space optimisation: Fraport plans to redesign and develop existing spaces inside CargoCity South. The plan is to swap flight operations areas and cargo spaces to free up 43,000 m² of additional cargo space directly connecting to the apron. The move will also create 20,000 m² of additional space for ground handling and special services. Under the plan, the 18 affected aircraft positions will remain available in the future, albeit under a new arrangement.

Space Development: Fraport is also planning to expand its capacities for logistics handling, particularly to meet the needs of cargo. The vision is for a new LogisticsHub West that draws on sustainable, digitised, and smart infrastructure to be built on the site of the former Ticona plant on the airport's western flank.

The development is to happen in two stages: From 2028, logistics facilities, including up to 150,000 m² of warehouse space, will be made available on a site totalling around 250,000 m². Operational facilities for other airport functions will occupy a further 35,000 m².

Due to its proximity to the Northwest Runway, the location also offers the potential for a connection to the airport's airside area. In the long term, after 2030, LogisticsHub West could also be developed into a trimodal hub that includes road, rail, and air connections. #1216.5

SPAIN

Terminal 1 (T1) at Barcelona's El Prat Airport is set to undergo a major renovation, marking the largest project at the airport since its last expansion in 2009. Aena, the Spanish airport operator, has launched a tender for the project's design with an initial budget of EUR 16 million solely for the technical design phase. The overall cost of the renovation is expected to run into hundreds of millions of euros and will take approximately two years to complete.

One of the key features of the remodel will be the relocation of Joan Miró's mural from Terminal 2 to the new façade of T1, an unprecedented move given the artwork's size and significance. The redesign will also include the installation of advanced security scanners that will allow passengers to pass through checks without needing to remove liquids or laptops from their bags, aimed at enhancing the flow and

reducing the hassle at security checkpoints. Additionally, the facade and the central roof of T1 will be expanded, and certain areas will be covered. The family of the terminal architect, Ricardo Bofill, who died in 2022, will be consulted to ensure the preservation of the terminal's design integrity.

The **commencement of construction is planned between the end of this year and early 2025**, with the aim of accommodating the increasing passenger traffic, which is approaching its annual capacity limit of 55 million. This renovation moves forward independently of the broader expansion plans for El Prat, which have been stalled due to political issues. The tender documents can be found [here](#). #1216.6

Aena, the Spanish airport operator, has confirmed plans to resume the expansion project of Bilbao's airport, 'La Paloma,' with work expected to begin between 2027 and 2031. This decision comes after a previous expansion plan was halted four years ago due to the COVID-19 pandemic. The airport, designed by architect Santiago Calatrava and opened in 2000, has reached near its operational limit, handling 6.33 million passengers in 2023, close to its 6.4 million capacity. The expansion is necessary to accommodate future growth in air traffic, which continues to rebound strongly despite various global crises. The project, previously estimated at around EUR 120 million, aims to extend the terminal's capacity and includes no legal obligation to consult Calatrava for the design of the new expansion.

The process will involve assessing needs, drafting a functional design, and likely updating environmental permits. #1216.7

Aeroports de Catalunya is planning an expansion at Andorra-La Seu d'Urgell Airport, including a new area for nine hangars, a 600 m² office building, a vertiport for drones, and a new vehicle parking area. This project is in response to the high demand for hangar space, as all current hangars are already allocated, and there are ongoing requests from aviation sector companies for more space.

The expansion will feature three hangars of approximately 1,200 m² each and six hangars of about 600 m² each to be used by businesses and general aviation activities. Additionally, the airport is set to accommodate a new building for the special operations group of the Generalitat Firefighters, expected to handle an average of 450 operations annually.

The airport reported significant passenger traffic growth, with 5,546 passengers in the first quarter of the year, more than double the figure from the previous year. #1216.8

ITALY

SACBO, the management company of Bergamo Airport, has officially launched an ambitious expansion project for its passenger terminal. During a recent ceremony, the company detailed the scope of the project, which focuses on expanding the departure area, including a new check-in hall, state-of-the-art security equipment, and expanded facilities for extra-Schengen flights.

The expansion will introduce a new check-in area by spring 2025, equipped with 22 additional desks to streamline the acceptance operations. The project is set to be fully completed by November 2025, with SACBO investing EUR 41 million from its own financial resources.

The ground floor of the terminal will be expanded by 3,720 m², making room for the enlarged check-in area and an upgraded Baggage Handling System (BHS) that will include advanced radiogenic controls for checked luggage. The first floor will see an addition of 7,400 m² dedicated to security checks and passenger conveniences. This area will feature 14 new Type C3 security lanes, which allow passengers to keep electronics and liquids inside their carry-on bags during security screening, streamlining the process and enhancing passenger throughput.

Additionally, the expansion will include a significantly larger duty-free shopping area from 600 m² to 1,600 m² and more spacious boarding areas for extra-Schengen flights. #1216.9

The Italian Ministry of Infrastructure and Transport (MIT) and the Italian Civil Aviation Authority (ENAC) are assessing a feasibility study for a proposed airport in Agrigento, Sicily.

The "Mediterranean" airport project, designed by Giovanni Bologna, aims to serve the province of Agrigento and the central-southern region of Sicily. It has been described as crucial for the area's socio-economic revival. Despite the project's long-standing anticipation, the President of the Sicilian Region, Renato Schifani, has expressed concerns about the financial sustainability of operating the airport once constructed, emphasising the need for a solid financial management plan. #1216.10

HUNGARY

The Hévíz-Balaton Airport in Hungary is undergoing a significant renovation with a budget of USD 5.4 million. The upgrades scheduled for completion in 2025 include expanding the runway, improving the taxiway, and installing a new Instrument Landing System (ILS). Additionally, the passenger terminal will be remodelled to enhance comfort and efficiency, making it capable of simultaneously handling Schengen internal and external flights. The project also includes the installation of energy-efficient lighting and updates to the terminal's heating, cooling, and air exchange systems, improving conditions for both travellers and airport staff. Following Budapest, this development is expected to further solidify the region's position as a significant tourist destination. #1216.11

Russia & C.I.S.

UZBEKISTAN

Tashkent International Airport in Uzbekistan is set to enhance its cargo handling capabilities by constructing a new state-of-the-art cargo terminal. Designed to handle 120,000 tons of cargo annually, this development covers a significant 5.2 hectares and is part of a strategic initiative to meet the growing demands of the aviation sector.

The construction will occur in two phases. The first phase, to be completed by the end of this year, includes an 8,000 m² cargo terminal with specialised refrigeration and freezing chambers spanning 500 m² and a 3,000 m² administrative building. The second phase, expected to be finalised by the end of 2025, will expand the facility by adding a 12,000 m² cargo warehouse with enhanced refrigeration and freezing rooms totalling 1,000 m².

This project is essential due to the outdated nature of the existing cargo terminal, which consists of 20 small to medium-sized warehouses and administrative areas dating back to the late 20th century.

The terminal's capacity is 30,000 tons per year, but it is projected to handle 67,000 tons in 2024, underscoring the urgent need for modernisation.

The new cargo terminal will feature modern facilities and equipment to optimise cargo processes and ensure compliance with international standards, significantly boosting Tashkent International Airport's role in the global aviation market and promoting regional growth and innovation.

The airport is also expanding its passenger terminal, doubling its size. The work will be carried out in two stages and continue until approximately the end of next year. The airport's capacity will increase from 7 million to 13 million passengers per year. #1216.12

North America

CANADA

The Government of Quebec has committed CAD 32 million (EUR 29 million) to refurbish La Grande-Rivière Airport in Radisson, located in the Nord-du-Québec region. The project includes upgrading airport pavements, enhancing the drainage system, and conducting other necessary works to maintain the airport's condition, meet Transport Canada safety standards, and support the increasing demand from local communities and businesses, particularly in Nunavik.

This initiative is crucial for ensuring access and security throughout northern Québec, especially given the airport's vital role in logistics, such as during the forest fire evacuations in summer 2023. The refurbishment is part of broader efforts to develop the Nord-du-Québec region, promoting economic vitality and improving the quality of life for its residents. #1216.13

The Greater Toronto Airports Authority (GTAA) has unveiled a comprehensive, multibillion-dollar initiative named Pearson LIFT, aimed at revamping Toronto Pearson Airport (Ontario, Canada). This extensive, decade-long investment plan is designed to modernise and enhance the airport's infrastructure and facilities, which have become outdated. The plan's first phase is already underway, focusing on basic infrastructure improvements like high-speed taxi lanes, updated airfield electric lighting and control systems, and interim terminal facilities.

Additionally, the plan includes advancements in power generation to support the airport's goal of achieving net-zero emissions. Pearson LIFT is a response to the anticipated growth in **passenger numbers, projected to rise from 45 million in 2023 to about 65 million annually by the early 2030s, 20 million passengers more than in 2023.** This growth necessitates substantial upgrades to prevent the challenges of recent years, including significant delays, from recurring. The GTAA is also considering moderate increases in the Airport Improvement Fee to fund these upgrades, which are expected to generate significant economic benefits, strengthen the supply chain, and create jobs in the Greater Toronto Area (GTA). #1216.14

The Calgary Airport Authority has initiated the West Runway Rehabilitation project at YYC Calgary International Airport (Alberta) with a groundbreaking ceremony on 25 April 2024.

This extensive CAD 200 million project aims to fully replace the ageing runway and incorporate significant improvements in regulatory compliance, safety, and environmental sustainability. Key upgrades include recycling 80% of the existing runway materials, installing LED lighting, enhancing storm infrastructure, utilising carbon entrapment technology in concrete, and adding Runway End Safety Areas.

The project is supported by CAD 57.5 million from the Canadian federal government's Airport Critical Infrastructure Program, with the remaining CAD 142.5 million funded by the Airport Authority.

The project also strives for sustainability, aiming to be Canada's first airport project certified under the Envision® framework for sustainable infrastructure. #1216.15

The Winnipeg Airports Authority (Manitoba) is conducting a significant runway rehabilitation project at Winnipeg Richardson International Airport, specifically on Runway 18/36, the longest runway at 3,353 metres. The project involves extensive pavement repairs, electrical enhancements, and drainage restoration, essential for maintaining the runway's integrity and ensuring the safe movement of people and goods. The work started in April 2024 and is expected to be completed by fall.

The project is phased to minimise disruption, with some parts of the work beginning in 2023. Although Runway 18/36 will occasionally be closed completely during the project, other sections remain operational. The construction may lead to variations in air traffic over surrounding neighbourhoods, with measures such as noise abatement procedures being implemented to mitigate the impact. The WAA is coordinating with airline and airport partners to maintain normal operations during this period. #1216.16

UNITED STATES

Palm Beach International Airport (Florida) plans to extend its parallel runway from 980 to 2,438 metres. This extension is part of a 10- to 12-year project approved by county commissioners to accommodate the rising number of aircraft operations, projected to reach the airport's maximum capacity by 2028 to 2032.

Initially shelved in 2012 due to economic downturns and local opposition, the parallel runway is currently only suitable for small aircraft but is needed for future commercial service. The expansion aims to increase airport capacity by allowing staggered departures, though simultaneous arrivals and departures will not be possible due to the runways' proximity. The next steps include consulting with the community and a public meeting scheduled for 23 May. Design works are expected to start in four years. #1216.17

Austin-Bergstrom International Airport (Texas) is planning a significant expansion to address its capacity issues, including constructing a new concourse with at least 20 gates, potentially expanding to 40. This new concourse, Concourse B, will be connected to the main Barbara Jordan Terminal via an underground pedestrian tunnel. Originally planned for earlier completion, the project has faced delays due to the pandemic and is now anticipated to begin welcoming passengers no earlier than 2030.

The expansion is part of a larger USD 4 billion airport development project titled "Journey with AUS," encompassing over 60 individual projects to double the airport's capacity to handle 30 million passengers annually. This includes new taxiways, a new arrivals and departures hall, additional parking, and the demolition of the South Terminal to make way for new infrastructure. The expansion aims to alleviate overcrowding and meet the growing demand, as ABIA already serves more passengers than its designed capacity of 15 million annual passengers. #1216.18

Austin-Bergstrom International Airport (Texas) has commenced a significant expansion project known as the West Infill and TSA Checkpoint 3 Expansion, which will add over 75,000 ft² of terminal space. This development is part of the broader "Journey With AUS" initiative and focuses on enlarging the Barbara Jordan Terminal. The project includes new areas for TSA, passenger processing, additional baggage handling space, increased concourse capacity, and a new mezzanine level, along with upgrades to mechanical, electrical, and IT systems.

The expansion, designed by Gensler, is funded partly by a USD 15.9 million contribution from the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law and does not utilise local taxpayer dollars. Instead, it's financed through airport reserves, revenues, bonds, and FAA grants. Scheduled to open in 2026, the project aims to accommodate Austin's growth and the rising demands at the airport, enhancing the capacity for security screening and baggage handling while expanding ticketing facilities. #1216.19

The renovation of Terminal 3 at O'Hare International Airport (Illinois) has begun, backed by USD 90 million in federal grants, marking a significant upgrade that includes wider concourses, renovated restrooms, enhanced baggage claims, more concession space, and improved passenger amenities. Although United and American Airlines are still deliberating Mayor Brandon Johnson's proposal to construct a global terminal and two satellite concourses, they agree on the Terminal 3 upgrades. The project, totalling USD 300 million, is set to be completed by summer 2027 and aims to increase accessibility and efficiency at the airport.

Simultaneously, discussions about the larger expansion project are ongoing, with concerns about its \$1.5 billion overrun. Senators Dick Durbin and Tammy Duckworth are advocating for federal funding to ensure the expansion can deliver a 25% increase in gate capacity as originally agreed in 2018, despite the current financial overstretch. Durbin has emphasised a revised construction plan to prioritise the global terminal while still committing to building the satellite concourses, aiming to maintain O'Hare's competitive edge and meet the future needs of travellers. #1216.20

The Green Bay Austin Straubel International Airport (Wisconsin) has received a USD 5 million funding allocation to enhance safety and upgrade facilities. This funding is part of a larger USD 260 million state support package for over 80 community projects. At Austin Straubel, the

funds will primarily be used to replace and **upgrade the airport's 12 passenger boarding bridges**, some nearly 20 years old, to improve ADA accessibility. Additionally, the airport will overhaul its ageing heating, ventilation, and air conditioning (HVAC) systems to boost energy efficiency. Other environmental stewardship efforts include retrofitting LED lighting and installing motion sensors.

These improvements form part of ongoing enhancements at the airport over the past two years, including upgrades to parking facilities. Despite the construction, airport operations, including flight schedules, are not expected to be disrupted, although travellers are advised to allow an extra 15 to 20 minutes for their flights during this period. The projects are scheduled for completion by the end of the summer. #1216.21

The Biden-Harris Administration, through the U.S. Department of Transportation and the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), has announced the allocation of USD 76.1 million in grants for airport infrastructure improvements across 22 states. This funding is part of the \$25 billion designated for airport upgrades under the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law. The grants will support 45 projects, including runway improvements, terminal expansions, and upgrades to baggage systems to enhance passenger safety and efficiency. Key projects receiving funds include the Colorado Springs Airport, Melbourne Orlando International Airport, and Harry Reid International Airport in Las Vegas. These efforts reflect the Administration's commitment to modernising the nation's transportation infrastructure to handle passenger volumes better and improve overall airport operations. A full list of awarded grants can be found [here](#). #1216.22

Latin America & The Caribbean

COLOMBIA

The San Andrés airport, Gustavo Rojas Pinilla, is set to undergo significant modernisation and expansion through a Public-Private Partnership (PPP) project presented by Colombia's National Infrastructure Agency (ANI). During a preliminary meeting and site tour, the project attracted twelve potential investors, including nine companies and three individuals.

The redevelopment plan includes enlarging the existing terminal to 13,500 m², constructing 3,516 m² of commercial space, and rebuilding facilities for medical services and airport firefighting.

The 30-year concession aims to increase the terminal's capacity to handle 2.8 million passengers annually, involving an investment of over USD 1.01 billion and generating approximately 8,719 direct and indirect jobs. This initiative is expected to enhance air service frequency, increase connectivity, boost tourism, and stimulate local economic growth without disrupting current airport operations. #1216.23

BRAZIL

Guarulhos Airport in São Paulo is set to undergo BRL 200 million (USD 39 million) worth of improvements. These enhancements include expanding the departure area, updating the x-ray facilities, refurbishing terminal bathrooms, modernising the sound and boarding card reading systems, and constructing a new plaza to improve passenger flow. These upgrades aim to enhance travellers' comfort and efficiency. The initiative is part of a federal commitment to improve airport infrastructure, in collaboration with the private sector, to ensure high service standards for both domestic and international tourists. In terms of usage, Guarulhos Airport saw a 30% increase in international passengers last year, reaching 13.7 million, and a 23% increase in international flight operations, totalling 69,500 departures. #1216.24

The Dr. Leite Lopes Airport in Ribeirão Preto (São Paulo state) is currently undergoing phases 2 and 3 of its renovation under the management of Rede VOA. With a total investment of BRL 15 million (USD 2.9 million), these phases aim to be completed by November this year and will facilitate the airport's internationalisation.

The upgrades include expanding the arrival and departure areas, constructing a covered walkway for passenger traffic, developing new vehicular access, and continuing the retrofit of the passenger terminal. Additionally, plans are underway to expand the passenger terminal and construct a boulevard by the end of the year, with expectations to accommodate international commercial flights by the end of 2025. Previously, the airport received improvements like new pre-boarding areas and enhanced facilities, totalling BRL 3.5 million in 2022. Over the 30-year concession, the investment will reach BRL 130 million. #1216.25

The Ministry of Ports and Airports in Brazil has authorised the tender for constructing a new passenger terminal at Guarujá Airport in São Paulo State. The Guarujá City Hall is currently addressing bureaucratic and administrative issues before issuing the tender. The construction is part of the airport's first phase of development, which includes the refurbishment of the runway, taxiing areas, and aircraft parking. With a reference price of about BRL 3.5 million (USD 680,000), the project aims to be completed in five months and encompasses a 300-m² terminal with vehicle access and parking. Concurrently, Terracom Construções LTDA is conducting the initial stage of construction after winning the contract with a bid of BRL 19 million (USD 3.7 million). Work includes upgrading taxiways and drainage systems and implementing security measures. The service order for this project, which is expected to take six months, was signed in February.

In March, Minister Silvio Costa Filho inspected the site and announced a federal investment of over USD 8 million for two phases of the airport's development. He emphasised the airport's significance for regional tourism and noted that airlines such as Azul and Gol have expressed interest in establishing service. Commercial operations are expected to start by 2025. #1216.26

The government of Rio Grande do Norte, in collaboration with the Federal Government, has initiated a BRL 40 million (USD 7.8 million) modernisation project at Mossoró Airport, managed by Infraero. The upgrade aims to enhance the airport's capacity and logistics, positioning it as a key transportation hub in Northeast Brazil. Improvements include extending the runway to accommodate larger aircraft, paving access areas to improve mobility, and installing security features like a perimeter containment wall and essential papi equipment for flight operation safety. Additionally, the project will pave the apron area and improve lighting at the airport. These enhancements are expected to boost regional tourism and economic development, connecting Mossoró with major airports nationwide. #1216.27

The Regional Airport Professor Juvenal Cardoso in Pato Branco is set to undergo expansion works starting next month. The project aims to enhance operational safety and accommodate larger aircraft by extending the runway by 140 meters. This will be achieved through expropriations and landfills at the head of runway 25, enabling the airport to handle jet propulsion aircraft and bolstering air transport in the region. The expansion is part of ongoing improvements that started in 2021 to increase the airport's operational capacity. #1216.28

The modernisation of the new Belém International Airport (Pará state), which will require an investment of BRL 450 million (USD 88 million), is set to commence in the second half of this year. The focus is on improving commercial and leisure facilities and the overall passenger experience. The project will be ready before the COP 30 climate conference in November 2025. #1216.29

Cascavel (Paraná state) has launched a project to build a cargo terminal at its airport, with an estimated cost of BRL 100 million (USD 19.5 million). This initiative, presented during a meeting of the Sustainable Economic Development Council (Codesc), aims to significantly enhance the city's economic development. However, the project's commencement is contingent upon securing funding and negotiations with the Brazilian Airport Infrastructure Company (INFRAERO). #1216.30

URUGUAY

The project for an international cargo airport identified as "SKGZ," located near Garzón in the La Jagua area, is being revived. A public hearing is scheduled for May 10th in the municipality of Altamira to discuss this initiative, which aims to stimulate economic growth in the central region of the department. #1216.31

The Uruguayan government has expanded the concession granted to Aeropuertos Uruguay (Puerta del Sur S.A.) to include the old terminal of Carrasco Airport until 2053.

This expansion is a significant investment to enhance airport facilities and services. The project includes installing an advanced ILS CAT IIIb instrumental landing system. This initiative is expected to transform the old terminal into a logistics hub, boosting Uruguay's role in regional logistics. The project involves an investment of over USD 5.5 million to renovate the terminal, a cultural heritage site, and implement the new landing system. Additionally, the government has extended the management of Punta del Este International Airport to Consorcio Aeropuertos Internacionales S.A. for another ten years, with an investment commitment of USD 3 million in return for the extended concession period. These developments are part of Aeropuertos Uruguay's broader commitment to investing in the country's airport infrastructure, enhancing connectivity, and supporting the national economy. The projects align with the government's strategy to position Uruguay as a key logistics hub in the region. #1216.32

ARGENTINA

A planned renovation project at Almirante Marco Andrés Zar airport in Trelew aims to upgrade the facility into an international airport. The project includes expanding and resurfacing roads, taxiways, aircraft aprons, and new runway visual aids and markings. This expansion is intended to accommodate larger aircraft and enhance connectivity with the rest of the country while boosting local tourism, commerce, and industry. The project is expected to take between four and five years to complete. Trelew is positioned near the provincial capital, Rawson, on Argentina's Atlantic coast and is a significant tourist hub in the region. #1216.33

CHILE

The Ministry of Public Works (MOP) of Chile is investing USD 33 million to enhance the infrastructure at Santiago Airport, particularly focusing on improving the platform and taxiways for aircraft. This is part of a broader set of works scheduled between now and 2025. The latest addition to these improvements is the T2-F building, which just began operations. This building is the final segment of the new International Terminal, which opened in 2022, adding 22,000 square meters of space with ten boarding gates, commercial spaces, and children's recreation areas, amounting to a total investment of USD 35 million. With these upgrades, the airport aims to accommodate up to 20 million passengers in the medium term. Further improvements include replacing old pavements, constructing two new taxiways linked to the Right Runway or 17R, and upgrading the fuel hydrant network. These enhancements are

expected to streamline aircraft movement and handle increased passenger traffic, particularly during peak holidays. #1216.34

Valparaíso, the capital of Chile's second most-populated region, will redevelop the Viña del Mar de Concón airfield into a commercial airport. The USD 80 million project includes the construction of a 4,182 m² passenger terminal with an annual capacity of 900,000 passengers. Other works include lengthening and widening the runway and taxiways, an aircraft apron with six aircraft positions, a general aviation platform, an ATC tower, cargo warehouses, and a parking lot for 195 cars and roads, among others.

Work will be completed in 2026, and the airport will be ready for commercial flights in 2027. Domestic routes are planned to Antofagasta, Calama, La Serena, Concepción and Puerto Montt and international routes to and from Argentina, to Mendoza, Córdoba and Buenos Aires in Argentina. The new airport marks Chile's first airport development in 12 years, following the inauguration of Mocopulli Airport in November 2012. #1216.35

Africa

MOROCCO

Morocco has launched an initiative to upgrade 20 of its airports by 2045, seeking international expertise to develop a comprehensive modernisation blueprint. The General Directorate of Civil Aviation is managing this project and is updating a decade-old study that became outdated due to disruptions caused by COVID-19.

The new study, excluding Casablanca's Mohamed V International Airport which has a separate upgrade plan, will take about 14 months to complete. It will assess each airport's expansion potential, necessary modernizations, traffic projections, development plans, financial needs, and prioritize projects based on expected returns on investment. Additionally, Morocco's aviation sector is poised to benefit from the country's joint bid with Spain and Portugal to host the 2030 World Cup, further driving the need for updated and expanded airport facilities.

The study budget is USD 956,623. The bidding documents can be downloaded from the public procurement portal at www.marchespublics.gov.ma. For administrative queries, contact Samira Bouhouiyek via email at sbouhouiyek@dac-maroc.gov.ma or phone at +212 (0)537679322 /+212 (5 37679326. #1216.36

BURKINA FASO

The construction of the new Donsin International Airport, intended to serve Ouagadougou, is progressing slowly, with only 36% completion as of April 2024, despite the deadline being set for 31 December 2024. The Chinese company SINOHYDRO International delivers the infrastructure under Lot A1. With less than eight months left until the deadline, the Minister in charge of transport has been firm in insisting that the company meet the agreed timeline. The project management office has suggested several measures to catch up, including finalising all material orders by the end of June, increasing staff, extending work hours, and potentially signing a third amendment to the contract. However, the Minister has expressed reluctance to approve another amendment and has instructed the project management office to collaborate with the company to plan the completion over the next seven months. This situation is set against a backdrop of ongoing issues with airport construction and renovation in Ouagadougou, marked by delays, poor work quality, and controversial contract amendments, prompting the transitional government to demand stringent actions to ensure the project meets international standards. #1216.37

KENYA

Kenya is seeking investors for a new USD 2 billion international airport in Nairobi, according to the [Africa Report](#). The project is intended to alleviate the strain on Jomo Kenyatta International Airport (JKIA), which is currently facing issues with capacity and infrastructure.

According to the report, President William Ruto plans to seek funding for this project during his upcoming visit to Washington. He aims to enhance Nairobi's connectivity with international destinations such as the United States, Britain, and the Middle East. The new airport is intended to help restore Nairobi's status as a key regional aviation hub.

Momberger Airport Information has been unable to substantiate the report. The Kenya Airports Authority has been pursuing the revival of a USD 450 million project to build a second terminal and parallel runway at Jomo Kenyatta International Airport, a project cancelled in 2016. #1216.38

Middle East

UNITED ARAB EMIRATES

Dubai's ruler, Mohammed bin Rashid, has approved the designs for a new passenger terminal at Al Maktoum International Airport, and construction will start in the next few months. The announcement included computer-rendered images of a curving white terminal reminiscent of the traditional Bedouin tents of the Arabian Peninsula. The announcement said the airport will include five parallel runways and 400 aircraft gates, although it is not clear if these will be built all at once. The airport now has just two runways, like Dubai International Airport.

The project, estimated to cost USD 35 billion, will make Al Maktoum International the largest airport globally, with a capacity for 260 million passengers when fully completed.

Over the next ten years, all operations from Dubai International Airport will transition to this new site, according to the release. The initiative also includes the development of an airport city in Dubai South, which is anticipated to support housing for one million people and attract leading global logistics and air transport companies. #1216.39

Asia Pacific

INDIA

Preliminary work has commenced to construct the remaining portion of the new integrated terminal at Chennai Airport following the recent demolition of the T3 building. This project is part of Phase II of the airport's modernisation, budgeted at USD 295.7 million.

The complete integrated terminal, expected to be finished by December 2025, aims to enhance passenger capacity from 23 million to 30 million annually. Additional features planned include a mini hotel, more escalators, lifts, and self-service baggage facilities. Currently, two domestic terminals and a section of the new integrated terminal are operational. #1216.40

India's Ministry of Civil Aviation has sought government approval for an investment of INR 17.9 billion (USD 214.6 million) to build a new 71,500 m² terminal at Srinagar Airport. This development aims to increase the airport's passenger handling capacity from 2.5 million passengers per annum to 10 million per annum. The airport's existing terminal, built in 2008, handled 4.4 million passengers in FY 2022/2023.

The project was initially announced in October 2022, but its start has been delayed due to the need for Union Cabinet approval. The expansion will be entirely funded through equity from the state-run Airport Authority of India. Srinagar Airport operates on 80.51 acres of land owned by the Indian Air Force, with the Airport Authority of India managing a civil enclave that includes the passenger terminal building, civil apron, and associated infrastructure. #1216.41

VIETNAM

Vietnam's Ministry of Transport (MoT) plans to complete detailed development plans for 14 international and 16 domestic airports nationwide before 2025. This initiative is part of a broader strategy to develop the national airport system from 2021 to 2030, with a perspective extending to 2050.

Among the 30 airports, 14 are international, namely Van Don, Cat Bi, Noi Bai, Tho Xuan, Vinh, Phu Bai, Sa Nang, Chu Lai, Cam Ranh, Lien Khuong, Long Thanh, Tan Son Nhat, Can Tho, and Phu Quoc.

The research and planning for Cao Bang Airport, the second in the Hanoi capital region, and Hai Phong International Airport are set to be completed in 2026-2030.

The total capital requirement for airport infrastructure from 2021 to 2030 is approximately USD 16.8 billion, excluding investments managed by the Vietnam Air Traffic Management Corporation.

To fund this development, the MoT proposes using State budget allocations to stimulate further investment in airports and related infrastructure. The plan also includes mobilising funds through public-private partnerships and other investment models from both domestic and international sources.

#1216.42

SINGAPORE

The first major construction tender for Changi Airport's Terminal 5 (T5) in Singapore was launched in March, as announced by Transport Minister Chee Hong Tat. This tender covers the substructure, including the foundation and basement works, and construction is set to begin in 2025. T5 is part of the extensive Changi East development and, when operational in the mid-2030s, is expected to handle up to 50 million passengers annually, exceeding the current combined capacities of Terminals 1 and 3.

Additionally, **infrastructure developments include the T2 Connection (T2C), a 2.5-kilometre underground link that will integrate T5 with the existing terminals,** featuring an automated people-mover and a separate baggage handling system. This link's construction began following a USD 622 million contract awarded to Shanghai Tunnel Engineering Co's Singapore subsidiary.

Post-pandemic, T5 has been redesigned to be more pandemic-resilient, with features like contactless passenger touchpoints, advanced ventilation systems, and the capability to operate as smaller sub-terminals with quarantine facilities if necessary. The terminal will also incorporate green technologies and robotics to enhance operational efficiency. Construction was initially delayed by the Covid-19 pandemic but resumed in 2022.

Changi Airport Group (CAG) has awarded OUE Limited the tender for developing a new hotel at Changi Airport Terminal 2, named Hotel Indigo Changi Airport, which is set to be Singapore's first zero-energy hotel and potentially the world's first for an airport hotel. Slated to be operational by 2028, the hotel will feature 255 rooms and include modern amenities such as a rooftop day club, bar, infinity pool, and a design that mimics a "Floating Forest." The hotel will integrate sustainable technologies like solar panels, hybrid cooling systems, and rainwater harvesting to achieve operational energy neutrality. This initiative aligns with the rebound in Singapore's tourism sector, which has seen significant growth post-pandemic, with expectations of a continued rise in visitor arrivals and tourism revenue. #1216.43

THE PHILIPPINES

San Miguel Corp. (SMC) has decided to delay the development of the New Manila International Airport (NMIA) in Bulacan, originally planned to start next year, to focus on modernising the Ninoy Aquino International Airport (NAIA). SMC, leading the consortium tasked with NAIA's modernisation, will take over its operations by 18 September and plans to enhance the airport's capacity and efficiency.

The development work on the Bulacan airport, featuring extensive facilities including multiple runways and a world-class terminal, is now rescheduled to begin in 2026. SMC aims to create an integrated airport network to support sustainable economic growth and establish the Philippines as a key regional hub for tourism and business. #1216.44

The Department of Transportation (DoTr) is poised to initiate a Swiss challenge for the New Bohol-Panglao International Airport upgrade in May, pending approval from the National Economic and Development Authority (NEDA). This process follows Aboitiz InfraCapital's securing of original proponent status for the airport's operations and maintenance over a 25-year period. The Swiss challenge will allow other companies to present competing proposals, with Aboitiz having the right to match any competing bids. The project, valued at USD 78 million and aimed at increasing the airport's capacity from two million to approximately 3.9 million passengers annually, is structured as a public-private partnership. Aboitiz InfraCapital is also proposing similar projects for other airports in the Philippines. #1216.45

The Philippines has allocated PHP 7.5 billion (USD 130.4 million) to upgrade 22 airports and aviation facilities, including the Pag-asa Island airport. Among the airports, the Ninoy Aquino International Airport received the highest funding with PHP 1.64 billion (USD 28.5 million), followed by Pag-asa Island Airport with PHP 1.5 billion (USD 26.1 million), and Kalibo International Airport with PHP 581 million (10.1 million).

Other airports, such as Laoag International and the New Zamboanga International Airport, also received significant investments ranging from PHP 500 million (USD 8.7 million) to PHP 300 million (USD 5.2 million). #1216.46

NEW ZEALAND

Construction of a new terminal at Palmerston North Airport is set to begin this year, with plans to demolish part of the existing building in September and complete the project by September 2026. This NZD 40 million (USD 23.8 million) development will address the current building's seismic issues and incorporate mandatory passenger and baggage screening facilities. The work will cause significant disruptions, reducing the usable area of the terminal during construction. The airport company, which is not seeking council funding for the construction, may need to borrow additional funds to maintain dividend payments to the council. Concurrently, NZD 4.9 million will be invested in improving the car park, including covered walkways. However, the project has faced some criticism for not committing to full green building standards and for the substantial investment in non-essential infrastructure like car park walkways amidst constrained passenger growth projections. #1216.47

Vertiports / Urban Air Mobility

Volatus Infrastructure & Energy Solutions and Spectrum Associates have agreed to collaborate on developing an eVTOL (electric Vertical Take-Off and Landing) infrastructure ecosystem across New England. The partnership, formalised through a memorandum of understanding, will initiate with the construction of seven vertiports in Connecticut, Massachusetts, and Rhode Island and expand to include a total of 13 vertiports throughout the region. This collaboration aims to leverage Spectrum Associates' extensive experience in aerospace engineering alongside Volatus's expertise in vertiport design and eVTOL charging solutions. Founded in 2021, Volatus offers modular vertiport designs and charging stations for various types of electric vehicles. #1216.47

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