

# About BAA

2007 marked 20 years since BAA became the first major airport operator in the world to be privatised. We own seven airports in the UK and have a number of international interests.

Table 1: Key financials and statistics

	2007	2006
Underlying revenue	£2,247m	£2,083m
Underlying operating profit	£747m	£659m
Number of passengers using BAA airports	150.0m	147.6m
Number of employees <sup>1</sup>	11,729	10,972

In 2007, close to 150 million passengers passed through our seven UK airports – Heathrow, Gatwick, Stansted, Southampton, Glasgow, Edinburgh and Aberdeen – an increase of 1.6% on 2006.

We are owned by ADI, a consortium led by Spanish company Ferrovial, one of the world's leading infrastructure groups. Ferrovial is involved in four lines of business: construction, airports, highways and car parking and services. It employs around 100,000 people spread across 43 countries. Ferrovial is listed in the Dow Jones Sustainability Indices and is also included in the FTSE4Good Index for socially responsible companies for the third year.

## Who does what at our airports?

Running an airport is a complex business. We are involved in almost every aspect of the day-to-day operation of our airports, including:

- Security
- Property management
- Retail facilities
- Fire services
- Cargo.

We also work in partnership with many other organisations to ensure the smooth running and safety of our airports:

- Airlines: responsible for checking-in passengers and their luggage, delivering hold luggage to its final destination, cargo, providing and fuelling aircraft, boarding passengers, passenger safety and on-board catering
- Civil Aviation Authority (CAA): controls all aircraft routes at UK airports, regulates airlines, airports and the National Air Traffic Services (NATS). The CAA also sets airport charges at the London airports
- Commercial services: individual businesses provide catering, shopping, car hire, car parking and banking services
- HM Revenue and Customs: controls the import and export of goods, including preventing illegal activities, such as drugs, tobacco and alcohol trafficking and trades in endangered species and child pornography
- UK Immigration Service (UKIS): responsible for passport control and deciding who can enter the country. UKIS also deals with any deportation or asylum issues
- NATS looks after air traffic control and management, ensuring aircraft flying in UK airspace and over the eastern part of the North Atlantic are safely separated
- Public transport operators: many independently-run bus, coach, taxi and rail companies provide connections to and from our airports
- Police: provide security against criminal and terrorist activities at our airports.

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## Property



BAA Lynton is our commercial property arm. Following a strategic review, we began preparations for the sale of both BAA Lynton and BAA's 50% stake in the Airport Property Partnership (APP), which is expected to be completed in 2008.

## International airports



We have a 65% interest in and continue to manage Naples airport in Italy, and we manage retail operations at the following US airports: Baltimore Washington International Airport, Boston Logan Airport, Pittsburgh International Airport.

<sup>1</sup> Permanent headcount figures