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Abu Dhabi Airports is a public joint-stock company, wholly owned by the Abu Dhabi Government and headquartered at its principal asset, Abu Dhabi International Airport (AUH). Created on the 4th of March 2006, to spearhead the redevelopment of the Emirate’s aviation infrastructure, Abu Dhabi Airports plays an important role in the Government of Abu Dhabi’s Economic Vision 2030.

Abu Dhabi Airports is the operator of five airports in the Emirate of Abu Dhabi: Abu Dhabi International Airport, Al Ain International Airport, Al Bateen Executive Airport, Delma Island Airport and Sir Bani Yas Island Airport.

Abu Dhabi International Airport is one of the fastest growing airport hubs in the world currently serving over 93 destinations in 54 countries, and within the next few years, over twenty million passengers are expected to use Abu Dhabi International Airport as their origin, destination or transit point for international and domestic flights. As part of Abu Dhabi’s Economic Vision 2030, Abu Dhabi Airports has been tasked with ensuring that the airport is able to provide world-class services which meet this demand over the coming years.

To meet growing demand, in late 2012, Abu Dhabi Airports launched the construction works for the Midfield Terminal Building (MTB). The construction of the MTB is a key element of the Capital’s airport broader infrastructure development program, which will include cargo and catering facilities, utilities and related infrastructure. In its first year of operation, the planned capacity of the facility is to reach 30 million passengers.

The MTB is destined to become the future home of Etihad Airways, the national airline of the UAE, and the primary gateway for its airline’s partners operating to Abu Dhabi. The MTB, which will be completed in the third quarter of 2017, will contribute to the long-term success of the aviation sector in the Emirate of Abu Dhabi.

As part of this extensive infrastructure development programme, Abu Dhabi Airports designed a new Air Traffic Control tower (ATC) that cater to the needs of the existing facilities as well as the future planned terminals with the most advanced technology available worldwide. The new ATC was completed and fully operational in 2011.

In order to accommodate the anticipated 17 million annual passengers by 2017, Abu Dhabi Airports has tailored a Capacity Enhancement Programme (CEP), which will allow Abu Dhabi International Airport to best serve the Capital whilst completing the construction of the MTB, the new gateway to Abu Dhabi.
Over the past five years, Abu Dhabi International Airport has witnessed the completion of several key infrastructure projects as part of its CEP. In 2009, Terminal 3 was completed, providing Etihad Airways with a dedicated terminal and a handling capacity of an additional five million passengers per year. In the same year, the 4,100 metre-long North Runway was completed, doubling the airport’s runway capacity, and making AUH the first airport in the UAE with CATIIIB capability. In 2010 Abu Dhabi Airports carried out a 10 months refurbishment works on Terminal 1 to align it with the services and look and feel of Terminal 3, ensuring passengers will continue to enjoy the unique travel experience throughout Abu Dhabi International Airport.

Even more recently, as part of Abu Dhabi Airports’ CEP, and in line with the commitment to provide a world class travel experience, Abu Dhabi Airports officially opened Abu Dhabi International Airport’s new Arrivals Hall located on the lower levels of Terminals 1 and 3. The new Arrivals Hall will provide Abu Dhabi International Airport with enhanced passenger and visitor flow, creating capacity to partner with new airlines, and grow the number of destinations reachable from AUH. It is also a key component of AUH’s CEP, which includes a new passenger tunnel at Terminal 1, a new immigration system configuration, additional aircraft hard stands, and new bus stands.

Additionally, a VIP terminal is set to open soon and will be available to all interested travellers. The VIP terminal will be operated by National Aviation Services (NAS), an internationally recognised aviation services provider. Through the VIP terminal, passengers will experience unique and personalised service ensuring completion of all travel procedures in the fastest manner possible, while enjoying a range of offerings within the private terminal. The VIP terminal will have its own facilities, separate from those of Terminals 1 and 3, which will include a dedicated drop off area, with a new road being built to accommodate it, and it will also provide separate immigration, police and baggage handling services to its passengers.

**Al Bateen Executive Airport**

Al Bateen Executive Airport is the first dedicated business aviation airport in the Middle East and North Africa regions, and enjoys a strategic position within reach of major businesses and leisure facilities, due to its location in the heart of the City of Abu Dhabi. The airport originally came into use in the 1960’s as the first main airport in the Capital city, until Abu Dhabi International Airport was opened in 1982. In 1983, Al Bateen was transformed into a military air base until 2008, when Abu Dhabi Airports took over the operation of the airport and turned it into a world class executive airport. Al Bateen Executive Airport currently has a stand capacity for up to 90 private jets, with fast and efficient turnarounds, no holding patterns and short taxi times. Abu Dhabi Airports has been implementing a gradual upgrade of the airport’s facilities in order to meet the increasing needs of the private and business jet market within the region.

**Al Ain International Airport**

Operating since 31st March 1994, Al Ain International Airport is Abu Dhabi’s second international airport and is located 18km northwest of the City of Al Ain. The airport has 10 check-in desks including one for business class travellers, four gates, a 4,000 metre runway and a parallel 4,000 metre taxiway.

**Free Zones**

Abu Dhabi Airports has launched its Free Zones at three of its airports - Abu Dhabi International Airport, Al Bateen Executive Airport, and Al Ain International Airport under the name Abu Dhabi Airports Business City, and offers incentives associated with private and public partnerships and investments and property development.

Abu Dhabi Airports Business City is comprised of dedicated business, logistics and light industrial parks that are operated by Abu Dhabi Airports as a one-stop service hub. These parks are purposely developed with customized products and services that will attract industry clusters including aviation, aerospace, logistics, manufacturing, technology, IT, marketing, consultancy, and knowledge & development. The goal is to create a thriving economic “Aerotropolis” as well as attract foreign direct investment into the country.