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Newsletter

We are delighted to present our latest Newsletter giving details of our recent projects, news items of interest and new developments in our Company.

Verona International Airport

The beautiful city of Verona is served by Valerio Catullo International Airport. Popular with many UK tourists the City has romantic attachment of Romeo and Juliet and the Verona province also boasts several well-known wine growing areas including Valpolicella, and Soave. It features prominently in UK Lakes and Mountains tour programmes as the point of entry for the stunningly beautiful Lake Garda and the Italian Alps.



Beautiful City of Verona

Verona region is one of the economic “engines” of the Italian economy with a major centre for the pharmaceutical giant Glaxo. It is also a centre for leather and fashion goods and car components companies Fiamm and Sogefi located nearby.

In 2003 the airport handled 2.4 million pas-

sengers and traffic growth has been strong in 2004 up over 12% in the first nine months of the year.

Working closely with International Air Transport Association (IATA) in Montreal, Feather Consulting has provided a detailed forecast of traffic potential at the airport.

Copa Airlines create “super-hub” in Panama



Copa Airlines' new Boeing 737-700

The Central American carrier Copa Airlines is creating a super-hub at Tocumen International Airport Panama. The airline is currently oper-

ating two intense waves of flights—one in the morning and one in the late afternoon generating peak-hour loads as high as 17 flights per hour.

The all Boeing 737 airline announced a major strategic change last month with its intention to acquire 30 new 94 seat Embraer 190 aircraft. This is going to intensify the peaks although two further waves are likely to emerge.

To accommodate this growth a new terminal development is being constructed with improved transfer facilities and baggage hold screening equipment.

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Special points of interest:

- Growing number of Low Cost Carriers in South East Asia
- Planning guidelines for airstrips in UK
- Maintenance base at Exeter
- DHL showing the way

New Low Cost Carrier Terminal for Singapore

One of the region's busiest hubs, Singapore's Changi International Airport, is moving ahead with plans to build a US\$30 million terminal for low-cost carriers (LCCs) by 2006. This is to cater to Southeast Asia's growing number of budget airlines such as Malaysia's *AirAsia*, *Tiger Airways*, owned by Singapore Airlines, *Jetstar Asia*, a joint operation of Qantas Airways and Singapore's Temasek Holdings, and the region's first no-frills leader *Valuair*.



The new low cost terminal at Changi Airport is scheduled to be ready in early 2006.

Critical to the development will be zero airside connectivity since all airlines will be operating services on a point-to-point basis. A shuttle-bus service will however allow landside connection to the existing terminals.

This is indeed a new direction for the airport that has prided itself as the world's best interconnecting hub. It will now have to strike a balance between the scope of facilities and a level of charges that is acceptable to

A tender from the Civil Aviation Authority of Singapore called for bidders to design and build a single-storey passenger terminal building with a simple, modern and functional layout. They also want the overall look of the terminal to be cheerful and interesting! In terms of processes, passengers should be able to pass through the facility with ease.

the LCC's.

Clearly there will be a need to maximise revenue from sources such as mall shopping and duty-free sales - something its been pretty good at in the past.

TBI Group Sale

The Spanish toll road group Abertis has agreed to buy the British airports operator TBI for £551.3 million (EUR1 billion) in cash. Abertis said its 90 percent-owned Airport Concessions and Development (ACDL) was offering 92.5 pence per share for TBI. The Spanish airports agency AENA owns the remaining 10 percent of ACDL.

TBI had announced pre-tax profits for the six months to the end of September to be GBP£19.2 million, compared to GBP£7.2 million a year earlier. First-half turnover rose 4 percent to GBP£107.6 million. TBI said low-cost airlines have driven overall passenger numbers 12 percent higher in the period. Luton is the main UK hub for low-cost carrier easyJet, which is expanding its capacity at the site, and rival Ryanair is investing there as the main focus for its UK expansion in the next two years.

In October TBI had announced its intention to buy Alterra Partners' stake in Luton Airport for GBP £78 million to give it full ownership. TBI has shares in eight airports -- Belfast International, Cardiff International, Orlando Sandford International in Florida, Stockholm Skavasta and three Bolivian airports.



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New UK CAA issues guidance of unlicensed Aerodromes

The UK Civil Aviation Authority (CAA) has issued new advice and guidance for the development and safe operation of unlicensed aerodromes, much of which has been made available for the first time.

The guidance is included in CAP 428, 'Safety Standards at Unlicensed Aerodromes', which covers areas such as: health and safety; planning permission; aerodrome characteristics; flying operations; aeronautical notification; and provision of air traffic services.

The information applies to all unlicensed aerodromes, regardless of whether they are a hard runway equipped airfield, a helicopter landing

site or a 'farm strip'.

Robb Metcalfe, Head of General Aviation Operations at the CAA's Safety Regulation Group, said: "This publication is indispensable for all owners of, and those who operate or fly from, unlicensed aerodromes.

Interested parties can download a copy of CAP 428, free-of-charge, from the CAA website: www.caa.co.uk/

Change in the air for FlyBe

FlyBe, the fast-growing regional airline that has been reinventing itself as a low-cost airline to rival Ryanair and easyJet with some remarkable success. It has a key hub at Birmingham International Airport and recently announced a major expansion of operations basing two 737-300 aircraft there in 2005. It is also in talks with Airbus and Boeing about the acquisition of up to 12 new aircraft, with a decision expected by March next year. This will be the first of the type in the Flybe fleet, enabling it to operate to Mediterranean destinations alongside its current network.

The airline - owned by the family trusts of Jack Walker, the late steel magnate who was behind the resurgence of the football club Blackburn Rovers - has just announced record half year profits of £14m. This represents a £17.1m improvement on the prior half-year, showing the dramatic turnaround.

Flybe has its main operational base at Exeter Airport where it provides heavy maintenance checks on its fleet and third party aircraft of BAe 146/RJ, Bombardier Dash 8 200/300, Q400, ATR 42/72



Avro Regional Jet will have Boeing 737-300 addition to the Flybe fleet.

and BAe ATP aircraft types. It has EASA Part 145, 147 and BCAR E2/E3 approvals and ISO9001:2000 certification.

Macquarie Banks on buying Brussels



Brussels Airport sold to Macquarie Bank

Australian infrastructure group Macquarie is to buy a 70 percent stake in Brussels Zaventem international airport for EUR735 million, the Belgian government has announced. The Belgian state, the airport's majority shareholder, will cut its stake in Brussels International Airport (BIAC) to 30 percent and the airport's minority shareholders will sell their entire stakes.

The deal is the fourth in Europe for Macquarie Airports a detailed forecast , which already owns stakes in airports serving Rome, Birmingham and Bristol, and is the world's second-biggest privately owned airport operator.

Spanish construction firm Ferrovial, along with Copenhagen were among other short-listed bidders for the airport.

DHL Selects Leipzig Hub

Deutsche Post, the current owner of DHL, the express courier and logistics company, has announced plans to relocate its European intercontinental hub from Brussels to Leipzig in eastern Germany. The move comes after a stand-off with the Belgian Government over the company's need for additional night-time slots at the Belgian capital city airport.

The company expects to invest about EUR300 million in the development and employ about 3,500 people by 2012 creating a further 7,000 much needed jobs in this economically depressed region.

In the first 9 months of 2004 Leipzig/Halle airport handled 1.57m passengers (up 4.5% on the previous year), from 30,718 air transport movements. It can clearly expect its freight throughput, currently running at only 6,000Tonnes to increase dramatically with the arrival of the new operator.



The arrival of DHL will generate an estimated 10,000 jobs for the region

New Route Development Liverpool John Lennon Airport

Ryanair have announced that they have chosen to open up their latest European base at Liverpool John Lennon Airport. The Irish airline told a packed press conference that from March 2005 they will start to base up to four 189 seat Boeing 737-800 aircraft at Liverpool to operate flights to 13 destinations.

Ryanair first started flying from Liverpool over 16 years ago and currently operate popular services to Dublin and Gerona. In September they revealed that they would commence departures to Rome and Milan early next year and this recent announcement will see the low cost carrier also commencing flights to Venice, Pisa, Limoges, Nimes, Granada, Murcia, Reus, Cork and Shannon, bringing their total operation from Liverpool John Lennon Airport to 13 destinations.

The impact on operations at Liverpool will be significant generating an estimated extra 5000 aircraft movements and over one million additional passengers.



Ryanair to base up to four Boeing 737-800 at Liverpool John Lennon Airport

Feather Consulting New Offices in Hale

Feather Consulting has taken occupation of new offices on the first floor of 213 Ashley Road in Hale near Altrincham in November 2004. Our location, a short taxi ride from Manchester International Airport, will enable us to service our client base very effectively and should enable our overseas clients to find us easily.

The office also gives scope to bring together a larger team, take advantage of closer working and provide a more focused approach to projects.

Directions

From Manchester International Airport:

Follow signs M56 to leave the airport. Branch left (signposted Chester) to join M56. Leave M56 at Junction 6 and at roundabout take 1st exit A538 (signposted Altrincham).

At the next roundabout take 2nd exit - A538 Hale Barns; Turn left onto Broomfield Lane - B5163; Turn left onto Ashley Road - B5357

From M6/M56

Leave the M6 at J20 follow sign Manchester/ Manchester Airport to join M56. Leave M56 at Junction 7 (A56), branch left (signposted Altrincham A56) .

At the Roundabout - take 3rd exit A56. At traffic signals turn right B5160 (signposted Hale, Bowdon). Follow the road as it bends to the right and pass the level crossing – you are on Ashley Road.



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