

Go ahead for a “low cost” hotel at Terminal 2

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The new “low cost” hotel at Malpensa Airport, the second to be built in the airport area, **has received the official go ahead. A contract, between the airport management company SEA and Inter Hospitality**, was signed today for the construction of a budget design hotel at Malpensa’s Terminal 2. This contract paves the way for the first accommodation facility at Terminal 2 (see photo: Peter Andrews, Managing Director of Inter Hospitality, and Giuseppe Bonomi, Chairman of SEA).

“The new hotel will increase the amount of accommodation currently available at Malpensa, and, unlike the Sheraton Milan Malpensa Airport Hotel & Conference Centre at Terminal 1, will serve Terminal 2 passengers, who are a different target in terms of type and needs. Thus, the new hotel will complete the range of accommodation services provided to airport clientele.”

The new hotel **will have 3 stars, and will be within easy walking distance of Terminal 2**. Under the agreement with Marriot International, **the management will be under the new brand Moxy** (an alliance between the Swedish IKEA Group, and the American Marriott Chain), one of the first in Europe of a series of hotels that Inter Hospitality intends to build. The new hotel will have a total of about 150 double rooms. The idea of the new “IKEA” hotel (although the furniture will have nothing to do with the IKEA catalogue) has already attracted a great deal of attention over the last few months; an article in the newspaper *The Guardian* predicted the low prices of €60-80 per night.

The hotel is going to be built, by Inter Hospitality, on an area of 3500m²; the hotel itself will cover 1400m², with a total of 5600m². The official handing over of the site will take place at the end of June 2013, although some preparatory work has already begun. According to the time schedule, **the hotel may open to the public in Spring 2014**. The whole building has been designed with environmentally compatible building materials and typologies, to achieve the highest energy class: A+ (the highest possible with current regulations).

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