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## Changi Airport Group welcomes return of SWISS

*Changi Airport Group today warmly welcomed the announcement by Swiss International Air Lines (SWISS), the national carrier of Switzerland, of its return to Singapore Changi Airport with the introduction of a daily non-stop service between Zurich and Singapore starting from May 2013.*

With the commencement of SWISS' Singapore-Zurich service, Singapore will be linked to over 50 cities in Europe. The new service adds an additional 1,500 weekly one-way seats, boosting capacity on the route by 54%. It will also provide more options for travellers from Singapore heading for

Switzerland and Europe, and allow passengers from Switzerland to tap on Changi's excellent connectivity to Southeast Asia and the Southwest Pacific.

Zurich is the commercial hub of Switzerland and a global financial centre. Passenger traffic between Singapore and Switzerland has been growing steadily over the years, increasing by 5% in 2011, and 15% in the first six months of 2012. There are strong links between the Swiss and Singapore economies, and Singapore is host to the largest and fastest growing Swiss community in Southeast Asia[\[1\]](#). Singapore is also the largest Southeast Asian market for Switzerland, accounting for 35% of total tourist arrivals from this region[\[2\]](#).

SWISS operated a six-weekly Singapore-Bangkok-Zurich service until April 2009. It will operate the new Singapore-Zurich service with A340-300 aircraft in a 3-class configuration. Details of the flights are as follow:

<b>Flight No.</b>	<b>Route</b>	<b>STD*</b>	<b>STA*</b>	<b>Day of Ops</b>
LX178	Zurich-Singapore	2245 hours	1710 hours (+1)	Daily
LX179	Singapore-Zurich	2305 hours	0610 hours (+1)	Daily

\* Local time

The early morning arrival in Zurich allows passengers more choice for onward connection to other Swiss cities as well as the rest of Europe. In total, some 50,000 one-way seats each week will be available for passengers from Singapore to Europe come May 2013.

Changi Airport Group's Chief Executive Officer, Mr Lee Seow Hiang said, "CAG is delighted with SWISS' decision to launch its new Singapore service. CAG has been closely engaging the airline over the past two years, with the senior management teams of both companies having held several rounds of discussions both in Singapore and in Zurich. We are confident that the combination of SWISS's strong branding and product, together with Changi's connectivity in Southeast Asia and Southwest Pacific, will make the new service a success. CAG will work closely with SWISS and Switzerland Tourism to jointly market and promote the new service."

[\[1\]](#) Embassy of Switzerland in Singapore

### **About Changi Airport Group**

*Changi Airport Group (Singapore) Pte Ltd (CAG) ([www.changiairportgroup.com](http://www.changiairportgroup.com)) was formed on 16 June 2009 and the corporatisation of Singapore Changi Airport followed on 1 July 2009. As the company managing Changi Airport, CAG undertakes key functions focusing on airport operations and management, air hub development, commercial activities and airport emergency services. Through its subsidiary Changi Airports International, the Group invests in and manages foreign airports to spread the success of Changi Airport internationally.*

*Changi Airport ([www.changiairport.com](http://www.changiairport.com)) is the world's most awarded airport having garnered more than 400 accolades since it opened in 1981. To serve passengers and visitors from the world over, there are 330 retail stores and 120 F&B outlets across the airport's three terminals. Changi handled more than 46 million passenger movements in 2011, an annual record. Today, it serves some 100 airlines flying to over 220 cities in about 60 countries and territories worldwide. A flight takes off or lands at Changi roughly once every 100 seconds.*