



The Post Covid-19 Airport Terminal – Analysis and Mitigation of Touchpoints along the Passenger Journey

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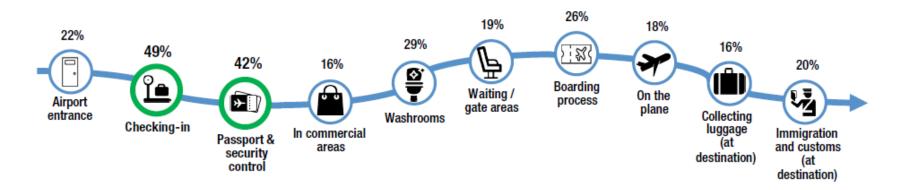
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## The Impact of Covid-19 on the Passenger Journey



- ✤ Covid-19 spreads through close human contact and by touching contaminated surfaces
- There are many commonly touched surfaces and interactions between the passenger and staff in an airport terminal
  - Passengers will expect a more touchless or low-touch passenger journey

Steps of the Journey that Would Benefit the Most From Contactless Technologies



Base: All respondents Q. 20. Creating a contactless experience at the airport is one way of making the experience safer and more hygienic for passengers. In your opinion, which step(s) along the passenger journey would benefit the most from contactless technologies? Please select up to three (3) answers.

Because respondents were able to give several answers, the total of mentions may exceed 100%.



Identification and Categorization of Touchpoints along the Passenger Journey



Analysis of the touchpoints and the likelihood of being touched



Source: Stuttgart Airport

Possible contactless and low touch solutions with their advantages and disadvantages



The intention is to provide guidelines, solutions and ideas for the creation of a touchless or low-touch passenger journey.

## The Passenger Journey Throughout the Airport Terminal



Landside Activities	Check-In/Ba Drop	Security Ceckpoint	Border Control	Airside Activities	Boarding Process
Restrooms	Way to Check-In	Way to Security Checkpoint	Way to Border Control	Passenger Services	Way to Boarding
Passenger Services	Check-In Kiosks	Boarding	ID/ Document	Restrooms	Boarding Pass Control
Food & Beverage	Check-In Counter	PassControl Tray (Divestment	Check	Waiting Area	
Retail	Bag Drop	& Pickup)		Food &	
Waiting Area		Baggage Re- Check		Beverade Retail	
		Body Re-Check		Lounge	

De-boarding	Airside Activities	Border Control	Baggage Reclaim	Customs Control	Landside Activities	
Way into Terminal	Passenger Services	Way to Border Control	Way to Baggage Reclaim	Baggage Control	Restrooms	
	Restrooms	ID/ Document Check	Lost & Found	Documents Check	Passenger Services	
		Automatic Border	Restrooms		Food & Beverage	
		Control	Luggage Carts	]	Retail	
			Waiting Area		Waiting Area	

### → All possible touchpoints of the departure and arrival journey need to be considered

## **Touchpoints along the Passenger Journey**



#### **Primary Passenger Processes**

- Check-In/Bag Drop
- Security Checkpoint
- Boarding/De-Boarding Process
- Border Control
- Baggage Reclaim
- Customs Control

#### Mobility

- Elevator, Escalators, Moving Walkways & Stairs
- Walkways, Access Doors and Handrails

#### Washroom Facilities

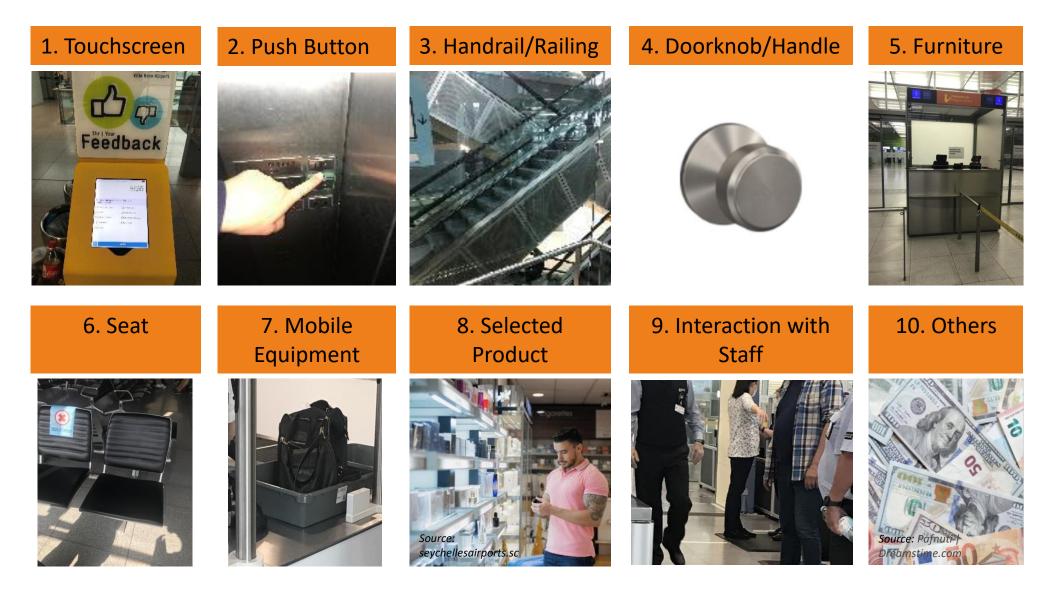
#### Retail/Food & Beverage

#### Passenger Services

- Airport Lounges
- Information Services
- PRM Services
- Other

# **Types of Touchpoints along the Passenger Journey**





# **Categorization of Touchpoints**

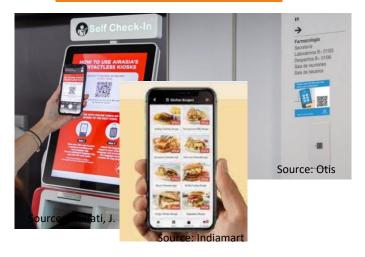


Categorization	Definition		
Mandatory Touchpoints	<ul> <li>These are touchpoints that passengers cannot avoid because a certain procedure or action is required during the passenger journey.</li> <li>Examples: check-in/bag-drop, security control, border control</li> </ul>		
Partially Voluntary Touchpoints	These are touchpoints that may be touched or interacted with on free will, though usually inevitable. Passengers might not want to use partially voluntary touchpoints, however due to their personal limitation, have no choice. Examples: Restroom facilities, PRM services		
Voluntary Touchpoints	There are touchpoints that are part of an activity or action of free will without being forced to. Examples: Use of vending machines, eating at a restaurant or using a seat		

## **Solutions for Touchpoints in the Airport Terminal**



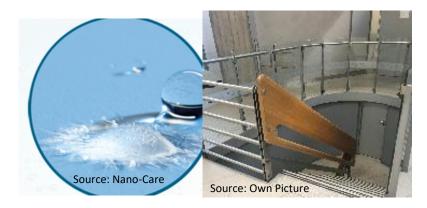
#### **Smart Phone Solutions**



#### **Biometric Solutions**



### **Antimicrobial Materials/Properties**







## **Solutions for Touchpoints in the Airport Terminal**



#### **Barcode Scanning Solutions**



### Sensor Based Solutions

### **Near-touch Solutions**



Source: Changi Airport Group

### **Contactless Payment Solutions**





Source: Visa

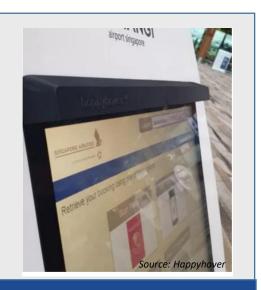
## **Solutions for the Check-in/Bag Drop Process**



- **Biometric Identity** allows to identify passengers at check-in without showing any documents.
- Smart Phones allow the passenger to operate the self-service kiosks without touching the kiosk itself.
- Mid-Air Technology enables the passenger to operate the self-service kiosk by hovering the finger over the screen
- Antimicrobial coating can be applied to screens, countertops, tables, etc., which kills germs within a certain period.



Smart Phone Solution



Mid-Air Technology

### **Solutions for Security Checkpoints**



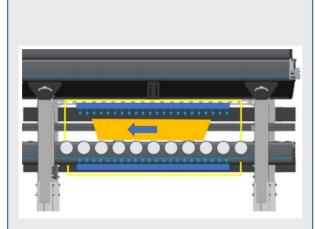
- **Biometric Identity** allows to identify passengers without showing a boarding pass.
- + Electronic Ticket Gate allows the passenger to scan their boarding pass themselves.
- UVC-Light Technology can disinfect luggage trays. It can be done automatically if the light is integrated into an automatic tray return system.
- Antimicrobial coatings or materials for luggage trays



Source: SITA



**Electronic Ticket Gate** 



Source: Smiths Detection

UVC-Light Tray Disinfection

### **Biometric Identification**

# **Solutions for the Boarding/De-Boarding Process**



- Biometric Identification allows the passenger to board the aircraft without providing a boarding pass
- → Electronic Self-Boarding Gates allow the passenger to scan their boarding pass themselves and board the aircraft.



Source: Cambaum.





Source: Lee, K.



Source: dormakaba

### Palm Vein Identification

### **Electronic Self-Boarding Gates**

### **Solutions for the Border Control**



- Automatic Border Control Gates (ABC-Gates) compare the passport information with the border control records and the live biometric date available.
- **Biometric Identity** allows to identify passengers without showing a passport.
- **Touchless Border Control Kiosk** allow to operate the kiosk with a smart phone



Source: Thales



Source: Japan Customs.

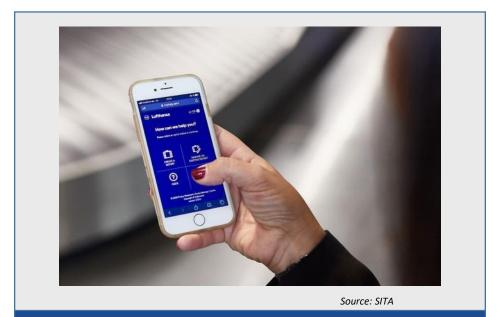
**Touchless Border Control Kiosk** 

**ABC-Gates** 

## **Solutions for the Baggage Reclaim Area**



- → Antimicrobial Coatings or Materials can be applied to the luggage carts.
- ✤ Informing the passengers about the loss of their luggage prior to arrival via Text Message can eliminate the need of a lost luggage service counter.
- **Touchless kiosks or online declarations** for lost luggage eliminate touchpoints



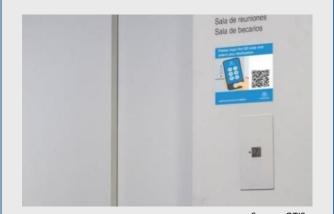
Online service for lost luggage

### Solutions for Elevators, Escalators, Moving Walkways, Stairs airport consulting

- Solutions for Elevators
  - **Smart Phone Technology** to call and operate the lift using their personal mobile device.
  - Time-Of-Flight (TOF) Laser Ranging and floating image technology.

An image of the button is projected into the air and sensors recognize the user's finger when the floating button is being touched.

- Operational Settings (e.g. moves to preferred floor and doors open)
- UVC-Light Technology can be used for escalators and moving walkways.
- → Antimicrobial Coatings or Materials can be used for the railings of stairs.



Source: OTIS.





Source: Schindler

Handrail UVC-Light Disinfection



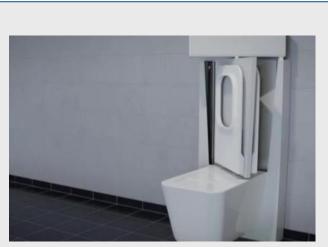
Source: Aseptic

UVC-Light External Application

## **Solutions for Washrooms**



- Sensor Activated Doors for touchless opening and closing of both entry doors and stall doors.
- → Self Cleaning Toilets to avoid the spread and growth of germs.
- > Infrared Sensor based toilet flush, faucets, soap & towel dispenser for touchless operation.
- Smart Toilet Facilities to reduce the interaction with staff, as only refill and cleaning is done when the system alerts the operator



Source: TWO GmbH.



Source: Schäfer Trennwandsysteme



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Self-Cleaning Toilet

#### Touchless Toilet Stall Door

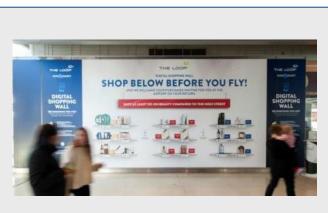
**Touchless Toilet Flush** 

## **Solutions for Food & Beverage and Retail Stores**



- "Buy-Online-Pickup-In-Store (BOPIS)" allows passengers to buy items online and then pick it up in store
- Cubby Holes to pick up items without being in contact with any staff
- > Virtual Shopping Walls to shop items portrayed on the wall online, using a smart phone
- Contactless Vending Machines, which are operated using a smart phone
- Digital Menu eliminates a physical card and allows for online ordering.



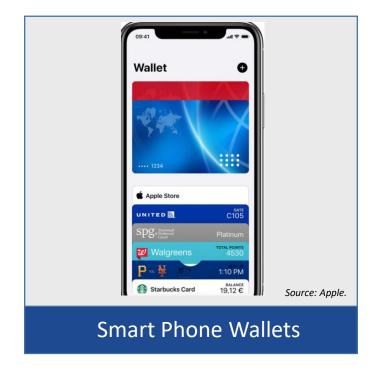


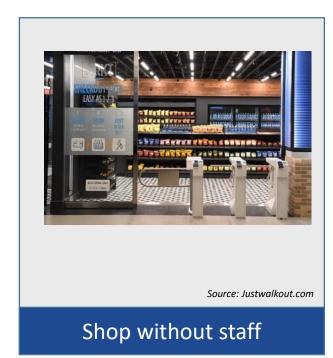
### Virtual Shopping Wall

## **Solutions for Payment**



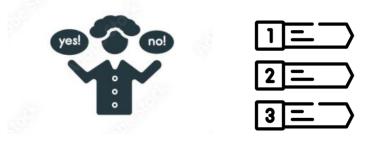
- Contactless Payment with credit or debit card.
- > Smart Phone Wallets with a digital credit or debit card saved to it.
- Shop without staff allows the passenger to enter with a credit card or an app, pick the items and walk out again







- 1. Determine and analyse the existing touchpoints in terms of category, type and frequency
- 2. Review possible touchless or low-touch solutions and conduct a feasibility analysis regarding
  - Needed changes for processes and infrastructure
  - Cost and time for implementation
  - Improvement of the passenger experience
- 3. Prioritize and implement the most suitable touchless or low-touch solutions
- Invest in contactless and low-touch options for passenger processes with a significant number of touchpoints first, as the overall number of touchpoints for every passenger would decrease significantly.





# Thank you very much for your attention!

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