

New Head of Shopping and F&B at Vienna Airport: Philipp Ahrens Takes Charge of Center Management at Flughafen Wien AG

A new addition to the team at Vienna Airport: Philipp Ahrens, MBA (44) has been working as Head of Center Management of Flughafen Wien AG since 1 January 2021. Accordingly, he is responsible for the retail and restaurant business at the airport. The experienced aviation expert has been involved in the aviation sector for 24 years and will contribute his extensive know-how in the fields of marketing, ground handling, operations, construction, retail and center management as well as on an international level. Most recently the German-born manager was in charge of implementing the “satellite terminal” at Terminal 2 of Munich Airport and center management in the area of commercial activities. Philipp Ahrens succeeds Björn Olsson, who left Flughafen Wien AG at his own request to pursue new challenges elsewhere.

“With Philipp Ahrens we have a proven aviation expert on board. His longstanding experience in various areas of the aviation sector on a national and international level and above all his pronounced competencies in the development of innovative retail and food and beverage concepts at one of Europe’s most highly rated airports will provide new impetus to Vienna Airport. Even if passengers are currently staying away due to the COVID-19 pandemic, we are already preparing for the comeback of air travel after the crisis by modernising Terminal 2. We look forward to being able to soon offer our passengers a new service and quality experience”, states Julian Jäger, Joint CEO and COO of Vienna Airport.

“Vienna Airport was the fastest growing airport in Europe before the coronavirus crisis. Its quality, innovation and service orientation are highly regarded internationally. Once the pandemic has been overcome, passengers will also return, and Vienna Airport will be able to successfully continue on its growth path. I am pleased to be on board and be part of this growth strategy,” says Philipp Ahrens, the new Senior Vice President of Center Management at Vienna Airport.

Philipp Ahrens: Extensive aviation experience in Munich and Brussels

Philipp Ahrens has been working in the aviation sector since 1996, including three and a half years with the international airport association Airport Council International (ACI) and 19 years at Munich Airport. There he was responsible for marketing and acquisition in the field of ground handling, international consulting and project manager for implementing the satellite terminal at Terminal 2, amongst other activities. Most recently, he has been Vice President Center Management since 2016, with responsibility for the business of 220 shops, restaurant and service facilities. Since 1 January 2021, Philipp Ahrens has served as Senior Vice President for Center Management at Flughafen Wien AG.

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