

## Press Release

### Riyadh's Metro Operational Launch in Saudi Arabia RATP Dev Ensures Seamless Service on the Blue line (Line 1)

**Paris, December 3, 2024 – Following the inauguration of Riyadh's first fully automated metro network, the Royal Commission for Riyadh City (RCRC) has launched operations on three of the network's six lines. Spanning 176 kilometers and 85 stations, this metro network serves as the backbone of the city's public transport system. Among these lines, RATP Dev, a subsidiary of RATP Group, is proud to operate the Blue line (Line 1), leveraging our globally recognized expertise in automated metro systems for this transformative project in Saudi Arabia.**

December 1<sup>st</sup> marked the commencement of passenger operations on the newly inaugurated Riyadh Metro, including its Blue Line, representing a game-changing moment for commuters and a groundbreaking achievement for the Kingdom. The Riyadh Metro connects key areas, business centers, and cultural sites across the capital, offering a seamless, reliable, safe, sustainable and affordable travel experience.

By offering a fully automated, sustainable alternative to private cars use, the Riyadh Metro aims to lower carbon emissions and reduce traffic congestion in Riyadh. With a capacity to transport 3.6 million passengers daily, at full capacity, across its six metro lines, the network promises to transform urban mobility in the capital city.

The Riyadh Metro is a state-of-the-art driverless public transportation system to which RATP Dev, through its subsidiary CAMCO, a joint venture with local partner SAPTCO, has made a significant contribution due to its proven track record. RATP Dev brings its world-class expertise in delivering high-quality automated metro systems, drawing on RATP Group's 120 years of global experience in cities like Paris and Doha – and in the near-future, in Lyon, Sydney, Greater Paris and Singapore. The company continuously strengthens its expertise through the ongoing launch of new rail projects, having opened or extended at least one new line each year for the past decade.

The Blue line, also known as "Line 1" is fully automated and runs along the Al-Olaya - Al-Batha corridor. It spans 38 km along the North-South axis and serves 25 stations, including iconic ones such as the awe-inspiring King Abdullah Financial District (KAFD) station as well as four major transfer stations connecting to the other five metro lines. It offers high-quality services including connectivity, accessibility and real-time passenger information at each station. The Blue line is seamlessly integrated with Riyadh's bus network, which includes 80 bus lines and 3 Bus Rapid Transit lines, already operated by RATP Dev's joint-venture PTC with SAPTCO.

To ensure a successful preparation for the launch of the Riyadh Metro's Blue line, RATP Dev has mobilized its 1,300 local CAMCO staff members (69% Saudi citizens and 36% female), trained to the best international standards of automated metro system operation and customer experience. The expert teams have worked alongside with the Royal Commission for Riyadh City (RCRC) and its partners at every stage of the process.

**Mehdi Sinaceur, Deputy CEO of RATP Dev**, stated, "The successful operation of the Blue line reflects the relentless efforts of our Saudi teams. We are dedicated to ensuring the metro runs smoothly, leveraging our unique expertise to provide a seamless, high-quality traveler experience. Our goal is to enhance the daily commute for Saudi residents, commuters, and visitors, making it safe, enjoyable, and memorable, while playing a significant role in the success of this transformative shift."



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We have forged our expertise in the ultra-dense, constantly-modernized Paris network. Over 120 years, our experts have managed complex projects, improved the passenger experience, and participated in major sporting and cultural events.

Thanks to this unrivalled know-how, we serve more than 100 cities in 15 countries and 5 continents. We provide custom-made solutions that meet their specific challenges in terms of the environment, social inclusion, growth or attractiveness.

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