

Servair strengthens its position as number one caterer in Africa with the acquisition of a unit in Abidjan, Côte d'Ivoire

Servair, France's leading airline catering and cleaning company, has announced the acquisition of Abidjan Catering, which is operational since 20 June 2008. Covering a surface area of 4,000 sq. m, this unit has a capacity of 3,500 to 4,000 meal trays per day and has 188 employees.

This opening is part of the international development strategy of Servair, which is looking to strengthen its position as leader on the African continent and which, in accordance with its alliance policy, privileges partnerships with local players that have a good knowledge of their market and codes.

Abidjan Catering will offer a full range of services that are essential to passenger comfort including catering and airplane cleaning for about ten clients, which include some of the leading European, African and Middle Eastern airlines such as Air France, Air Ivoire, Fly Emirates, Afriqiyah Airways, Ethiopian Airlines, Kenya Airways, Air Burkina, South African Airways, Air Senegal and SN Brussel. The unit will also use its know-how to serve the airport's restaurant, one of the best in Abidjan, and will manage the airport's VIP lounges.

In 2006/2007, Abidjan Catering's team of staff was rewarded for the quality of its services, coming in 2nd place in the WAVE worldwide ranking of Air France caterers.

With this acquisition, Servair is the first airline caterer in Africa with a total of 9 units: Bamako in Mali, Dakar in Senegal, Douala in Cameroon, Djibouti in the Republic of Djibouti, Libreville in Gabon, Lomé in Togo, Nouakchott in Mauritania, Ouagadougou in Burkina Faso and Abidjan in Côte d'Ivoire.

SERVAIR is the leading French caterer and cleaning services provider. Ranked No.3 in the world alongside its partners and subsidiaries, SERVAIR provides airlines with a full range of essential services for air transport and passenger comfort. Its uncompromising standards in terms of quality and expertise have established SERVAIR as a key partner to its 130 client companies, enabling them to boost their commercial offer to passengers while ensuring the strictest adherence to air transport constraints.

A subsidiary of Air France, SERVAIR and its subsidiaries have a total of 35 sites and a turnover in excess of € 750 million. With a workforce of 8,150 employees, SERVAIR combines industrial logistics with a commitment to good food and passenger comfort.

The SERVAIR network, made up of SERVAIR, its partners - FLYING FOOD GROUP (USA), SERVAIR AIR CHEF (Italy), NEWREST SERVAIR (Spain) - and its technical support teams, has over 70 sites worldwide.