Fraport Fiscal Year 2021: 
Revenue and Profit Boosted by Higher Passenger Demand and Strict Cost Reductions

Positive Group result achieved – CEO Schulte: Current bookings situation is cause for optimism – Fraport intensifies climate commitment for carbon-free operations across the Group by 2045 – Long-term growth perspective remains intact

FRA/gk-rap – The Covid-19 pandemic continued to impact Fraport AG’s financial performance in fiscal year 2021 (ended Dec. 31). Nevertheless, Fraport increased its revenue and operating result (EBITDA) year-on-year, despite the ongoing volatile market environment. This positive trend was mainly supported by the company’s strict cost management and by the ongoing traffic recovery during the second half of 2021 – in Frankfurt, and particularly at the Group’s airports worldwide. The Group result (net profit) moved clearly back into positive territory, reaching €91.8 million at year-end 2021 (2019: minus €690.4 million).

Fraport AG’s CEO, Dr. Stefan Schulte, commented: “We have used the past year to further increase our competitiveness, thus strengthening Fraport’s position for future growth. We have realigned our company by implementing strict cost management and, where necessary, adopting immediate personnel-reduction measures – in response to noticeably lower traffic volumes now. Fraport has become a leaner and more efficient company than before the pandemic. This will be a decisive factor for our future success, while also entailing even greater flexibility – also in view of the current geopolitical situation. A look at the current flight bookings situation gives cause for optimism. The booking figures clearly underscore that people are eager to travel again. For this reason, we are now focusing on ramping up operations. This includes plans to recruit up to 1,000 operational staff in 2022. At the same time, we are intensifying our climate goals. Our aim is to become
carbon free by 2045 – in Frankfurt, as well as at all our Group airports worldwide."

Positive financial performance largely driven by traffic growth

Global travel restrictions still dampened passenger demand in the beginning months of 2021. Traffic first picked up again noticeably during the summer. A total of 24.8 million passengers traveled via Frankfurt Airport (FRA) in 2021, representing an increase of 32 percent year-on-year (2019: down 65 percent). Most of the airports in Fraport’s international portfolio also benefited from people’s renewed desire to travel to warm-weather destinations – with some Group airports seeing significant passenger growth. In October 2021, traffic nearly reached pre-crisis levels at the Greek airports and Antalya Airport on the Turkish Riviera. Across the Group, traffic growth rates ranged between 31 percent at Ljubljana Airport and 126 percent in Antalya, year-on-year.

Cargo throughput at Frankfurt Airport (comprising airfreight and airmail) also continued to grow in 2021. Despite the lack of belly capacity on passenger aircraft, FRA even hit a new record for cargo traffic in fiscal 2021. This underscores Frankfurt’s vital role as one of the leading cargo hubs in Europe.

Reflecting Fraport’s overall positive traffic performance, Group revenue rose by 27.8 percent year-on-year to €2.14 billion. Adjusted for revenue from construction and expansion measures at Fraport’s subsidiaries worldwide (in line with IFRIC 12), Group revenue grew by 30.9 percent to €1.90 billion.

Driven by revenue growth and a further significant reduction in operating expenses, Group EBITDA (earnings before interest, taxes, depreciation and amortization) clearly climbed back to positive territory in fiscal 2021, reaching €757.0 million (2019: minus €250.6 million). This growth was also supported by crisis-related compensation payments and other pandemic compensation granted by governments – totaling around €320 million. Group EBIT also increased markedly to €313.7 million (2019: minus €708.1 million). The Group
result (net profit) recovered from a loss of €690 million recorded in 2020 (the first pandemic year) to a gain of €91.8 million in 2021.

Cost reductions enable Fraport to focus on ramping up operations

In mid-year 2021, Fraport already achieved its self-set goal of reducing personnel expenses at Frankfurt. By then, about 4,300 jobs were cut in a socially responsible manner, leading respectively to reduced staff costs. Further savings were achieved by implementing short-time work for employees (under Germany’s “Kurzarbeit” program). However, “Kurzarbeit” only applied to non-operational staff at Frankfurt throughout the full-year 2021. For operational staff, short-time work was gradually reduced in the course of the year in tandem with the ramp-up of airport operations. In addition, Fraport started recruiting operational staff again.

Strict cost management and ongoing Group development

Fraport implemented measures to counter the pandemic crisis at a very early stage. Because these measures have proven effective, the Group is now focusing on streamlining processes and aligning organizational structures to further increase efficiencies. In addition, the company will continue its strict cost-management policy, by reducing or deferring all investments unessential for maintaining operations. At the same time, Fraport continues to pursue important strategic investments for the future, such as the construction of Frankfurt Airport’s new Terminal 3. On the site of the new terminal, the largely completed Pier G is being put into inactive standby mode. Should strong passenger demand require additional capacity, Pier G – which is scheduled to open in 2026 – could be taken into operation ahead of schedule on a flexible basis, requiring a minimum twelve-month preparation period.
**Fraport accelerates sustainability goals**

Despite the ongoing business challenges in the second pandemic year, Fraport set the course in 2021 for an even more ambitious climate goal. The airport operator has committed to becoming carbon free at all of its locations across the Group by 2045. This commitment comprises an extensive package of measures to be adopted at the Group’s home-base Frankfurt Airport, but also serving as a guideline for Fraport’s Group airports worldwide. Fraport’s climate package explicitly excludes measures that merely offset carbon.

In Frankfurt, Fraport has been purchasing electricity from existing onshore wind turbines since July 2021. Another milestone followed in December last year with the signing of an agreement between Fraport and energy provider EnBW. Under this agreement, EnBW will supply some 85 megawatts of electricity per year to Frankfurt Airport from an offshore wind park, starting in 2026. Other Fraport measures include increasing the use of photovoltaic arrays for generating electricity, switching incrementally to renewables to power the vehicle fleet, as well as a number of other improvements to enhance energy efficiency.

**Outlook**

For the current 2022 business year, Fraport’s Executive Board expects traffic at Frankfurt Airport to range between approximately 39 million and 46 million travelers – equaling 55 to 65 percent of the pre-crisis 2019 passenger level. Group revenue is projected to reach about €3 billion. Group EBITDA is expected to range between €760 million and €880 million, while Group EBIT is forecast to rise to between €320 million and €440 million. The Group result (net profit) is expected to reach between €50 million and €150 million. The current geopolitical situation has already been factored into this outlook to the extent now possible, given all the uncertainty. Fraport AG issued a press release on March 4 about its minority shareholding at St. Petersburg’s
Pulkovo Airport (LED): [https://www.fraport.com/en/newsroom/press-releases.html](https://www.fraport.com/en/newsroom/press-releases.html). In view of the ongoing challenging environment and the costs incurred for raising the Group’s liquidity, surplus achieved in 2022 is intended to be used for debt reduction, thus further stabilizing the company. In light of this, Fraport’s executive board will propose to the Supervisory Board and the AGM, like in fiscal 2021, not to distribute a dividend for the current 2022 financial year.

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Headquartered in Frankfurt, Germany, Fraport AG (Frankfurt Stock Exchange, MDAX) is one of the leading players in the global airport business. Fraport’s portfolio of companies spans four continents with activities at 31 airports worldwide. In pre-pandemic 2019, more than 182 million passengers used airports in which Fraport has at least a 50 percent stake. Impacted by the Covid-19 pandemic, Fraport’s majority-owned Group airports welcomed only about 86 million passengers in 2021. In fiscal year 2021 (Dec. 31), Fraport AG generated revenue of €2.1 billion and profit of some €92 million.

Fraport’s home-base Frankfurt Airport (FRA) is strategically located in the heart of Europe at the junction of vital intermodal road, rail and air networks. The surrounding Frankfurt Rhine-Main-Neckar region serves as an economic powerhouse and logistics hub for Europe and the world. In 2019, FRA welcomed more than 70.5 million passengers and handled 2.1 million metric tons of cargo. Only 24.8 million passengers traveled through FRA in 2021, due to the Covid-19 pandemic. Cargo volumes reached an all-time record of some 2.3 million metric tons in 2021.

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