

AIRLINE DISTRIBUTION AND RETAILING UPDATES

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This edition contains news on:

- Delta Air Lines
- Turkish Airlines
- WestJet
- Sabre

Turkish Airlines contract to end with Sabre

Turkish Airlines has notified travel agents that the distribution agreement with Sabre will expire at the end of the month. Argentinian travel agent, TicketYa & Chasma Tours reports that the airline has not been able to reach similar terms and conditions to those it has reached with other GDS.

Examples of other airlines that temporarily went dark on a GDS

Copa Airlines

Finnair

Emirates

LATAM Airlines

Note: *The mentioned airlines were not available on at least one GDS for a varied period of time. All airlines have been reinstated across Amadeus, Sabre, and Travelport.*

Delta extends full content agreements

Delta is renewing multi-year distribution agreements including NDC with all three major GDSs. So far, two agreements have been reached (with Sabre being made public).

The agreements include full content commitment, no surcharges, and value-based pricing.

In April, Delta announced a revamped plan to implement NDC by 2025 and partnered with Accelya.

Previous renewal of Delta GDS contracts including value-based pricing

Sabre

May 2021

Travelport

August 2021

Amadeus

November 2021

WestJet and Sabre sign NDC deal

Sabre and WestJet have signed a renewed multi-year distribution contract to continue distribution via EDIFACT and access to NDC content. The final timeline for the distribution of WestJet NDC content is not specified yet.

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