

## Schiphol launches renovation of Departure Lounge 2:

### Airport investing in quality and passenger comfort

## Persbericht

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Amsterdam Airport Schiphol is today launching a complete renovation of Departure Lounge 2. With a new layout, the lounge will increase its retail and Food & Beverage capacity by around 20%. Located beyond passport control, Departure Lounge 2 is scheduled for completion in the summer of 2015.

#### **A welcoming and sustainable Schiphol**

Departure Lounge 2 is undergoing a complete transformation and will be sub-divided into seven theme worlds Food & Beverage to our passengers. Each theme world will offer passengers a specific experience with plenty to enjoy for adults as well as children. The themes are: Luxury, Family, Travel & Culture, Modern Dutch, See Buy Fly, Fashion & Lifestyle, and Care & Wellness. Each theme is characterised by its use of specific materials and designs, and includes appropriate services such as seating areas, Food & Beverage outlets and shops. Furnishings focus on the use of sustainable materials such as FSC-certified wood and LED lighting with motion sensors.

#### **Food & Beverage outlets, shops and services**

The arrival at Schiphol of the first JOHNNIE WALKER HOUSE luxury retail concept store in Europe, will be a flagship in Europe travel retail. Other new arrivals in the departure lounge include M&Ms Amsterdam, a shop with a unique range of toys, clothing and exclusive products, and a Gucci store. Bulgari, Hermès, Bottega Veneta, Omega, Mont Blanc and Rolex are amongst the familiar, trusted brands featured in the Departure Lounge 2. Innovative food concepts are provided by the Amsterdam Bread Co., the Asian restaurant Kebaya, Café Cocó, Starbucks and the Heineken Bar. Anyone seeking to relax or re-energise before departure can do so at XpresSpa.

#### **Open during refurbishment**

The shops in Departure Lounge 2 will remain partially open during the refurbishment, with smaller, temporary sites. Passengers will also be able to use the shops and Food and Beverage outlets in Departure Lounge 3. The work will be carried out in phases, with as much as possible being done at night. Passengers may need to follow temporary diversions during the refurbishment of Departure Lounge 2. Signage will be in place and airport staff on hand to provide directions.

#### **Schiphol constructs, converts and connects**

The renovation of Departure Lounge 2 is part of the Master Plan, a comprehensive renovation programme for Schiphol to strengthen its capacity and improve levels of comfort and efficiency for passengers. The Master Plan includes the introduction of centralised security throughout the terminal, the construction of a new Hilton hotel, the development of Area A to the south of the terminal, and the renovation of the security filter in Departure Hall 1. Construction work started in July 2013 and is expected to be completed in 2018.

More than 14 million people travel through Departure Lounge 2 annually, with more than half transferring at Schiphol. The first and second floors of Departure Lounge 2 have a total surface area of around 16,000 m<sup>2</sup>.

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