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## Airport Coordination Denmark (ACD) announces new CEO.



**Copenhagen, 2 July 2025**: The Board of Airport Coordination Denmark A/S is pleased to announce the appointment of Simon Thoustrup as the next CEO of ACD.

Simon Thoustrup will succeed Frank Holton who has been key in driving efficiency in the slot allocation process during his 30 years with the company. Frank Holton has also been the main driver in establishing ACD as one of only three slot coordinators successfully competing in the market. When the company was established in 1995 Frank Holton served on the Board of Directors and he will mark his 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary as CEO of the company this November before handing over the position to Simon Thoustrup.

Simon Thoustrup is well-versed in the aviation industry and has extensive experience in airline and airport operations. He has worked with capacity management, mathematical modelling and optimization, schedule resilience and resource planning in aviation since 2007. His hands-on experience has been obtained working in ground handling, airline operations and airport operations. Most recently he has been Director of Airside Operations at Copenhagen Airport for 8 years. Simon Thoustrup will join ACD as CEO on January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2026.

Chair of the board Kristoffer Plenge-Brandt says: "Frank Holton has been the personification of ACD and of slot coordination. We have been very lucky to have him with us as CEO for a quarter of a century. We are delighted to welcome Simon as Frank's successor and are confident that he has the expertise and hands-on experience to fill the position after Frank".

Frank Holton, CEO, says: "It has been an absolute pleasure serving the airline and airport community my entire career. I am very proud of what we have accomplished at ACD, and I want to thank every one of our customers, my peers in the industry and the ACD Board for their continued trust and support. I look forward to assisting Simon in getting onboard as my successor".

The next CEO, Simon Thoustrup, says: "The capacity challenges at many airports are growing and I believe collaboration between all stakeholders as well as independent, transparent and efficient slot allocation are crucial elements in securing the best possible solutions for airlines, passengers, cargo and airports. I am excited to be joining ACD and look forward to building on the amazing results of Frank's comprehensive work".