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London City Airport celebrates its 30 millionth customer

London City Airport welcomed its 30 millionth customer, yesterday. The outstanding milestone was reached when a SWISS traveller departed on flight LX457 to Zurich at 12.45.

To mark the occasion, London City Airport and Swiss International Air Lines (SWISS) hosted a celebration in the gate lounge for all passengers travelling to Zurich on this flight. The lucky 30 millionth passenger received a special treat, a bottle of champagne, along with a pair of return business class tickets to Switzerland from London City Airport, courtesy of SWISS.

Richard Gooding OBE, Chief Executive of London City Airport commented: "Reaching the 30 million mark is a significant milestone for the Airport. We are pleased to commemorate this with SWISS, who have been an important contributor to the growth of the Airport since 1992, with over 3.5 million passengers travelling to Switzerland."

Gregor Koncilja, SWISS UK and Ireland Country Manager said: "This is an incredible achievement for City Airport, and one that SWISS has fully supported, with 3.5 million passengers flying from City with SWISS since 2002. We are delighted that the 30 millionth London City Airport passenger is flying with SWISS today, and look forward to welcoming millions more aboard SWISS in the future from this well situated and successful airport."

In addition, SWISS furthermore celebrated this week the 100 millionth passenger in its history. Holger Häty, Member of the Management Board of SWISS, surprised the history-making passenger prior to departure from Zurich Airport with the presentation of a free flight for two persons

About SWISS

Swiss International Air Lines (SWISS) serves 73 destinations in 39 countries all over the world from its Zurich hub and its further Swiss international airports of Geneva and Basel. SWISS is operating a 85-aircraft fleet. Switzerland's national airline embodies traditional Swiss values such as "personal service", "in-depth quality" and "typical Swiss hospitality" – we aim to make each and every customer feel at home on our flights.

In the UK & Ireland SWISS operates 33 daily flights from London Heathrow, London City, Birmingham International, Manchester and Dublin to Switzerland and, via its hubs, to the world. SWISS operates more flights daily between the UK and Switzerland than any other carrier and offers passengers the best ticket combinations – e.g. out on one of its many frequencies from London City and back to Heathrow either to Geneva or Zurich or vice versa. SWISS is a member of Europe's biggest Frequent Flyer Program, Miles&More, a member of Star Alliance and is one of the few carriers to operate an all-inclusive pricing model with no hidden costs. The carrier is furthermore the only carrier with a first class on all long haul flights. www.swiss.com

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