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All change at the Palace in Mallorca: See Inside

Turkish delight for Palma-based airline as it prepares bid

Palma.—Turkish Airlines is still very interested in buying a stake in Mallorca-based airline Air Europa and is in the process of preparing a binding offer, a company executive said during an earnings call this week.

“We are preparing to provide a binding offer very soon. However, we have not come to that stage yet. As soon as we have the board approval and board decision we will announce it publicly,” the executive said.



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Palma airport ready for new “British” entry and exit travel scheme

● Necessary equipment already in place at airport for new automated IT system for registering travellers from “third-countries”.

Palma.—The director of Palma airport, Tomás Melgar, told the *Bulletin* this week that they were ready for the introduction of the new European Union entry/exit travel scheme which will launch Europe-wide in October and will effectively change the way British citizens enter and leave European Union countries.

The system will register the person’s name, type of the travel document, biometric data (fingerprints and captured facial images) and the

date and place of entry and exit. The Entry/Exit System (EES) is an automated IT system for registering non-EU nationals travelling for a short stay, each time they cross the external borders.

The director said that the equipment was already in place and they were just waiting for the green light from Brussels. There is concern that the much-delayed new system could cause delays at airports across Europe.