

PRESS RELEASE

RATP Dev continues Gautrain journey under new 15-year concession for one of Africa's leading passenger rail systems

Building on more than 15 years of operational excellence, the new concession will see RATP Dev Gauteng continue to lead Gautrain's multimodal operations and maintenance activities while participating as a strategic shareholder within the South African-led Sihamba Sonke Mobility consortium.

JOHANNESBURG, South Africa and PARIS, France - 30 September 2026 - The Post-2026 Gautrain Concession has reached financial close, marking the start of a new 15-year chapter for one of Africa's leading passenger rail systems. On behalf of the Gauteng Provincial Government, the Gautrain Management Agency (GMA) has awarded the concession to the Sihamba Sonke Mobility (SSM) consortium, which will be responsible for the operation, maintenance and refurbishment of the Gautrain network and its integrated feeder bus services through to 2041.

The award represents a renewed vote of confidence in RATP Dev's operational expertise and long-term commitment to Gauteng. Through its subsidiary, Bombela Operating Company, RATP Dev has successfully operated and maintained Gautrain since its launch in 2010. Over the past 16 years, the network has maintained an availability rate exceeding 99%, making Gautrain one of the continent's most reliable passenger rail systems.

Under the new concession, RATP Dev Gauteng will continue to lead operations and maintenance across rail, bus, midibus and parking services through to 2041, while also participating as a shareholder in the concessionaire. The new contract combines the experience of Gautrain's highly skilled local workforce with access to RATP Dev's global network of rail specialists and international best practices, supporting operational excellence, long-term asset stewardship and an enhanced passenger experience.

Led by South African shareholders, the Sihamba Sonke Mobility (SSM) consortium brings together RATP Dev, Alstom, the AIIM-Motseng Joint Venture, AWCA Investment Holdings (AIH), GIBB-CREDE and SSM InvestCo. At its core is RATP Dev's rail operations expertise, complemented by Alstom's industrial capabilities and the investment, engineering and infrastructure expertise of its South African partners. Together, the consortium combines an experienced local operating team, international best practices and more than 300 years of cumulative experience delivering mobility and infrastructure projects.

Since its launch in 2010, Gautrain has become a benchmark for passenger rail in Africa and a recognised example of successful public-private partnership, combining high standards of safety, reliability and customer service. The new concession will build on that track record while supporting long-term asset sustainability, network refurbishment, workforce development, digital innovation and closer integration between rail and feeder services.

Key priorities for Gautrain's next phase

- Maintain Gautrain's high standards of safety, reliability and customer service
- Support localisation and South African skills development
- Invest in workforce training and future rail talent
- Enhance integration between rail, bus and feeder services
- Deliver long-term refurbishment and asset sustainability programmes
- Deploy digital tools and predictive maintenance technologies to improve performance and reliability

Gautrain at a glance

15+ years of continuous operation and maintenance by RATP Dev subsidiary Bombela Operating Company since the network's launch in 2010.

80 km of rail infrastructure connecting Pretoria, Johannesburg and OR Tambo International Airport.

10 multimodal stations integrated with road and public transport networks across Gauteng Province.

2 rail lines serving South Africa's economic and political heartlands.

45 bus and midibus routes complementing the rail service and extending regional connectivity.

500+ employees delivering daily operations and maintenance services.

160 km/h top speed, making Gautrain the fastest regional rail service in Africa.

Less than 40 minutes to travel between the Pretoria and Johannesburg corridor, compared with up to two hours by road traffic.

99%+ availability rate, reflecting the network's high operational reliability.

Executive comments

Hiba Farès, CEO of RATP Dev: *"This new concession marks an important milestone in our long-standing partnership with Gauteng Province. Building on more than 15 years of operational excellence, we are proud to have earned the confidence of our partners for a new 15-year chapter as both operator and shareholder within the Sihamba Sonke Mobility consortium. Together with our South African partners, we look forward to contributing to the network's next phase of sustainable growth and delivering lasting value for passengers and communities across Gauteng."*

Mehdi Sinaceur, Deputy CEO and Senior Vice President of RATP Dev's International Business Unit: *"Our priority is to deliver a safe, reliable and seamless mobility experience for Gautrain passengers every day. By bringing rail, bus and feeder services even closer together and leveraging RATP Dev's international expertise, we will continue to strengthen operational performance, support long-term asset sustainability and enhance the customer journey. As part of RATP Dev's portfolio of rail and urban mobility networks across five continents, Gautrain will benefit from the experience, innovation and operational excellence developed in major metropolitan systems around the world."*

Pierre Cicion, Vice President Middle East and Africa, RATP Dev: *"Gautrain is a flagship mobility system and a benchmark for passenger rail in Africa. Together with our South African partners, we look forward to supporting its future development through local talent, innovation and multimodal integration, while creating lasting value for Gauteng and its communities. The contract further reinforces RATP Dev's growing footprint in Africa, alongside our operations and development projects in Morocco and Egypt and reflects our commitment to supporting sustainable mobility across the continent."*

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About RATP Dev

RATP Dev is a global operator of urban and intercity transport systems, active in 17 countries across five continents, including South Africa where we have proudly operated the Gautrain rapid rail system for over 15 years. As a subsidiary of the RATP Group, we draw on 125 years of expertise developed in Paris's ultra-dense and continuously modernised network. Our 25,000 employees deliver excellence across more than 120 operations worldwide including commuter rail, trams, buses and metros where we lead the field in designing, operating and maintaining high-capacity automatic and semi-automatic metro lines. Every day, our teams apply their expertise and innovations to enhance passenger experience, deliver seamless network takeovers, manage complex system upgrades with minimal disruption, drive operational excellence and support major cultural and sporting events. Our work is guided by our conviction that safe, efficient, accessible and sustainable public transport networks are a cornerstone of thriving and inclusive communities around the world. That's why we deliver the best in mobility—every day, everywhere for everyone. **RATP Dev. The right move.**