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## Ethiopian Inaugurates Airport Terminal Expansion and New Hotel

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Ethiopian Airlines, the Largest Aviation Group in Africa and SKYTRAX Certified Four Star Global Airline, inaugurated state-of-the-art passenger terminal and its Skylight Hotel on January 27, 2019 in the presence of FDRE Prime Minister H.E. Dr Abiy Ahmed, African Union Chairperson H.E. Mr Moussa Faki, Ministers, high level government officials, Ethiopian Airlines Board Members, Group CEO Ethiopian Airlines Mr Tewolde GebreMariam, Executive Management Members and invited guests.



After presiding over the ribbon-cutting event at the new Skylight Hotel, the largest in Ethiopia, H.E. Prime Minister Dr Abiy Ahmed, accompanied by AU Chairperson and other dignitaries, toured the hotel's facilities including the spacious executive suites. At the passenger terminal inaugural event that ensued, Prime Minister Abiy remarked, *"Ethiopian Airlines is our national pride and a special icon among our companies as it carries our common name Ethiopia and our national flag. We would like all employees of the airline here and elsewhere to know that we speak of you with pride. The new hotel Ethiopian Airlines inaugurated today will enable us to attract tourists, and the airline's offer for employees to own shares*



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*of the hotel is important as it boosts sense of ownership among staff, and will serve as a model for other companies to emulate.*

*What we learn from today's inauguration of the new passenger terminal is that we have a lot of work ahead of us. We expect the Board and the Management not to be complacent with the new terminal, but rather to aim for a bigger facility with a capacity to accommodate at least 100 million passengers."*

Addressing the gathering at the inauguration ceremony, Group CEO Ethiopian Airlines Mr Tewelde GebreMariam for his part said, *"While Addis Ababa Airport took over Dubai as the largest air transport hub between Africa and the rest of the world, this grand terminal building is further evidence of the development of Bole Airport as one of the largest and most convenient global aviation hubs.*

*Ethiopian Skylight Hotel will enable the airline to offer packaged tour and travel programs. Moreover, the hotel will enable Ethiopian Airlines to attract around a third of tourists out of the 6 million passengers transiting through Bole Airport to visit Ethiopia."*

The new passenger terminal features the latest technology security systems, self-check-in machines, self-boarding system, comfortable lounges, duty free shops and other amenities.

Ethiopian Skylight Hotel has around 373 guest rooms and spacious executive suites, the largest Chinese restaurant in Africa and a conference hall that can accommodate 2500 people, among others.

## About Ethiopian

Ethiopian Airlines (Ethiopian) is the fastest growing Airline in Africa. In its seventy 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 119 international passenger and cargo destinations across five continents. Ethiopian fleet includes ultra-modern and environmentally friendly aircraft such as Airbus A350, Boeing 787-8, Boeing 787-9, Boeing 777-300ER, Boeing 777-200LR, Boeing 777-200 Freighter, Bombardier Q-400 double cabin with an average fleet age of five 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 Six business centers: Ethiopian International Services; Ethiopian Cargo & Logistics Services; Ethiopian MRO Services; Ethiopian Aviation Academy; Ethiopian ADD Hub Ground Services and Ethiopian Airports Services. Ethiopian is a multi-award winning airline registering an average growth of 25% in the past seven years.

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