



## **King Philippe visits Aviapartner**

**Brussels, 10 June 2021 - King Philippe today met with Aviapartner staff and the group's president, Laurent Levaux, during a visit to Brussels Airport. The company's staff members were able to share their experience and enthusiasm at the thought of returning to work after many months of reduced activity due to the pandemic.**

With operations at Zaventem, Liege, Ostend and Antwerp, as well as 35 other airports in Europe, Aviapartner is the largest provider of airport handling services in continental Europe.

Aviapartner operates all the service and technical management activities for passenger and cargo aircraft on behalf of airlines. In these airports, Aviapartner carries out ticketing, check-in, boarding, assistance with boarding, management of boarding bridges and assistance for people with reduced mobility, etc. Aviapartner also manages all operations around the aircraft on the tarmac including de-icing operations. These activities are essential to allow passengers and goods to fly.

This large Belgian group was hit hard by the COVID-19 crisis. For many months, its work was limited to cargo activities.

During his visit to Brussels Airport, King Philippe stopped by Aviapartner. He had the opportunity to talk the company's staff members and was taken through the work carried out by Aviapartner's 10,000 employees in Europe who, every day, ensure the smooth running of operations at the airports where the company is active.

*"This royal visit demonstrates the economic importance of Aviapartner for the country and the investment we all had to make during the corona crisis. Without Aviapartner, travel would not be possible. We are delighted and proud to receive this visit from the King", concludes Laurent Levaux, President of Aviapartner.*

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### **About Aviapartner**

**Founded in 1949**, Aviapartner is Europe's largest provider of airport handling services for passenger aircraft. With a presence in 40 airports in Belgium, France, Spain, Germany, Italy and the Netherlands, the Belgian group employs nearly 10,000 people to serve more than 100 million passengers per year. It offers a wide range of services to over 400 passenger and cargo airlines. Aviapartner holds multiple quality certifications and awards from its airline customers.

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