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NEWS RELEASE

BCD Travel signs agreement to participate in Qantas Channel

UTRECHT, The Netherlands, July 17, 2019 – BCD Travel has signed an agreement with Qantas Airways to participate in the Qantas Channel. The agreement applies to all individual global distribution system bookings, and BCD now is finalizing required agreements with individual GDSs.

The Qantas Channel provides travel agents who sign up for it with access to a wider range of fares and content sourced from the Qantas Distribution Platform. The airline intends to use the International Air Transport Association’s (IATA’s) new distribution capability (NDC) to connect to GDSs and online booking tools. Under a multi-year deal, BCD will work with Qantas and participating GDSs to leverage the Qantas Distribution Platform to improve the travel experience for mutual clients and travelers.

One of the benefits of participating in the Qantas Channel is that it will let BCD clients book reservations on Qantas without paying the airline’s new channel booking fee. Set to go into effect on Aug. 1, the fee is being imposed on all bookings made outside the Qantas Channel.

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BCD’s deal with Qantas is just the latest agreement to ensure its clients the broadest possible access to content. BCD previously struck channel booking deals with Air France/KLM and British Airways/Iberia. BCD also has signed NDC agreements with Lufthansa Group, the Amadeus NDC-X program, Sabre Beyond NDC and Travelport’s NDC program. To learn how BCD’s distribution strategy ensures its clients continued access to the most comprehensive range of content, visit BCD’s [NDC website](#) and download our [NDC white paper](#).

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About BCD Travel

BCD Travel helps companies make the most of what they spend on travel. We give travelers innovative tools that keep them safe and productive, and help them make good choices on the road. We partner with travel and procurement leaders to simplify the complexities of business travel, drive savings and satisfaction, and move whole companies toward their goals. In short, we help our clients travel smart and achieve more. We make this happen in 109 countries with almost 13,800 creative, committed and experienced people. And it's how we maintain the industry's most consistent client retention rate, with 2018 sales of US\$27.1 billion. For more information, visit www.bcdtravel.com.

About BCD Group

BCD Group is a market leader in the travel industry. The privately-owned company was founded in 1975 by John Fentener van Vlissingen and consists of BCD Travel (global corporate travel management), BCD Meetings & Events (global meetings and events agency), Travix (online travel: CheapTickets, Vliegwinkel, BudgetAir, Flugladen and Vayama), Park 'N Fly (off-airport parking) and Airtrade (consolidation and fulfillment). BCD Group employs over 14,900 people and operates in 109 countries with total sales of US\$29.8 billion in 2018, including US\$10.7 billion partner sales. For more information, visit www.bcdgroup.com.