## **Belfast City Airport opens new lounge**

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George Best Belfast City Airport has opened a new lounge for business and leisure travelers.

The new 'Aspire Lounge' offers customers a selection of newspapers, magazines, beverages and snacks. The lounge will be open daily from 5:00am onwards, with three food menus available throughout the day including bacon rolls, a selection of cereals and fruit, fresh soup and bread rolls, and cheese and biscuits.

Aspire Lounge, which is operated by Swissport, formerly known as Servisair, is available to all passengers traveling to one of the domestic or summer European locations served by the airport.

"With a record number of passengers traveling through the airport in 2013, and 2014 set to be just as busy, it is important that we maintain the high standard of service our customers are used to, and will therefore continue to heavily invest in facilities at the airport to further enhance the passenger experience now and into the future," said Brian Ambrose, Chief executive of Belfast City Airport.

"The Aspire Lounge is our newest facility for passengers to enjoy before boarding their flight and I look forward to working with Swissport, and our other service providers, to ensure the airport remains an attractive offering to passengers from across the world, and airlines alike."

Entry to the Aspire Lounge costs adult passengers £18.99 (US\$32), with reduced rates for children. The lounge will also welcome members of the Priority Pass and Airport Angel membership schemes, Aerlingus Gold Circle card holders, CityWing Business Select Passengers, Flybe premium customers and LinksAir 'W Class' members.

Aspire Lounge was formally opened by Dame Mary Peters, a former British athlete on May 22.

"The Aspire Lounge offers great views of the busy airfield and will no doubt assist in waving a fond farewell to our visitors at the end of their stay as they leave with wonderful memories of Belfast, and Northern Ireland," Peters commented.

Use of the lounge will entitle passengers to earn LoungeMiles Stamps, Aspire Lounges generous loyalty scheme, rewarding guests with gift vouchers for leading high street retailers or free lounge visits.

Access passes for the Aspire Lounge can be purchased at the Information Desk in Belfast City Airport or online.