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New York's JFK Airport Opens a New Terminal

New York's John F. Kennedy International Airport this week will open its second terminal in three years, part of a \$10-billion project that a spokesman has called "the largest airport redevelopment program in U.S. aviation history."

Airlines have been moving into the new Terminal 4 all month; Thursday is the official grand opening. Replacing the 44-year-old International Arrivals Building, which is being demolished, the new terminal will handle mainly international traffic, with some domestic flights.

For travelers, the opening of Terminal 4 should mean less time in line. The lower arrivals level, with 52 INS and 20 U.S. Customs counters, is designed to handle up to 3,200 passengers per hour, compared with the old terminal's 2,000. In the upper level, airlines will share 144 check-in positions, which can be shifted as traffic shifts. About 40 restaurants and stores are also scheduled to open.

Among the airlines at the terminal are Aer Lingus, Air India, Continental, Corsair, Egypt Air, El Al, KLM, National, Northwest and Swissair. Several of JFK's nine terminals are being renovated or expanded in the next few years.



A mural by Deborah Masters, "New York Streets," decorates the Immigration Hall of the new Terminal 4 at JFK International Airport.