

# Virgin Atlantic Partners with WNS to Digitally Transform Customer Experience during COVID-19

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Co-creates an intelligent automation solution to address 400x surge in refund requests

NEW YORK & LONDON & MUMBAI, India--(BUSINESS WIRE)--Dec. 17, 2020-- WNS (Holdings) Limited (NYSE: WNS), a leading provider of global Business Process Management (BPM) services, today announced that it has successfully deployed a custom intelligent automation solution in collaboration with Automation Anywhere, a global leader in Robotic Process Automation, which equipped Virgin Atlantic to process the sudden spike in COVID-19-related refund requests with speed and efficiency, while maintaining its superior standards of customer service.

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At the height of the pandemic, Virgin Atlantic was faced with an exponential increase in refund requests of more than 400x their normal volumes. It was imperative for the airline to quicken the refund process to maintain customer trust and comply with regulatory requirements. <u>WNS' intelligent</u> automation solution, which leveraged <u>Automation Anywhere's</u> digital workforce, was deployed to automate the manual activities involved in processing refunds. The solution, including customized BOT's, was developed and launched in less than eight weeks, with zero disruption to Virgin Atlantic's core operations.

The new solution enabled Virgin Atlantic to work through high claim volumes while reducing backlogs and hold time, resulting in increased customer satisfaction. It has yielded ~90 percent automation of the 'refund-carding' process with 3x speed, ~93 percent improvement in the quality of claims processing without any process re-engineering and ~30 percent productivity benefits and higher accuracy of claim closure in ticket refunds.

"The COVID-19 crisis has been especially hard on the airline industry. Collapsing passenger revenues and skyrocketing ticket refunds led to significant cash burn. While there is significant optimism about a demand recovery for travel in 2021, the rebound will primarily be driven by passenger comfort and trust. WNS' intelligent automation solution was able to deliver an enhanced customer experience amidst the pandemic for Virgin Atlantic, thereby helping them maintain customer confidence and brand loyalty," said Keshav R. Murugesh, Group CEO, WNS.

"Despite the pandemic, we were clear that we could not compromise on our customer service levels. WNS was the obvious choice for a partner when it came to creating a smart solution that was aligned to industry regulations for delivering desired efficiencies," said Ash Jokhoo, Chief Information & Data Officer, Virgin Atlantic.

### About WNS

WNS (Holdings) Limited (NYSE: WNS) is a leading Business Process Management (BPM) company. WNS combines deep industry knowledge with technology, analytics and process expertise to co-create innovative, digitally led transformational solutions with over 375 clients across various industries. WNS delivers an entire spectrum of BPM solutions including industry-specific offerings, customer interaction services, finance and accounting, human resources, procurement, and research and analytics to re-imagine the digital future of businesses. As of September 30, 2020, WNS had 41,466 professionals across 60 delivery centers worldwide including facilities in China, Costa Rica, India, the Philippines, Poland, Romania, South Africa, Spain, Sri Lanka, Turkey, the United Kingdom, and the United States. For more information, visit www.wns.com.

### **About Virgin Atlantic**

Virgin Atlantic was founded by entrepreneur Sir Richard Branson 36 years ago with innovation and customer service at its core. In 2020, Virgin Atlantic was voted Britain's only Global Five Star Airline by APEX for the fourth year running in the Official Airline Ratings. Headquartered in London, Virgin Atlantic and its holiday business, Virgin Atlantic Holidays, employs 6,500 people worldwide, serving 27 destinations across four continents. Sustainability remains central to the airline and in September 2019, Virgin Atlantic took delivery of its first Airbus A350-1000 aircraft - helping to transform the fleet into one of the quietest and most fuel efficient in the sky. By 2022, the airline will operate a streamlined fleet of 37 twin engine aircraft following the retirement of its 747s and A332s, and its simplified fleet will be 10% more efficient than before the Covid-19 crisis.

Alongside shareholder and Joint Venture partner Delta Air Lines, Virgin Atlantic operates a leading transatlantic network between the UK and US with onward connections to over 200 US and international cities. On May 15, 2018 Air France-KLM, Delta Air Lines and Virgin Atlantic Limited signed definitive agreements to combine the existing trans-Atlantic joint ventures. The expanded joint venture offers a comprehensive route network, convenient flight schedules, competitive fares and reciprocal frequent flyer benefits, including the ability to earn and redeem miles across all carriers.

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