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Press release

Aéroports de Paris welcomes Air France first Airbus A380 flight at Paris-Charles de Gaulle

This afternoon Aéroports de Paris welcomed Air France first Airbus A380 at Terminal 2E of Paris-Charles de Gaulle airport. At 16:27, the wheels of the aircraft arriving from Hamburg touched the tarmac on runway 4 of the Paris airport.

The arrival of flight AF380V at Terminal 2E took place in optimal conditions. The passengers of the flight disembarked in the Galerie Parisienne. This boarding hall, in operation since 2007, was designed to accommodate Air France A380 flights. From 20 November, it will accommodate on a daily basis flight AF006, with 538 seats, which will fly between Paris-Charles de Gaulle and New York JFK.

The Galerie Parisienne: a boarding hall designed to accommodate the A380

Although the Galerie Parisienne was not intended solely to accommodate the A380, it is still one of the first facilities in the world to have been designed from the beginning to service this airplane. It can accommodate 19 to 26 pier-served aircraft, including six A380s simultaneously, with a maximum annual capacity of 8.6 million passengers. Each A380 parking stand of the Galerie Parisienne is equipped with three gangways, thus offering optimal service quality to the passengers. The direct access to the upper deck particularly facilitates the access of persons with reduced mobility to the aircraft's upper deck. Having three gangways is also an advantage for the airlines that can thus dedicate one to first-class and business-class passengers.



The arrival of the Airbus A380 is a genuine asset for Aéroports de Paris and is in line with the group's industrial strategy. Paris-Charles de Gaulle airport is the first regular Airbus A380 service in France and hence joins the major airports around the world ready for the commercial operation of this aircraft.

To provide the A380 passengers with the best service quality, Aéroports de Paris has fitted out the satellites or the halls in the terminals concerned with check-in counters, security checkpoints, boarding areas, gangways and baggage delivery belts.

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Since 2002, all the new infrastructures have been made compatible with this type of aircraft, including the new runways, the taxiways and the boarding areas such as the Galerie Parisienne. At the same time, the older facilities have been optimised in accordance with the international standards specific to the Airbus A380.

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