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AirPlus and Airbnb to integrate booking and payment solution

Leading innovative travel companies bring together sharing economy and travel expense management

London, UK 11th November 2016 – AirPlus International and Airbnb are developing a new integrated solution for the booking, payment and billing of business-related travel. The expert in payment solutions in business travel management and the world's leading community-driven hospitality company will be introducing a fully automated solution during the coming year providing business travelers with a combination of best in class payment and travel management solutions with over 2.5 million accommodation choices across the world.

Today AirPlus customers are able to book and pay for stays on Airbnb with the virtual credit card A.I.D.A.. A virtual MasterCard credit card number is first generated in the AirPlus portal or via a mobile phone, which is then used when paying on Airbnb. The companies are working on an integrated payment process so that the traveler will be able to book accommodation on Airbnb and automatically centrally bill the corporate account. Travel managers can ensure optimal transparency and perform data analysis with additional information such as cost center, project or employee number.

“More and more business travelers wish to make use of the flexibility that the sharing economy offers. At the same time, travel managers wish to track compliance and costs,” said Patrick W. Diemer, Managing Director of AirPlus. “Together with Airbnb, we are pleased to combine flexible booking, automated payment and billing as well as transparent cost management into a single solution.”

“We are excited to be partnering with AirPlus making it even more convenient for business travelers to choose Airbnb when booking business trips,” said Lex Bayer, Group Head of Business Development, Payments, and Airbnb for Business. “Airbnb for Business makes it possible to travel for work without having to miss out on the comforts of home and providing additional payment options through AirPlus will help us better support the growing popularity of Airbnb with both the corporate traveler and travel manager.”

In 2016 Airbnb for Business tripled in growth with more and more business travelers recognizing the many benefits Airbnb offers. Travel managers can easily manage travel data through the Airbnb for Business dashboard, a one stop dashboard that provides a full and comprehensive insight into employee's travel plans including bills, business travel ready homes, corporate reporting and duty of care options giving them better insight into the full employee experience.

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Note to editors:

About AirPlus International

AirPlus is a leading international provider of payment solutions for the day-to-day management of business travel. More than 46,500 corporate clients count on AirPlus for the payment and analysis of their business trip costs. Products and services are marketed worldwide under the AirPlus International brand. The AirPlus Company Account is the most successful central bill account based on UATP. More information is available at www.airplus.com.

About Airbnb:

Founded in August of 2008 and based in San Francisco, California, Airbnb is a trusted community marketplace for people to list, discover, and book unique accommodations around the world — online or from a mobile phone or tablet. Whether an apartment for a night, a castle for a week, or a villa for a month, Airbnb connects people to unique travel experiences, at any price point, in more than 34,000 cities and 191 countries. And with world-class customer service and a growing community of users, Airbnb is the easiest way for people to monetize their extra space and showcase it to an audience of millions. Airbnb for Business works around the globe, and our Business Travel product is translated into 26 languages to better support a global audience. Companies from over 150 countries have signed up for our Airbnb for Business Program and business travelers have traveled to over 172 countries on Airbnb. For more information on business travel on Airbnb, please visit: <https://www.airbnb.com/business>

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