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AGS Airports' net zero journey recognised by global carbon accreditation scheme

**Aberdeen, Glasgow and Southampton airports all secure
Airport Carbon Accreditation Level 4+**

AGS Airports, which comprises Aberdeen, Glasgow and Southampton airports, has been recognised for its ongoing efforts to achieve net zero after securing Level 4+ of the *Airport Carbon Accreditation* scheme.

Airport Carbon Accreditation is the only institutionally endorsed, global carbon management certification programme for airports. It independently assesses and recognises the efforts of airports to manage and reduce their carbon emissions through seven levels of certification. Level 4+ is the second highest level of certification.

To secure Level 4+, all three of AGS' airports had to demonstrate they are "transforming airport operations and those of their business partners to achieve absolute emissions reductions." Importantly, the accreditation recognises that AGS has defined a long-term carbon management strategy that is aligned with the objectives of the Paris Agreement.

Achieving net zero for its direct emissions by 2035 is a key pillar of AGS' ESG strategy which it launched earlier this year. The airport group has made great strides in decarbonising its operations with initiatives including:

- transitioning to sustainable fuels such as Hydrotreated Vegetable Oil (HVO) which is used in operational vehicles;
- investing in electric vehicles;
- supporting the net zero efforts of its airport partners including airlines; and
- advancing the UK aviation sector's transition to zero emission flight. With funding from the Scottish Government, AGS recently led a consortium to test the feasibility of a hydrogen production, storage and distribution hub that would support zero emission flight.

Olivier Jankovec, Director General of European airports' trade body ACI EUROPE which launched the ACA scheme in 2009, said: "Congratulations to AGS Airports for reaching Level 4+ of Airport Carbon Accreditation at Southampton, Aberdeen and Glasgow airports. This is an important milestone, attesting that their carbon reduction strategy is now fully aligned with the objective of the Paris Agreement.

"AGS Airports' ambition to achieve net zero for direct emissions already by 2035 is backed by real action, from electrifying their vehicle fleet to exploring hydrogen production and distribution

to enable future zero emission flights. These are the kinds of concrete steps that move the aviation sector closer to decarbonisation. Hats off to the entire AGS Airports team for their commitment and hard work.”

Kam Jandu, Chief Executive of AGS Airports, said: “This is a significant achievement for AGS and acknowledgement that we are making tangible progress in decarbonising our airports while supporting the efforts of the wider aviation sector. Our ESG strategy sets out how we balance the undoubted social and economic benefits our airports deliver, with our climate change responsibilities.

“Sustainable growth is integral to our business model and long-term success, and we have worked hard to embed it into our core operations which is why we are delighted to have secured Level 4+ of the ACA scheme. I am extremely proud of our team who not only developed this strategy but also ensure we live it every day.”

In January 2025, AGS was acquired by one of the world's leading private airport operators, AviAlliance, which is also invested in Athens, Dusseldorf, Hamburg and San Juan (Puerto Rico) airports. AGS is also held by funds managed by Blackstone, the world's largest alternative asset manager. In April 2025, the airport group's new owners announced plans to invest £350 million in the future growth and decarbonisation of AGS over the course of the next five years.

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AGS Airports

AGS Airports Limited was established in 2014 to invest in Aberdeen International, Glasgow and Southampton airports and is the second largest airport group in the UK. The group supports tens of thousands of jobs and contributes in excess of £2 billion in GVA to the UK economy every year.

AGS Airports is held by AviAlliance, one of the world's leading private industrial airport investors and managers, and by funds managed by Blackstone, the world's largest alternative asset manager. Founded in 1997 and acquired by the Public Sector Pension Investment Board (PSP Investments) in 2013, AviAlliance has a long track record of traffic growth, operational excellence and superior passenger experience as well as investment in its airports. The company has an international airport network, currently managing stakes in Aberdeen, Athens, Düsseldorf, Glasgow, Hamburg, San Juan (Puerto Rico) and Southampton airports. For more information visit www.avialliance.com.