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ETIHAD AIRWAYS FIRST SCHEDULED FLIGHT FROM ABU DHABI LANDS IN ISRAEL

Abu Dhabi based flag-carrier Etihad Airways makes history at Ben Gurion International Airport

Israel added to Abu Dhabi's 'green list' for quarantine-free

Etihad Airways, the national airline of the United Arab Emirates (UAE), today launched its regular flight service between Abu Dhabi and Tel Aviv. Additionally, on Monday, Israel was added to Abu Dhabi's 'green list', giving quarantine-free travel for visitors arriving in Abu Dhabi.

The launch of scheduled operations comes as the next historic step in developing diplomatic, trade and tourism ties between Israel and the UAE, which were inked as part of the Abraham Accords in September 2020.

Abu Dhabi's Etihad Airways EY598, the first scheduled flight from Abu Dhabi International Airport to Ben Gurion International Airport, took to the skies this morning (Tuesday) at 10:05 (UAE time). On board the flight was a diplomatic and economic delegation representing the UAE. The delegation includes H.E. Mohamed Al-Khaja, UAE's first Ambassador to Israel, Eitan Nae'eh, Israel's Head of Mission to the UAE, and Tony Douglas, Etihad's Group CEO.

The flight landed at Ben Gurion Airport at 12:30 (Israel



Etihad cabin crew on board the first scheduled flight to Tel Aviv



Etihad's first scheduled flight to Tel Aviv with flags waved from the cockpit



MC Amina Tahir, Vice President Brand, Marketing and Partnerships



Etihad's first scheduled flight to Tel Aviv is received with a water cannon salute

time) and was received with the traditional water cannon salute. A welcome reception followed, with speeches given by the UAE's Ambassador to Israel, Etihad's Group CEO, and Shmuel Zakay, CEO, Ben Gurion International Airport. Tony Douglas, Group Chief Executive Officer, Etihad Aviation Group, said: "Today is a hugely significant moment in Etihad's history, as we operate our first scheduled commercial flight into Tel Aviv. Last year, we witnessed the UAE and Israel make history when signing the Abraham Accords, and we are tremendously excited about the opportunities this poses to Etihad, and our home Abu Dhabi.

"On our inaugural flight today, we were delighted to welcome representatives from some of the UAE's finest tourism and hospitality operators. These business leaders will not only showcase Abu Dhabi as a world-leading tourism destination, but also reinforce the emirate's robust and united response towards wellness."

The route will be operated by one of Etihad's flagship aircraft, the Boeing 787-9 Dreamliner. With 290 seats – 28 Business studios and 262 Economy smart seats, the Dreamliner features Etihad's renowned e-box entertainment system and inflight wi-fly connectivity network.

Etihad will initially offer two weekly flights between Abu Dhabi and Tel Aviv. The return flight, EY599 will connect passengers from Tel Aviv into Abu Dhabi, who will no longer be required to quarantine on arrival, now that Israel has been added to the Abu Dhabi 'green list'. As well as connecting with the UAE, passengers travelling from Tel Aviv can take advantage of onward connecting flights to 35 destinations worldwide, including major cities across Asia, the Indian sub-continent and Australia.

There is significant travel demand anticipated between Israel and the UAE and beyond, for both business and

leisure travel purposes. This is bolstered by the fact that Israel and the UAE boast two of the highest vaccination rates in the world, giving potential for a vaccine corridor to further ease travel between the two destinations.

Etihad and the national carrier of Israel, EL AL, are continuing preparations for wide-ranging cooperation on the route, and beyond. The partners signed a Memorandum of Understanding in November 2020 covering codeshare on each other's operations, a frequent flyer tie-up and cooperation in cargo, training and maintenance services. Etihad has established a reputation as one of the leading airlines in response to the pandemic. In February 2021, Etihad was the first airline in the world to announce it is operating with 100% of its crew on board vaccinated.

The airline introduced Etihad Wellness, an industry-leading programme to ensure wellbeing at every stage of the customer journey and provide greater peace of mind when travelling. Etihad Wellness is championed by specially-trained Wellness Ambassadors who are available 24/7 to provide essential travel health information and care pre-flight through a live chat function on etihad.com, at the airport, and on board.

To reinforce the effectiveness of Etihad Wellness, the airline provides global Covid insurance with every ticket, so passengers are covered when they are away from home. As a further commitment to safety, Etihad was the first airline in the world to require 100% of passengers to show a negative PCR test result before departure and retesting on arrival in Abu Dhabi.

Air Canada Marks the 70th Anniversary of its Montreal–Paris Route



Air Canada is the North American airline that has offered service to France the longest

Today, Air Canada, the longest-serving North American airline in France, is celebrating the 70th anniversary of its Montreal–Paris route.

On April 1, 1951, a four-engine, 40-passenger Canadair North Star, registered as CF-TFO and operated by Trans-Canada Air Lines (now Air Canada), touched down for the very first time at Orly airport, in the suburbs of Paris.

Initially entailing a layover in London, UK, the flight between Montreal and Paris quickly became a non-stop, weekly service after its initial success.

Air Canada's Montreal-Paris route serves Roissy-Charles de Gaulle Airport on a year-round basis. The regular schedule consists of two daily flights in summer season and one daily flight in winter season.

Air Canada's flights are operated with Boeing 777-300ER aircraft (450 seats), Airbus A330-300 aircraft (297 seats) or Boeing 787-9 Dreamliners (298 seats). Customers have a choice of three service classes: Air Canada Signature Class, Premium Economy and Economy.

"This is an important milestone for our airline, our customers and, more specifically, Air Canada's French colleagues," said Mark Galardo, Senior Vice President, Network Planning and Revenue Management at Air Canada. "This 70th anniversary is a testament to the special, enduring relationship between the two cities, which have a long history of partnership and collaboration. This transatlantic flight from Canada sees the most demand and is a key part of our DNA. In addition, despite the challenges posed by the COVID-19 crisis, Air Canada has never suspended its Montreal–Paris route during the pandemic, and our sole ambition is to re-establish Air Canada's presence in other French cities in order to continue to strengthen the ties that unite us."

For the last 70 years, Air Canada has continued to bolster its presence in France and the French Caribbean, and to increase its commitment to French territories. Before the onset of the

pandemic, Air Canada served seven French cities: Paris, Bordeaux, Lyon, Marseille, and Nice, as well as Fort-de-France and Pointe-à-Pitre in the Caribbean. The airline operated up to 45 weekly flights from its hub airports in Montreal, Toronto, and Vancouver, which offered connections to more than 50 destinations in the Americas.

About Air Canada

Air Canada is Canada's largest domestic and international airline, and in 2020 was among the top 20 largest airlines in the world. It is Canada's flag carrier and a founding member of Star Alliance, the world's most comprehensive air transportation network. Air Canada is the only international network carrier in North America to receive a Four-Star ranking according to independent U.K. research firm Skytrax. In 2020, Air Canada was named Global Traveler's Best Airline in North America for the second straight year. In January 2021, Air Canada received APEX's Diamond Status Certification for the Air Canada CleanCare+ biosafety program for managing COVID-19, the only airline in Canada to attain the highest APEX ranking. Air Canada has also committed to a net zero emissions goal from all global operations by 2050.

SWISS appoints Romain Vetteras its new Head of Western Switzerland



Romain Vetter

Romain Vetter has been appointed as SWISS's new Head of Western Switzerland, with commercial responsibility for the company's Geneva-based business activities. He will assume his new duties on 1 May. Vetter, who is presently Head of Purchase

Management Leisure for the Lufthansa Group, succeeds Lorenzo Stoll, who takes up his new post as Head of Swiss WorldCargo on 1 April.

Swiss International Air Lines (SWISS) has appointed Romain Vetter (37) as its new Head of Western Switzerland. Together with his team, Vetter will be in overall commercial charge of SWISS's business activities throughout Western Switzerland, reporting directly to Chief Commercial Officer Tamur Goudarzi Pour. He succeeds Lorenzo Stoll, who will assume his new duties as Head of Swiss WorldCargo on 1 April.

Romain Vetter joined SWISS's Sales Channel Management in 2015. He went on to serve in Application Management as a project leader for new distribution channels such as the New Distribution Capability or NDC. Most recently he has been Head of Purchase Management Leisure for the Lufthansa Group, developing collaborations with key system partners within the travel sector.

Before joining the aviation industry, Romain Vetter spent several years with Omnicom in Geneva, holding various management positions in the digital marketing segment.

"I am delighted that, in Romain Vetter, we have been able to appoint a Western Swiss from our own ranks to serve as our new Head of Western Switzerland," says SWISS Chief Commercial Officer Tamur Goudarzi Pour. "In the various key functions that he has held over the past five years, Romain and his teams have been instrumental in the commercial and the technical success of the distribution management of the Lufthansa Group, and have helped to shape and mould its Distribution organization. As a result, Romain has the ideal credentials to continue to successfully develop our commercial activities at our Geneva location, which is of such vital strategic importance to SWISS and the Lufthansa Group. I thank him for all his immense energies and endeavours to date, and I wish him every success and satisfaction in his new capacity."

Romain Vetter holds a Master of Business Administration (MBA) degree from the University of Illinois. A native of Geneva, he is married and has two children.

ACC Aviation remarkets two de Havilland Dash 8-100s for Canadian North



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ACC Aviation, the global aviation consultancy offering asset management and financial solutions to airlines, lessors and financiers, has been appointed as the exclusive remarketing agent by Canadian North to sell its two de Havilland Dash 8-100 aircraft.

The aircraft (MSN 284 and MSN 324) built in the early 1990s are preserved under De Havilland's storage program, being parked at Calgary International Airport and Edmonton International in Canada, respectively.

Both aircraft are passenger/cargo combi variants, offering operators the ultimate flexibility based on their mission needs.

"ACC Aviation is pleased to have the opportunity to remarket Canadian North's Dash 8-100s, cementing our expertise in remarketing a variety of aircraft types," said Robert Sitta, Vice President Asset Management at ACC Aviation. "Leveraging

the extensive relationships of our global offices on five continents, our asset management team has consistently supported aircraft owners (and financiers) around the world during the coronavirus pandemic,



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ensuring maximum values are extracted from assets, along with managing all elements of the remarketing process."

"The global presence of ACC Aviation and its strong track record in remarketing regional aircraft were key factors in assigning its team for this task," commented Shannon Montpellier, VP – Finance at Canadian North. "These Dash 8s have served us extremely well over the years,

reliably performing on numerous passenger and cargo flights."

Canadian North (with its slogan Fly the Arctic) is a wholly Inuit-owned airline headquartered in Kanata, Ontario. It operates a substantial charter operation and scheduled passenger services to communities in the Northwest Territories, Nunavik and Nunavut. Southern gateways include Edmonton, Montreal and Ottawa.

ACC Aviation is a steadfast partner which industry colleagues and clients have come to rely upon. Its global team in Europe, Africa, the Middle East, Asia and North America offers professional, impartial advice and expertise across a comprehensive range of aviation services.

ACC Aviation is offering for sale two Dash 8-100s for Canadian North. The aircraft are offered in passenger/cargo combi layout

Daher launches the enhanced Kodiak 100 Series III turboprop-powered sport and utility aircraft and begins customer deliveries

The Kodiak 100 Series III version of Daher's turboprop-powered sport and utility aircraft was unveiled today, incorporating enhancements and standard features for improved flight safety, greater cabin comfort, augmented operational capabilities from both unimproved strips and on water with floats, as well as upgraded quality and more comprehensive maintenance coverage.

Marking its official launch was this morning's delivery of the first Kodiak 100 Series III

to Rick and Adam Ross in Sandpoint, Idaho, which will be followed later in the week by a second aircraft's handover to another owner/operator.

"With these latest upgrades and quality improvements, the most modern, rugged, and



reliable aircraft in its class is now even better with the Kodiak 100 Series III," said

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EXPERIENCE FIRST CLASS DINING AT HOME WITH BRITISH AIRWAYS

Travellers who are missing the skies and want to experience the culinary delights of first class dining can do so from their home thanks to a new partnership between British Airways, Feast Box and DO & CO.

The airline has teamed up with its premium catering partner DO & CO, and Feast Box, a provider of internationally inspired recipe boxes, to create a limited-edition cook-at-home meal kit that mirrors British Airways' First cabin dining experience. Each meal kit includes a four-course menu inspired by the luxurious food served in British Airways' First cabin. Customers can choose

little different being delivered to a customer's door rather than at 38,000 feet, we hope it will be just as exciting." Jyoti Patel, Feast Box CEO and Founder: "Food is a wonderful way to explore the world and helps to shape our fondest memories. Offering people the chance to travel the world through food is at the core of everything we do, so working with British Airways on this First experience has helped to bring Feast Box to life in a very special way." Robert Williams, DO & CO UK Managing Director said: "At DO & CO we pride ourselves on offering outstanding and innovative dining experiences to our



vegetarian, fish and meat dishes in their kit. They will receive the full ingredients – as used in the First cabin – to cook the meal at home, along with a recipe sheet and an information card in the form of a passport.

The meal kits can be ordered here (feastbox.co.uk/britishairways) to be delivered direct to a customer's door. Each meal kit will cost from £80 and serve two people. The kits are available to order from today with deliveries beginning next week. Feast Box is gifting all those embarking on the British Airways First dining experience a complimentary box from their regular internationally inspired menu. Customers will also receive a voucher for 10% off a British Airways flight.* Hamish McVey, Head of Brands and Marketing at British Airways said: "We hope that this exclusive First experience will allow our customers who are missing flying to enjoy an amazing dining experience at home. British Airways, Feast Box and DO & CO take huge pride in offering top quality international cuisine, and although it might appear a

customers around the world. Working on this First dining experience has been a fun way to bring some of what we usually do in the skies with British Airways into people's homes and we look forward to them enjoying it. We've ensured that dishes such as our slow-cooked 48-hour beef cheeks in a port wine jus are easy to assemble and of course delicious to enjoy." A sample menu is below: Loch Fyne smoked salmon timbale with honey mustard dressing
Slow cooked British beef cheeks with Jalapeno potato gratin, tenderstem broccoli and chimichurri
Cheese selection of Caws Golden cearth, Snowdonia Black Bomber Cheddar, Harrogate blue and Kidderton ash goats cheese with chutney
Dark chocolate & orange liqueur bread & butter pudding with vanilla sauce
Both the outer and interior packaging of the meal kits consists of recyclable, compostable or biodegradable materials. The food is sourced, where seasonality allows, from the UK and Ireland including smoked salmon from Loch Fyne in Scotland and beef cheeks from heritage UK

Aero Asset Reports 2021 Market Dip for Preowned Twin Helicopters

Aero Asset reports that first quarter 2021 retail sales of preowned twin-engine helicopters dropped after two successive strong quarters. The Canadian-based helicopter trading firm just released its first quarter 2021 Heli Market Trends report, summarizing transactions during the period for 13 twin-engine models in the light, medium and heavy weight categories. "Comparing the first quarter of 2021 to 2020, the on-market supply of twin-engine helicopter for sale decreased to pre-pandemic levels," said Aero Asset Vice President of Market Research Valerie Pereira. "We saw a parallel decline in both transactions and supply," she added. Deal Pipeline Continues Upward
The absorption rate regressed

in the first quarter following two consecutive quarters of improvement as the economy emerged from a pandemic-triggered economic trough. After four consecutive quarters of decline in the number of deals pending at various stages of transaction, the deal pipeline grew in the fourth quarter of 2020 and another 10 percent in the first quarter of this year and is now back to pre-pandemic levels. All Categories Down
Light twin-engine and heavy weight helicopter retail sales volume contracted slightly in the first quarter from the fourth quarter. Medium weight



helicopter retail sales dropped by half in the first quarter after a strong uptick in the fourth quarter of 2020.

Liquidity Lineup
The most liquid preowned market in the first quarter was the Airbus H145. The H135 which tied at first place last quarter, slipped into fourth place. In the first quarter, five of the 13 helicopter markets in the lineup saw absolutely no preowned trades, mostly in the medium weight class

IADA Verifies AirFleet Capital Inc. As Products and Services Member

AirFleet Capital Inc., a company focused solely on aircraft financing, is the newest Verified Products and Services member of the International Aircraft Dealers Association (IADA). A national leader in aircraft financing, AirFleet Capital becomes the 62nd aircraft transaction support company to be verified by IADA's rigorous acceptance process, ensuring adherence to strong ethical business practices. With in-

house underwriting and closing teams, the aircraft finance brokerage company originated over 700 loans in 2020, working exclusively with several partner banks. "AirFleet Capital will benefit from its association with IADA as we continue to evolve in support of our clients' growth," said AirFleet President Jim Blessing. "As our customers continue their upward movement in aircraft we will be able to consult and work with other IADA

members to ensure we are helping them make the right decisions," he added. "AirFleet Capital, like all of our Verified Products and Services members, has been thoroughly vetted to assure adherence to the absolute highest ethical standards and experience," said IADA Executive Director Wayne Starling. "The IADA Board of Directors extends our welcome to AirFleet Capital as they join the organization."



AirFleet Capital Chandler, Ariz. staff. Founded in 1994, AirFleet Capital is a privately-owned General Aviation aircraft financing company, and one of the largest in the United States. The company is dedicated to aircraft lending, with a motivated staff assigned with the sole mission of getting their clients safely in the air. AirFleet Capital's team is in Arizona, Virginia, California, and Georgia.

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Nicolas Chabbert, the Senior Vice President of Daher's Aircraft Division, and CEO of Kodiak Aircraft. "This latest version underscores Daher's commitment to continual improvement for its airplane family, and further aligns the Kodiak's attributes with those of our TBM very fast turboprop aircraft."

Chabbert added that after Daher's 2019 acquisition of the Kodiak product line and production facilities at Sandpoint, the company has applied its resources in stepping up this all-terrain aircraft's capabilities and reinforcing the worldwide services network. Offered on Series III aircraft is the eight-seat Executive Edition cabin with club-type seating for passengers, air conditioning with controls for both the cockpit and cabin zones, as well as an increased oxygen capacity. Enhanced quality exterior paint is an option, provided with an extended three-year warranty.

Among the Kodiak 100 Series III's upgrades for improved flight safety and enhanced situational awareness is the first integration of Garmin's GWX™ 75 Doppler-capable, fully stabilized color weather radar on a Kodiak. This radar's high-definition color palette enables more detailed contouring of storm cells, which is combined with its exceptional range and adjustable scanning profiles.

Also contributing to the Kodiak 100 Series III's augmented flight safety is standard equipment that includes Garmin's G1000 NXi fully integrated flight deck, the GFC700 autopilot with full envelope protection and level mode, an angle of attack (AOA) indicator, SurfaceWatch runway monitoring technology, ChartView-enabled card, and the Synthetic Vision Technology for virtual flight reference. The Kodiak's already-

excellent versatility is further improved with incorporation of the largest tire size available for this aircraft (29 inches), a higher landing weight of 7,255 lb., and a lower zero-fuel weight that allows more payload – especially on shorter missions.

All Kodiak 100 Series III aircraft are float-ready for seaplane operations, and the standard pitch latch propeller allows for easy maneuvering at the dock by enabling the propeller to stay in a fine pitch during engine shutdown – giving greater control and safety on the water. Additionally, skin gap fillet sealant is the fifth step in an industry-leading anti-corrosion process, providing protection especially in high salinity environments.

Completing the standard package for Kodiak 100 Series III aircraft is the best-in-class, all-inclusive four-year Kodiak Care maintenance program, which covers scheduled maintenance up to the fourth annual inspection or a total flight time of 1,000 hours – whichever comes first. Also included is Pratt & Whitney Canada's Gold-level ESP™ Maintenance Program for the PT6A-34 turboprop engine, along with one year of CAMP Systems maintenance tracking and a year's subscription for Garmin's NavData electronic database.

The purchase of this latest Kodiak version comes with a reservation for Kodiak Aircraft's factory-taught maintenance training course, with the possibility of a designated mechanic completing the course to become a factory-authorized technician.