



# TRAVEL DISTRIBUTION AND RETAILING UPDATES



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# LUFTHANSA GROUP INCREASES GDS SURCHARGE

Starting January 1, 2026, Lufthansa Group (LHG) will increase its Distribution Cost Charge (DCC) for Sabre and Amadeus-issued tickets by 0.5 EUR across all group airlines. The EUR surcharge for Travelport remains unchanged. The NDC DCC amount remains the same at 8 EUR for all GDSs.

## Evolution of LHG GDS EUR surcharges

	Amadeus	Sabre	Travelport
September 2015	16.00	16.00	16.00
October 2020	19.00	19.00	19.00
September 2022	17.50	19.50	23.00
January 2024	17.50	24.50	23.00
January 2025	17.50	22.00	23.00
January 2026	18.00	22.50	23.00

■ *Surcharge increase*    ■ *Surcharge decrease*



# WIZZ AIR SIGNS DISTRIBUTION DEAL WITH KYTE

Low-cost carrier Wizz Air has entered into a partnership with Kyte, enabling Kyte connected corporate travel sellers (TMCs and corporate booking tools) access to the carriers content. The integration includes fares, ancillaries, and bundles. Wizz Air is a Hungarian LCC with 62.7 million passengers boarded in 2025 (January-November).

In 2024, Kyte entered into integrations with Spotnana and TPConnects to distribute airline content.

## LCC deals with Kyte

**easyJet**

**August 2023**

(offered on  
AirGateway via  
Kyte integration)

**Ryanair**

**March 2024**

**Jet2.com**

**June 2025**

**Wizz Air**

**December 2025**

# TAP AIR PORTUGAL SIGNS NDC AGREEMENT WITH AMADEUS

Amadeus and TAP Air Portugal have signed an expanded distribution agreement, which includes access to NDC content. The final timeline for distributing TAP's NDC content on the Amadeus Travel Platform has not yet been specified. TAP's NDC is live on Sabre and Travelport.

The carrier has a comprehensive NDC program consisting of aggregator connections (Travelfusion, AirGateway, etc.), Direct Connects, and GDS NDC. Other recent NDC integrations include Verteil, Atriis, and ARC. TAP is an Amadeus Altéa NDC customer.

## TAP's GDS NDC implementation timeline

	NDC deal announcement	NDC go-live on GDS
Sabre	10/2024	10/2024
Travelport	11/2024	09/2025
Amadeus	12/2025	TBA



## **VOLARIS CONTENT GOES LIVE ON SABRE**

Mexican ultra-low-cost carrier (ULCC) Volaris has gone live with its content on Sabre, marking the first time the airline's content is distributed via a GDS. The move unlocks global access for Volaris and enables it to tap into the corporate segment. Volaris signed its distribution agreement with Sabre in October 2025.

Earlier this year, competing Mexican ULCC, Viva, expanded its distribution agreement with Amadeus to include NDC content.

## **LUFTHANSA EXPANDS NDC WITH SINGAPORE AIRLINES**

Lufthansa Group has added Singapore Airlines' prime code, enabling agents to book combined itineraries via NDC. The carrier has also integrated Air Canada and United Airline prime codes.

Earlier this year, Lufthansa Group also made select Economy Class fares on SIN–DACHB routes NDC-exclusive, marking another step in aligning its joint venture with Singapore Airlines.



# **AIR FRANCE-KLM NDC GOES LIVE ON TRAVELSKY**

NDC content from Air France-KLM (AF-KL) is now available to Travelsky-connected agents worldwide via the Aggsky platform.

AF-KL's NDC content has already been live on Amadeus and Travelport since 2021 and on Sabre since early this year.

GDS EDIFACT bookings for AF-KL carry a 24 EUR surcharge per segment. Until July 2025, the surcharge for business customers was levied at a reduced rate of 3 EUR.

# **RIYADH AIR COMES OUT AS 'FIRST AI-NATIVE AIRLINE'**

Riyadh Air, in partnership with IBM Consulting has been launched as the 'World's First AI-Native Airline'. As part of the collaboration, Riyadh Air's operations, both on the employee and customer-facing sides, will be enabled via various AI tools. This includes integrations with 60 partners, orchestrated via IBM Consulting.

The carrier is set to launch commercial operations in 2026.





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