

## **Ethiopian Airlines renews agreement with Travelport International Operations Ltd.**

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Ethiopian Airlines Group has signed a renewed agreement with Travelport International Operations Ltd. to distribute Travelport+ and other related products of Travelport in Ethiopia. It is to be recalled that Ethiopian Airlines and Travelport International Operations Ltd. have been working together in distributing Travelport's Galileo for more than a decade. The renewed agreement includes Travelport's new features and products to be deployed in Ethiopia's agency market and remains effective until end of 2026.

During the signature ceremony held on 03 November 2022, Mr. Mesfin Tasew, Group CEO of Ethiopian Airlines Group said:

*"We are very happy to strike a renewed deal with Travelport to distribute Travelport+ and other related products in Ethiopian market. Our long-standing journey with Travelport remains very fruitful and useful for both parties and Travel Agencies in Ethiopia. Travelport's new products, in addition to the main GDS Travelport+, are very important to simplify the business transactions in the market for both the Airline and Travel Agencies. I am very delighted that Ethiopian and Travelport decided to continue working together for the better future ahead. And I want to say congratulations to Travelport and to all Travel Agencies."*

Travelport+ is the world's leading distribution system. It has been very successful in working with Ethiopian Airlines for the past 15 plus years. On the signature ceremony, Mark Meehan, Global Vice President and Managing Director for Global Operators at Travelport, said:

*"We are delighted to renew our valued partnership with Ethiopian Airlines. Travelport and Ethiopian have a very strong growth record during our many years together, and the next 4 years will continue that success. Travelport+ is the world's leading distribution system, and together with Ethiopian's growth with travel agencies in Ethiopia and beyond, this is a winning partnership. I'm confident that this strategic partnership will continue to increase value for our customers through a wider range of choice and enhanced retailing tools."*

Ethiopian Airlines, the largest Aviation Group in Africa, has been named the winner of four awards at the SKYTRAX 2022 World Airline Awards, at a ceremony held in London on 23 September 2022. Ethiopian has taken the crown for Best Airline in Africa 2022 for 5 consecutive years, Best Business Class Airline in Africa 2022 for 4 consecutive years, Best Economy Class Airline in Africa 2022 for 4 consecutive years and Best Business Class Onboard Catering in Africa. With the current renewed agreement with the world's leading system distribution company, Travelport International Operations Ltd., many more miles are expected to be reached.

### **About Ethiopian**

Ethiopian Airlines (Ethiopian) is the fastest growing Airline in Africa. In its seventy-five plus years of operation, Ethiopian has become one of the continent's leading carriers, unrivalled in efficiency and operational success. Ethiopian commands the lion's share of the Pan African passenger and cargo network operating the youngest and most modern fleet to more than 130 international passenger and cargo destinations across five continents. Ethiopian's fleet includes ultra-modern and environmentally friendly aircraft such as Boeing 787-8, Boeing 787-9, Airbus A350, Boeing 777-300ER, Boeing 777-200LR, Boeing 777-200, Boeing 737-800, Boeing 737-8, Freighter, Bombardier Dash 8-400 double cabin with an average fleet age of seven years. In fact, Ethiopian is the first airline in Africa to own and operate these aircraft. Ethiopian is currently implementing a 15-year strategic plan called Vision 2025 that will see it become the leading aviation group in Africa with Seven business units: Ethiopian International Services; Ethiopian Cargo & Logistics Services; Ethiopian MRO Services; Ethiopian Aviation Academy; Ethiopian ADD Hub Ground Services, Ethiopian Airports Services and Ethiopian Express Services (Domestic). Ethiopian is a multi-award-winning airline registering an average growth of 25% in the seven years prior to the COVID-19 pandemic. For additional information, please visit [www.ethiopianairlines.com](http://www.ethiopianairlines.com).

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### **About Travelport International Operations Ltd.:**

Travelport is a global technology company that powers bookings for hundreds of thousands of travel suppliers worldwide. Buyers and sellers of travel are connected by the company's next generation marketplace, Travelport+, which simplifies how brands connect, upgrades how travel is sold, and enables modern digital retailing. Headquartered in London, United Kingdom and operating in more than 180 countries around the world, Travelport is focused on driving innovation that simplifies the complex travel ecosystem.