



Press release:

Travelport becomes new business partner of BARIG

- **First partner for the new Technology & Innovation segment**

Frankfurt, 6th March 2017. Travelport, a leading travel commerce platform provider, is now a business partner of the Board of Airline Representatives in Germany (BARIG). The association BARIG has around 100 national and international member airlines operating in Germany. As a global end-to-end, travel booking technology service provider, Travelport will regularly provide key technology transformation updates and innovative techniques around redefining travel commerce for the global travel ecosystem.

„The concept of global distribution systems continues to be of great relevance to airlines. Travelport has acknowledged the potential that lies in intense and constructive dialogue,” BARIG General Secretary Michael Hoppe states. „As a business partner Travelport is now integrated in our communication and can for instance present pioneering technological developments. At the same time the introduction of Travelport has initiated the opening of the business partner segment ‘Technology & Innovation’ within BARIG, thereby increasing our expertise in this area.”

„Travelport has been a close and reliable partner of airlines for many years and creates state of the art solutions for them“, Marcel van de Wal, Senior Commercial Manager Air Commerce Germany, Switzerland, Austria at Travelport points out. „As a business partner of BARIG we look forward to updating the international airline representatives on the technical options available to extensively promote their brand, to the travel trade and bookers alike.”

Travelport is a travel commerce platform providing distribution, technology, payment and other solutions for the global travel and tourism industry. With a presence in over 180 countries Travelport offers services to around 400 airlines and 650.000 hotels among others.

BARIG e.V. (Board of Airline Representatives in Germany) represents the interests of around 100 national and international airlines in scheduled, charter and air cargo business. Since the foundation in 1951 the airline association works for the improvement of frame conditions in the aviation industry in Germany and is the key industry contact for politics, authorities, industry and media. Worldwide the BARIG member airlines transport around 1.7 billion passengers and more than 25 million tons of air cargo to over 1.500 destinations. Every year over 200 million passengers are traveling to and from Germany with BARIG airlines to more than 280 international destinations. The BARIG Airlines have over 105.000 employees in Germany. The overall aviation industry secures 823.000 workplaces and therefore is a major factor of the German economy.

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