

Greater comfort as a result of central security

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At 5 am this morning, Amsterdam Airport Schiphol switched over to central security. Schiphol is now using five large central checkpoints. The 130 security lanes at the gates are no longer required. As a result of this major overhaul, Schiphol now offers a more efficient and service-oriented security process and more space on the piers.

'The transition to central security is a milestone in the renovation of the terminal. It means greater comfort for passengers and a more efficient process for the airlines. A fantastic achievement by all the parties involved, certainly when you consider that we have always remained open during the renovations and will continue to do so. 55 million passengers chose Schiphol last year, and they could all see the renovation work which was being carried out. Renovation is sometimes accompanied by inconvenience, and this could also apply in the months ahead during the completion of the construction work. I would therefore like to thank our passengers, business partners and the airlines for their patience and understanding', says Jos Nijhuis, CEO & President of Schiphol Group.

Major overhaul

In order to enable the transition to central security, the terminal has undergone a major overhaul. For example, an extra floor was constructed in Departure Halls 2 and 3 to accommodate the new checkpoints. On Piers E, F and G, an additional level was built in order to separate various passenger flows. In total, Schiphol now has three security checkpoints for departing passengers and two for transfer passengers. As well as enhanced comfort and efficiency, the new security concept also anticipates the airport's future growth, changes in laws and regulations and new technological developments.

Schiphol constructs, converts and connects

In an effort to strengthen its competitive position and ensure that it can continue to offer its passengers and airlines a top-quality product, Schiphol is making substantial infrastructural investments. This far-reaching renovation effort will increase capacity, allowing Schiphol to offer greater comfort with more spacious terminals and piers and more smoothly coordinated passenger processes. Schiphol is working on the full-scale renovation of Departure Lounge 2 and the new Hilton Schiphol Hotel will also open this year.

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