

PRESS RELEASE

RATP Dev, a subsidiary of RATP Group, looks ahead to another 15 years with Gautrain in South Africa

RATP Dev, a subsidiary of RATP Group, will continue its partnership with Gautrain, one of Africa's best-performing and most modern passenger rail networks. The company and its partners in the Sihamba Sonke Mobility consortium have secured a new 15-year concession.

JOHANNESBURG (South Africa) and PARIS (France), 30 September 2026 – The Gautrain Management Agency (GMA), the transport authority acting on behalf of the Gauteng Provincial Government, has awarded the new 15-year Gautrain concession to the Sihamba Sonke Mobility (SSM) consortium. Majority-owned by South African shareholders, the consortium brings together RATP Dev, Alstom, and several partners, including AIIIM-Motseng, AWCA Investment Holdings (AIH), GIBB-CREDE, and SSM InvestCo.

The new concession extends a partnership established when Gautrain began operating in 2010. RATP Dev has operated and maintained the network for more than fifteen years, consistently achieving network availability of over 99% and placing Gautrain among Africa's best-performing rail networks.

Under the new concession, RATP Dev will continue to operate and maintain rail, bus, and minibus services, as well as car parks. As a shareholder in the consortium, the RATP Group subsidiary will also help shape the network's strategic direction alongside its South African and international partners. This next phase will enable further modernisation of Gautrain, strengthen integration between transport modes, invest in local skills, and continue to improve the passenger experience.

Key priorities for Gautrain's next phase

- Maintain the highest standards of safety, reliability, and service quality for which Gautrain is renowned.
- Support the localisation of skills and the development of South African expertise.
- Invest in employee training and the development of future talent within the rail sector.

- Strengthen integration between rail, bus, and feeder services.
- Roll out network modernisation and long-term sustainable asset management programmes.
- Speed up the rollout of digital tools and predictive maintenance technologies to improve network performance and reliability.

Xavier Piechaczyk, RATP Group Chairman and Chief Executive Officer: *"The renewal of the Gautrain concession reflects the enduring trust placed in RATP Group and its subsidiary RATP Dev to operate and develop one of Africa's best-performing passenger rail networks. This success shows what we can achieve with our local partners: reliable, innovative transport services that meet the needs of the communities we serve. We are proud to begin this new chapter with Gauteng Province and the Sihamba Sonke Mobility consortium, drawing on our teams' operational excellence, the development of local skills, and our commitment to sustainable mobility that creates value for passengers, communities, and the African continent as a whole."*

Hiba Farès, Chairwoman of the Executive Board of RATP Dev: *"This new concession marks a major milestone in our Group's longstanding partnership with Gauteng Province. Building on more than 15 years of operational excellence, we are proud to have earned the renewed trust of our partners as we embark on a new 15-year chapter, both as an operator and a shareholder within the Sihamba Sonke Mobility consortium. Alongside our South African partners, we are determined to support the next stage of the network's sustainable development and deliver lasting benefits for passengers and communities in Gauteng."*

Mehdi Sinaceur, Deputy CEO and Senior VP – International BU, RATP Dev: *"Our priority is to offer Gautrain passengers a safe, reliable, and seamless travel experience every day. By further improving integration between rail, bus, and feeder services, and drawing on RATP Dev's international expertise, we will continue to improve the network's operational performance, ensure the long-term sustainability of its assets, and enhance the customer experience. As part of RATP Dev's global portfolio of rail and urban transport networks operated across five continents, Gautrain will benefit from the experience, innovation, and operational excellence developed in major metropolitan transport systems around the world."*

Gautrain at a glance

- More than 15 years of continuous operation and maintenance by Bombela Operating Company, a subsidiary of RATP Dev, since Gautrain entered service in 2010.
- 80 km of rail infrastructure linking Pretoria, Johannesburg, and OR Tambo International Airport.
- 10 multimodal stations integrated with Gauteng Province's road and public transport networks.
- 2 rail lines serving South Africa's economic and political heartland.
- 45 bus and minibus routes complementing rail services and strengthening regional connectivity.
- More than 500 employees ensuring the daily operation and maintenance of the network.
- A maximum speed of 160 km/h, making Gautrain Africa's fastest regional rail service.
- Less than 40 minutes to travel between Pretoria and Johannesburg by rail, compared with up to two hours by road, depending on traffic conditions.
- Network availability of over 99%, reflecting operational excellence and the network's high reliability.

About RATP Group

The world's second-largest urban transport operator, providing more than 14 million passenger journeys every day worldwide, RATP Group is a major player in the sector, with a presence in 17 countries across five continents. The Group operates nine transport modes daily, including metro, urban and interurban buses, tram, rail, sightseeing services, cable cars, maritime and river shuttles, demand-responsive transport, and autonomous vehicles. Through strategic partnerships, it is also active in three additional mobility modes: carpooling, car-sharing, and public bike schemes. Recognised as an expert in infrastructure management and engineering, RATP Group also offers a broad range of complementary services through its specialised subsidiaries. These include urban services such as real estate, telecommunications, logistics, new mobility solutions, and energy, as well as safety and security, passenger information and ticketing solutions, and the development of commercial spaces within transport hubs. For over 75 years, RATP has operated one of the world's densest multimodal networks in the Île-de-France region. With over 73,500 employees, including a quarter based internationally, RATP Group designs, implements, and delivers innovative mobility solutions and services every day, helping to create more sustainable and human-centred urban environments. @RATPGroup