SIGNATURE AVIATION EXPANDS GLOBAL REACH TO COSTA RICA WITH PLANNED NEW PRIVATE AVIATION TERMINAL AND COMMENCEMENT OF OPERATIONS AT GUANACASTE AIRPORT

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Signature Aviation announced the expansion of its global reach with the planned construction and operation of essential support and hospitality services for a new General & Business Aviation Terminal at Guanacaste Airport (LIR) in Liberia, Costa Rica. The announcement marks a significant step in the company's growth in Latin America and greatly enhances the professionalism and ground handling experience for private aviation flyers visiting this vibrant country. The new Guanacaste Airport G&BAT terminal will feature a modern architectural design and a luxurious terminal that enhances the natural beauty of Costa Rica within its infrastructure. Its facilities will include full premium amenities and sustainable design elements, including:

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- A secure and private VIP guest lounge
- A dedicated guest conference room
- Direct ramp access from the facility
- Dedicated customs and immigration clearance for private aviation guests
- Private indoor bay for guest vehicles
- EV charging stations for vehicles
- Finishes and design influences featuring local materials and a focus on Costa Rica's environmental mindfulness

This project will be financed and built by Signature, where construction is set to begin in partnership with Bambu Construction, a Costa Rican firm deeply rooted in the local community. The facility is scheduled to open in 2026 and will set a new and advanced benchmark for private aviation services in the region. The project is expected to create substantial local employment opportunities, beginning with the construction phase, initial operations, and continuing through to the start of operations at the new terminal.

Tony Lefebvre, chief executive officer, Signature Aviation commented: "As the world's most internationally recognized provider of private aviation services, Signature and Coriport's collaboration at Guanacaste Airport is a paradigm shift in how VIP travelers experience Costa Rica. Time and time again, Signature has successfully exported its superior operating model for private aviation hospitality and soon, our guests will experience that same massive leap forward in trust and professionalism for themselves upon their arrival and departure in the Guanacaste region."

César Jaramillo, chief executive officer, Coriport, operator of Guanacaste Airport, stated: "This project marks a strategic milestone in the modernization of Guanacaste Airport, enhancing its appeal to high-end private travelers, boosting positive mobility, and reinforcing its role as a driver for development and international connectivity. It reflects VINCI Airports' commitment to developing and connecting territories while fostering long-term value creation providing a customer–centered, first-class experience. This initiative reflects our dedication to sustainable development and the Pura Vida culture that defines Costa Rica."

Costa Rica's Minister of Tourism William Rodríguez López said: 'This project will enable a necessary and strategic modernization of Guanacaste Airport's infrastructure, aimed at enhancing service quality and visitor experience for high-net-worth travelers. These visitors will arrive on private jets to enjoy Costa Rica's biodiversity, nature, beaches, the essence of our "Pura Vida," as well as the wide array of experiences available throughout the province of Guanacaste and surrounding areas. We thank Signature Aviation for its confidence in the development of this expansion project, which will generate employment and further strengthen Costa Rica's positioning as a high-end, sustainable destination."

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Guanacaste Airport G&BAT will be operated by Signature in partnership with Aerologística, Costa Rica's leading aviation ground handling service provider. Founded in the capital San José, Aerologística has a long-standing reputation of distinction in airline and general aviation flight support, airside handling, and operational logistics across Central America.

Beginning immediately, Signature's locally based team members, in coordination with Aerologística, will offer service at Guanacaste Airport (LIR). These services will include coverage for all permitted aircraft types ranging from business jets to cargo, military, and transport category flights ensuring every guest receives Signature's hallmark safety, service, and hospitality.

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