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PRESS NOTE

LEONARDO, NEW CONTRACT FOR THE AUTOMATION OF MALTA AIRPORT

Malta International Airport has chosen Leonardo's new high-efficiency baggage handling systems. With this project, the company has now sold 50 MBHS Cross Belt Sorter systems.

Leonardo's turnkey solutions comply with the highest European and international safety standards.

Rome, 09/03/2026 – Leonardo strengthens its international position in the field of airport automation and logistics. Malta International Airport – one of the most dynamic and strategic hubs in the Mediterranean – has selected Leonardo's technology to optimize logistics operations and baggage handling in order to offer the best-in-class service to an increasing number of passengers.

The contract covers the supply and installation of a complete system to be delivered within the ambitious timeframe set by Malta International Airport as part of its wider terminal expansion project, expected to be completed by 2028. The new system, which will be able to process up to 5,000 bags per hour and will use an advanced baggage reception and storage system, has been designed to support Malta International Airport in handling significant daily passenger traffic volumes.

This technology will optimize every stage of the journey, speeding up check-in and flight preparation operations and reducing waiting times for baggage deposit. It will also use an advanced baggage reception and storage system, designed and sized to effectively handle increased demand at peak hours and the number of cruise passengers who pass through Malta home porting.

The supply is based on a high-speed sorting system centered on Leonardo's MBHS (Multisort Baggage Handling System) sorter. This system will be fully integrated with airport security systems, including a screening areas that will use state-of-the-art control equipment, fully compliant with European Standard 3. This compliance ensures that airports are aligned with the most stringent international security requirements, thanks also to advanced software for automation and complete traceability of baggage flows.

“The award of this project confirms Leonardo's role as a leading technology partner for major international hubs. Through our MBHS Cross-Belt Sorter technology, we are able to offer a solution that combines high productivity and maximum reliability, which are essential for rapidly expanding airports. Our goal is to support our customers in ensuring a safe and cutting-edge travel experience for their passengers.” says Riccardo Majorana, Director of Sales & Business Development for Leonardo's Automation Business Unit.

With this new contract, Leonardo has reached a significant milestone in the baggage handling sector: 50 MBHS® Cross Belt Sorter systems for baggage sorting systems sold globally in Europe, Asia, the Middle East, India, and the United States. This result goes far beyond the numbers and confirms Leonardo's leadership in the world of baggage handling, together with its commitment to providing efficient and reliable automation solutions for airports and passengers.