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Sabre's Flight Explorer expands tracking data to increase global coverage

NextGen technology supports airline efficiency and fuel savings

SOUTHLAKE, Texas, May 19, 2015 /PRNewswire/ -- [Sabre Corporation](#) (Nasdaq: SABR) has enhanced its AirCentre Flight Explorer solution using [Planefinder](#) data, offering additional coverage globally for aircraft position information as part of the Next Generation Air Transportation System (NextGen).

Planefinder receives next generation tracking technology (Automatic Dependent Surveillance Broadcast System - ADS-B) data feeds used by aircraft to transmit their name, position, call sign, status and more. The addition of Planefinder data furthers Sabre Flight Explorer's expansion of flight-tracking capabilities toward complete global coverage, particularly in Europe, Asia Pacific, and Central and South America where coverage was often limited to proprietary flight data.

ADS-B data enables airlines to track aircraft with increased awareness of conditions that could impact flights, resulting in reduced air traffic delays and increased fuel and flight time efficiency. The airline industry continues to evolve from a ground-based radar system to the more reliable ADS-B based system, which in the future will be satellite-based.

"As part of our continued commitment to provide our customers with innovative solutions, it's important that we stay on the forefront of adopting and making available the latest in data and technology," said Kamal Qatato, vice president of Sabre AirCentre, which provides software for airline operations. "Working with Planefinder has enabled Sabre to enhance our Flight Explorer solution with new data source technology. The ability to include the ADS-B feed further enriches the data available in Flight Explorer to support decisions in real-time flight management."

Swiss International Air Lines uses Sabre's enhanced Flight Explorer and believes it has made a significant difference in their flight operations.

"With the new ADS-B tracking technology in Flight Explorer we are able to precisely track the location of our entire fleet," Eric Nantier, senior manager, Operations Research and ATM, Swiss International Air Lines. "This gives us stronger awareness within our operations, which enables us to actively steer our aircraft from the ground with the most accurate and current information. It has become a very important tool in our operational steering and optimization process and has the potential for great time and fuel savings."

[Sabre](#) Corporation is a leading technology provider to the global travel and tourism industry. Sabre's software, data, mobile and distribution solutions are used by hundreds of airlines and thousands of hotel properties to manage critical operations, such as passenger and guest reservations, revenue management, and flight, network and crew management. Sabre also operates a leading global travel marketplace, processing over \$110 billion of estimated travel spend in 2013 by connecting travel suppliers to their most valued customers, the business traveler. Headquartered in Southlake, Texas, USA, Sabre operates offices in approximately 60 countries around the world.

About Planefinder

At Planefinder our passions are global aircraft tracking and helping to improve air traffic control safety. Sabre is the ideal partner because of their best-in-class solutions that help airlines maximize efficiencies in route planning while equipping pilots and flight followers with the best real-time in-flight information to aid in making optimal flight decisions," said Mark Daniels, COO at [planefinder.net](#)

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