

## **PRESS RELEASE**

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## Launch of the modernisation works at Kansai international airport

- Pursuit of international development and improvement of the passenger experience
- Preparation for the 2025 World Expo and support for Kansai's future growth

VINCI Airports and its partner ORIX, concession owners of Kansai international airport, launched the modernisation works of the airport terminal 1 on May 28<sup>th</sup>, the largest works programme since the airport was opened in 1994.

In line with Japan's tourism strategy and economic development of the Kansai region, the works continue and accelerate the modernisation of the Kansai airports, initiated from the start of the concession in 2016. The goal is to create more capacity and improve the passenger experience without building a new terminal - an approach based on optimising existing spaces that fits with VINCI Airports' environmental objectives.

The works will involve enlarging and completely renovating the airport's international passenger journey: security controls, boarding, departures, retail spaces and arrivals. The new journey will showcase the architecture of the building designed by Renzo Piano, while new technologies will optimise flows and enhance the passenger experience. Domestic passengers will also benefit from a new, more functional and compact space with a broader range of services and a vast retail offering available right up to the boarding point.

All the renovated spaces will be designed to the most stringent environmental standards for reducing energy consumption and will enhance accessibility and comfort for all users.

The works, supported by the Japanese government, will make the airport the "First Pavilion" of the Osaka-Kansai Japan Expo 2025. They will offer visitors an immersion in a welcoming and experiential space that will showcase Japan's innovation culture, right from their arrival in the country.

Nicolas Notebaert, Chief Executive Officer of VINCI Concessions and President of VINCI Airports, declared: "Modernisation of Kansai international airport will act as a source of growth and enhance the attractiveness of the region. As a long-term partner working with the Japanese authorities, VINCI Airports is proud to stand alongside them in this new phase of improvements that will make the airport even more effective, sustainable and innovative."

## **About VINCI Airports**

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