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Groupe ADP stands out in China, by designing the 2 first Terminals at Chengdu New Tianfu Airport

Chengdu New Tianfu International Airport, which will be commissioned by end of June, is a major benchmark for Groupe ADP in China. In 2015, group's subsidiary ADP Ingénierie won an international competition for the planning and the architectural design of the first phase of this Greenfield Airport.

After optimization of the initial design concept, Groupe ADP has remained actively involved during all the complete design process by supporting its local partner China South West Architectural Design Institute (CSWADI), appointed for the development of the studies.

Located in Jianyang district, approximately 50km east of downtown Chengdu, the new Tianfu International Airport will play an important role in the development of the Sichuan Province economy and its 80 million inhabitants.

Considered as a hub for air traffic in China, Chengdu will now have with this new airport a dual international airport system [two complementary airports coexisting in the same area]: the third of that kind in China, after those of Shanghai and Beijing.

This new Greenfield airport is opening with two terminal buildings and three runways, allowing for an initial capacity of 40 million passengers per year. Subsequent developments are anticipated in the future, including a second "mirror" area in the south for two more terminals and additional runways, which would bring the ultimate capacity up to 90 million passengers per year.

The two first terminals designed by Groupe ADP's teams represent an **area of more than 600,000 sq.m** and provide **83 aircraft parking stands for a high quality of service**. The buildings are connected on landside to four high speed railway lines and two metro lines, through a large intermodal Ground Transportation Center.



Two compact terminals at the best international standards

The architectural concept is characterized by its unique shape, set in a circle representing the sky, around which two curve-shaped roofs revolve, like flying sunbird, a symbol of China's rich cultural heritage.

Terminal 1 accommodates mainly international flights, while Terminal 2 is fully domestic. The two buildings are distinct, with processors and piers gently angled, but sharing same architecture while each terminal is optimized for its specific function, operational flexibility is enhanced by a connecting airside corridor and the positioning of swinging gates in Terminal 1. State-of-the art equipment and technologies are embedded into the buildings, such as a decentralized baggage handling system, more efficient than regular conveyors. Sustainable development and energy saving considerations were also at the heart of this new airport complex. Design and planning have been also driven by the permanent care of keeping a human scale. Indeed, compactness was favoured to minimise the walking distances between terminal gates and boarding rooms. Wayfinding within the terminals is intuitive and hospitality standards are up to the best international standards levels for a world-class passenger experience.

Regarding the commissioning of this new airport, **Xavier Hürstel, Deputy Executive Officer of Groupe ADP for Development operations**, stated: *"The new Tianfu International Airport in Chengdu is a fine example of the expertise developed by Groupe ADP in large-scale airport design, which is part of our DNA as an airports operator and come from decades of experience gained in Paris and through our worldwide network. China is a fast-growing and resilient market and Groupe ADP has gained there major references over the past 25 years, contributing in several large-scale airport projects facilities. The successful commissioning of Tianfu International Airport is another remarkable achievement in our long-standing relationship with China. We are, more than ever, committed to play an active role by providing high value-added services that contribute to the smooth expansion of the Chinese airport system."*

In China, Groupe ADP, throughout ADP Ingénierie, has a long track-record over the last 25 years and won a large number of planning and architectural competitions. Therefore it has subsequently implemented or supported design of major references such as **Beijing-Daxing Terminal 1, Shanghai-Pudong Terminal 1, Nanjing Terminal 2, Chongqing Terminal 3A** or the new terminal 3 of **Guangzhou-Baiyun**.

In addition, the group has been carrying out a large number of consulting assignments, such as master planning services or optimization of airside infrastructures.

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