



Welcome to edition 13 of the [Up in the Air](#) newsletter! It includes a round up of the content that I recently shared, plus some additional news and background items.

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By bridging the gap between cross-border payments and foreign exchange management, Continuum's multi-currency and foreign exchange services address key pain points of the travel industry.

For reasons of price certainty and transparency, customers want the comfort and convenience of viewing and paying for travel offerings in their chosen currency and with their chosen payment method, in addition to the local pricing currency. Offering this service to customers is proven to increase both customer 'look-to-book' conversion as well as average customer spend.

With Continuum's multi-currency solutions, travel providers can generate a new revenue stream from existing payment infrastructure that is otherwise lost on cross-border transactions while also increasing customer conversion and value.

Better for travel providers, and for their customers!



i Travel Fintech News

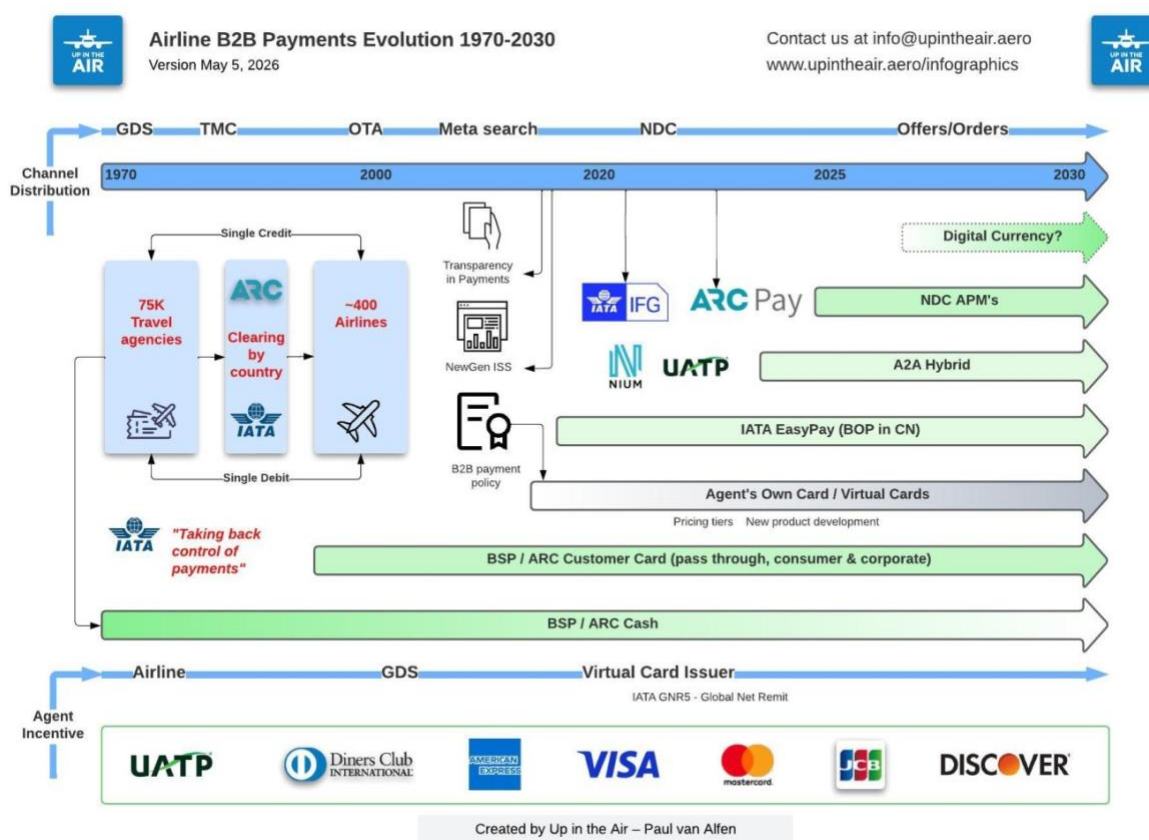
Podcast: Talking with Daniel Marovitz, SVP of Fintech at Booking.com

In this podcast by [McKinsey & Company](#), [Booking.com](#)'s Senior Vice President of Fintech [Daniel Marovitz](#) describes how the travel-booking company has become the global platform of choice by managing complexity and easing customers' pain points.

The transcript and recording of the podcast can be found [here](#).

Why Airline Settlement Still Runs on a 1971 System While Everything Around It Modernizes

[Link](#) to article by [Travel Distribution News](#)



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eDreams ODIGEO and Visa power agentic commerce in travel with new secure AI agent protocols

[eDreams ODIGEO](#) among the first to enable [Visa](#)'s Trusted Agent Protocol and Agentic Directory for secure agent-initiated travel bookings.



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Inside travel chargebacks: an interview with Alternative Airlines

[Sam Argyle](#), Managing Director of OTA [Alternative Airlines](#), on how travel merchants can fight chargebacks without adding friction at checkout.



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i Vendor News

TAP Air Portugal accepts as first international airline NuPay

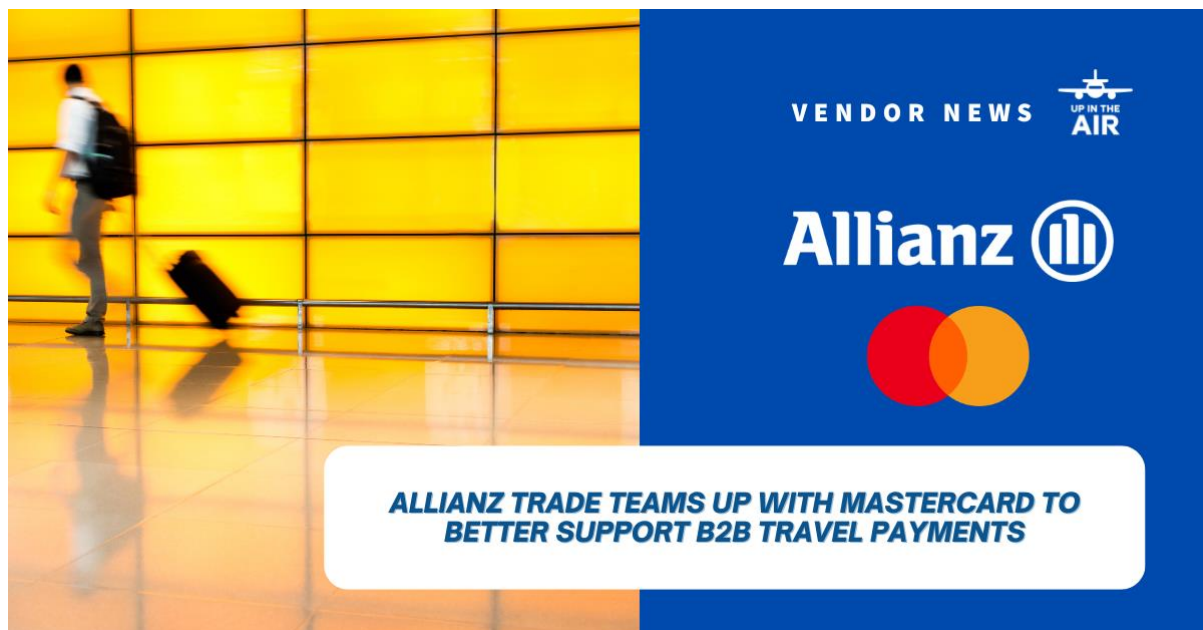
TAP Air Portugal became the first international airline to offer NuPay, making one of Brazil's most innovative digital payment solutions available to **Nubank**'s 117 million customers.



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Allianz Trade teams up with Mastercard to better support B2B travel payments

Through enhanced Allianz Trade Pay solution, **Allianz Trade** will now extend trade credit insurance to issuers operating across the travel industry, in collaboration with **Mastercard** and powered by **actuary.aero**



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Finnair takes the next step towards ONE Order

[Finnair](#) has selected SIRAX/ONE Order, the order accounting and settlement solution from [Lufthansa Systems](#), as a major step in its transition towards [International Air Transport Association \(IATA\)](#) ONE Order and modern airline retailing.

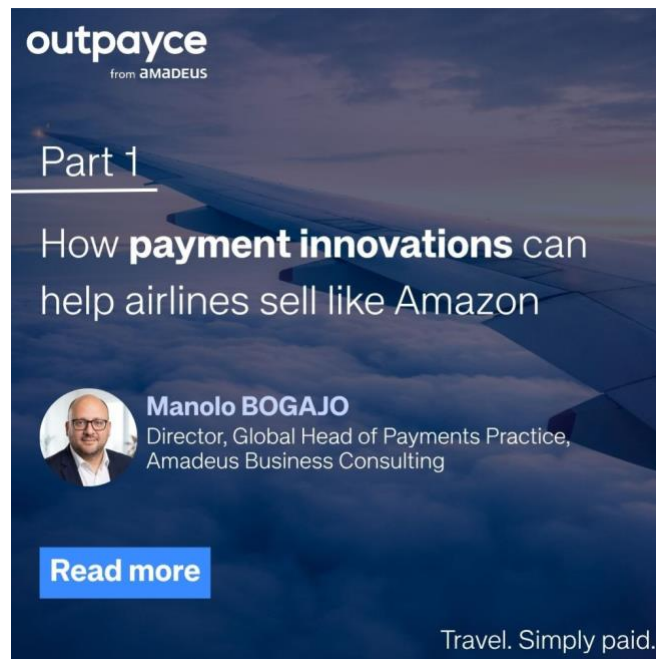


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i Airline & Travel Payments 101

“How payment innovations can help airlines sell like Amazon”

Article by [Amadeus's Manolo Bogajo](#) on the payments journey from traditional to NDC, Offer and Order and ONE Order.



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Decoding the Upfront and Hidden Costs of Payment

An article by [Michael Baker](#) for [Business Travel News](#)

Corporate payment programs are critical for travel program's data and compliance, but measuring the cost of the programs themselves is not always a simple matter.



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Airline Payment Framework - Management Foundation

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The [International Air Transport Association \(IATA\)](#) Airline Payment Framework reframes payments as a leadership opportunity, providing a clear logic to align commercial, distribution, finance, and technology decisions into one coherent payment model. This will transform payment from a source of complexity and leakage into a lever for performance and control.



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i Blogs, white papers and other content

Why B2B travel payments need more than virtual cards

Recording of a conversation in the [PhocusWire](#) studio at the [Phocuswright](#) Europe 2026 event in Barcelona, where [Brad La Nasa](#), Chief Business Officer at [Zyzza](#), spoke to Phocuswright SVP of Content [Mitra Sorrells](#) about B2B payment friction, carrier acceptance, agency liquidity and why integrated payment and content workflows matter for travel sellers.



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Split payments and the future of checkout in travel 🗣️

Interview with [Samuel Flynn](#), co-founder of [Hands In](#) on removing friction in travel payments.



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Global Fraud Trends 2026 - E-commerce Merchant Survey Report

[Ravelin Technology](#)'s annual e-commerce fraud report is here – more in-depth, more useful and more detailed than ever, across 60 pages.



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Embedded Payments Help Travel Platforms Close More Bookings

Travel Firms Embrace Embedded Wallets to Boost Revenue and Conversion” is a collaboration between [PYMNTS](#) Intelligence and [Margaeta](#).

This data brief explores how embedded finance is reshaping the economics of the travel industry. Based on a survey of 30 travel firms, the report shows that embedded payments, digital wallets and co-branded financial products are no longer peripheral features. They are becoming central to how travel platforms compete, convert and grow.



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Industry event schedule for 2H-2026



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Event name	Organizer	Event website for registration (click on link)	Location	Start Date	End Date
GBTA Convention 2026	GBTA	https://convention.gbta.org/	Chicago, IL	03/08/2026	05/08/2026
Airline & Travel Payments Summit APAC	Airline Information	https://www.airconnects.us/events	Bali	25/08/2026	26/08/2026
Future Travel Experience Global	FTE	https://www.futuretravelexperience.com/the-global-conferences	Dallas, TX	08/09/2026	10/09/2026
Arabian Travel Market	RX Events	https://www.rxevents.com/air/en-gb.html	Dubai	14/09/2026	17/09/2026
HEDNA Global Distribution Conference	HEDNA	https://www.hedna.org/events/	Lisbon	15/09/2026	17/09/2026
T2RL Engage	T2RL	https://www.t2rl.com/events/t2engage/	London	21/09/2026	23/09/2026
Skift Global Forum	Skift	https://www.skift.com/upcoming-events	New York, NY	22/09/2026	24/09/2026
Digital Travel US 2026	WB Research	https://digitaltravel.wbresearch.com/	Orlando, FL	28/09/2026	29/09/2026
Web In Travel	Northstar Travel Group	https://www.witevents.com/witasingapore/	Singapore	30/09/2026	02/10/2026
World Aviation Festival	Terrapinn	https://www.terrapinn.com/conference/aviation-festival/index.htm	Lisbon	13/10/2026	15/10/2026
Bavel Travel Summit	Voxel	https://www.voxelgroup.net/events/bavel-travel-summit/	Siges (Barcelona)	21/10/2026	23/10/2026
IATA Payment Services Forum	IATA	By invitation only	Macao	26/10/2026	27/10/2026
World Financial Symposium	IATA	https://www.iata.org/en/events/wfs/	Macao	28/10/2026	29/10/2026
World Passenger Symposium	IATA	https://www.iata.org/en/events/wps/	Macao	28/10/2026	29/10/2026
World Travel Market	RELX	https://www.wtm.com/london/en-gb.html	London	03/11/2026	05/11/2026
APG World Connect	APG	https://worldconnect.apg-ga.com/	Monaco	04/11/2026	06/11/2026
Digital Travel Europe	WB Research	https://digitaltravelex.eu.wbresearch.com/	London	17/11/2026	18/11/2026
PhocusWright Conference	PhocusWright	www.phocuswrightconference.com	FT. Lauderdale, FL	17/11/2026	19/11/2026



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[booking.com](https://www.booking.com) is hiring a Product Manager FinTech - Payout Orchestrator

You will be leading the Payout Orchestrator team, whose goal is to orchestrate partner payout flows at [Booking.com](https://www.booking.com) in a compliant, reliable, and scalable way.



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Norse Atlantic Airways is hiring a Payment Manager

Are you ready to own the payment ecosystem of a fast-growing global airline — from architecture and approval rates to fraud and compliance?



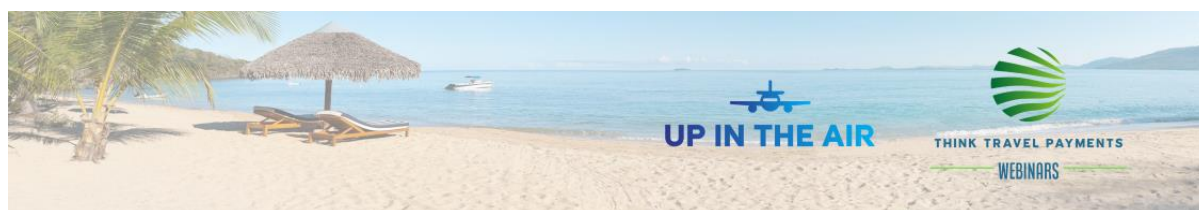
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