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Finmeccanica - Selex ES: delivered and operational a new baggage handling system for Geneva airport in just two months

- The Multi-Sorting Baggage Handling System (MBHS) designed and developed by Selex ES lies at the centre of the project.
- Based on cross-belt technology, MBHS is the World's most advanced baggage handling system

In a record time of two months, Finmeccanica - Selex ES has delivered and implemented a new baggage handling system for Geneva Airport based on its Multi-sorting Baggage Handling System (MBHS).

The contract was awarded to Selex ES by Geneva Airport following a public European tender to provide the system. The contract was particularly challenging given the short delivery time.

The Selex ES MBHS has now been successfully installed and integrated into the airport's existing system without disruption to the ongoing baggage handling processes. The new system will improve the airport's baggage handling capacity by 30%.

The MBHS is based on state of the art cross-belt technology (the most innovative in the airport sector) which features a series of carts each equipped with an horizontal motorized belt for bidirectional loading, transport and sorting of the baggage for its assigned destination.

The Selex ES MBHS handles up to 10,000 pieces of baggage per hour with a sorting speed of up to three metres per second. In case of reduced baggage flows, the sorting speed can be varied, delivering the airport lower energy consumption rates and associated cost savings.

Selex ES has already successfully implemented baggage handling systems for Rome Fiumicino, Leonardo da Vinci airport and the French airports of Orly and Grenoble.

The company offers a complete range of baggage handling solutions covering each stage of the handling process: from the check-in to the baggage claim. These solutions are underpinned by products designed and developed using the company's cross belt proprietary technology.