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## SWISS to extend minimal Geneva flight operations until 27 March



In view of the still low current booking levels, which have further declined as a result of Switzerland's recently tightened travel restrictions, Swiss International Air Lines (SWISS) is to extend its present minimal operations from and to Geneva Airport until 27 March. SWISS will continue to offer

services between Geneva and the Lufthansa Group hubs of Zurich (with 13 weekly flights) and Frankfurt (with seven weekly flights) and thereby ensure that Western Switzerland remains connected as well as possible with SWISS's global Zurich-based network. A further weekly flight is also planned

between Geneva and Pristina. SWISS remains fully committed to its Geneva business and operations in the longer term. Travellers affected by flight cancellations can rebook free of charge or have the price of their ticket refunded.

## SWISS temporarily modifies its online check-in process in view of new PCR test requirement

Under new provisions for entering Switzerland introduced by the Swiss authorities from today (Monday 8 February), all travelers 12 years of age and older arriving in or transiting through the country must present a valid negative COVID-19 PCR test result. The result concerned must also not be more than 72 hours old at the time of departure for Switzerland, and will be verified by ground personnel at the departure airport at check-in or the gate. All travellers to Switzerland – including those transiting through the country – must also complete the Swiss authorities' electronic form for incoming travellers before starting their journey.

In the light of these new provisions, SWISS is making temporary modifications to its online check-in process. With immediate effect, customers checking in for their flight to Switzerland will not be sent their boarding pass but will receive a confirmation instead. Upon presentation of this confirmation to the check-in agent at their departure airport, they will be issued with their boarding pass, provided they meet all of Switzerland's new entry requirements.

The new procedure may result in longer check-in waiting times. In view of this, travellers are urged to arrive at their departure airport in good time, and also to inform themselves fully about the latest entry provisions. Further details of these for the various countries served by SWISS



## Air Canada Recognized as One Montreal's Top Employers for Eighth Consecutive Year

Air Canada has been recognized as one of "Montreal's Top Employers" for the eighth consecutive year in Mediacorp Canada Inc's annual employer survey. The 2021 survey recognizes companies in Montreal who stood out for their resilience during the pandemic, and organizations were also selected for their exceptional human resources programs and forward-thinking workplace policies, including a comparison of others in their industry and region.

"We are very proud that despite the unprecedented challenges faced in recent months, the workplace culture and foundation we built at Air Canada continues to be recognized through this award. From the outset of the COVID-19 crisis, we have had to make gut-wrenching decisions, but our safety culture has continued to guide us, and the health and safety of our employees remained our top priority. We were leaders in implementing a wide variety of industry leading biosecurity measures to ensure a safe work environment, and to lead the way in testing initiatives to keep our customers and employees safe. As we emerge from this crisis, we believe our people will be a competitive advantage that will enable Air Canada to continue attracting the best talent in every part of our organization," said Arielle Meloul-Wechsler, Executive Vice President, Chief Human Resources and Communications Officer.

Community involvement is one of the many criteria established by Mediacorp, something Air Canada remains committed to during these difficult times. Its employees successfully continued their proud tradition of helping Canadian families in need from coast to coast throughout various programs and initiatives. More than 300

employees came together to help their local communities across the country, including participating in food drives, raising donations for charities, and supporting the Canadian Red Cross's efforts in the fight against COVID-19.

"Our employees deserve a big shout out for their resilience and dedication to the communities we serve, core values that reflect our culture. Their expertise and talent are our most valuable resources and we will continue to invest in programs to support and engage people at work," concluded Arielle Meloul-Wechsler. This recognition takes on added importance because Air Canada's global headquarters are firmly rooted in the heart of Quebec's metropolis. Air Canada employees in Montreal fill many key positions within the airline, ranging from C-suite executives to specialized operations that are critical to decision-making and day-to-day operations. Air Canada will continue to foster a positive work environment allowing employees to thrive and help them achieve their full potential.

### 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 received for second straight year. In January 2021, Air Canada received APEX's Diamond Status Certification for its CleanCare+ biosafety program for managing COVID-19, the only airline in Canada to attain the highest APEX ranking



## BRITISH AIRWAYS EXPANDS THE USE OF DIGITAL TRAVEL HEALTH APP, VERIFLY TO ALL INBOUND INTERNATIONAL FLIGHTS TO THE UK



British Airways expands the trial of mobile travel health app, VeriFLY to all inbound international flights to the UK from February 15, optional for all eligible customers. British Airways started trials with VeriFLY originally on flights between London and the US during February. VeriFLY certifies test certificates and required travel documentation on a personal mobile device. British Airways' parent company, IAG, is also engaged with IATA in the development of its IATA Travel Pass app. Thursday February 11, 2021 - In response to tightening border controls by the UK government, British Airways has today announced it intends to increase its trial of the VeriFLY digital health app across all International flights operating into the UK. The expansion, which will come in to effect from February 15, is designed to help those eligible to travel to navigate the changing entry requirements and facilitate a seamless journey by ensuring customers are ready to fly and have the appropriate documentation in place, before departing for the airport. The trial is part of the airline's ongoing work to explore digital health travel wallet and document verification solutions which help customers and support the government in ensuring

conformance with the UK's entry requirements. The news also comes as IATA's Director General and CEO, Alexandre de Juniac this week reaffirmed that it was working closely with IAG, British Airways' parent company, on its IATA Travel Pass app which is being developed to launch in the coming weeks. Sean Doyle, British Airways' CEO said: "We know that digital health apps and wallets will likely become commonplace when travel opens up again. We are exploring every available solution to support eligible customers and the UK government both during this period of limited travel and in preparation for a time when restrictions are eased, when we hope many more people will be able to resume flying again." VeriFLY can be downloaded to a mobile device is designed to offer peace of mind before travel by checking customers meet the entry requirements of their destination by providing digital health document verification and confirming eligibility. Use of the VeriFLY app will be optional and customers will also continue to be able to evidence they meet a country's entry requirements at check-in. The app has been pioneered by private software company, Daon, which also works with

some of the world's leading banking and credit card companies. The software will allow people to combine travel verification documents and Covid-19 test results in one place, ensuring travellers are fully compliant with the entry requirements for their destination before leaving home. Certified customers will be fast-tracked through the airport where specially designated desks will be available for check in. British Airways had previously announced it would be the first UK airline to start trialling VeriFLY and customers have been invited to have the option of using it since February 4 on all flights from London to the US. Since then, the trial has been extended to offer customers on inbound flights to the UK from the US the option to use it. American Airlines, British Airways' joint business and oneworld partner, offers customers the opportunity to use VeriFLY when they are travelling to the US from all international destinations. British Airways is simultaneously conducting a testing trial with American Airlines and oneworld on some routes from the US to the UK. The results of the trial will be shared with Oxford University, the trial's academic partner, and with governments on both sides of the Atlantic..

## 15BELOW PARTNERS WITH ETIHAD AIRWAYS TO ENHANCE GUEST COMMUNICATIONS

15below, supplier of the world's leading automated passenger notifications platform, has partnered with Etihad Airways, the national airline of the United Arab Emirates, to upgrade the airline's communication system to address the ever-changing travel requirements caused by the COVID-19 pandemic.

The 15below platform links directly to Etihad's reservations system, allowing the airline to automatically communicate with its passengers using personalised, real-time data from the booking. With all the information they need on hand, customers are promised a smooth, stress-free travel experience without unnecessary delays, queues, and human interaction at the airport.

Talking about the partnership, 15below's CEO Nicholas Key said: "A lack of relevant information has always been a huge contributor to the stress that many associate with travel, so at a time when the rules are constantly changing, effective communication is absolutely key to passenger wellness. The work that we have done with Etihad gives the passenger much greater control, promoting a smooth, risk-free travel experience where currently there is more to think about than ever before."

Frank Meyer, Chief Digital Officer, Etihad Aviation Group said: "Etihad is a global player in driving digital transformation within the aviation industry. As travel

restrictions ease, it's our responsibility to pursue innovative solutions that will enhance the travel experience for our guests. Ensuring wellness is part of the redefined customer journey has become an integral part of our business and our partnership with 15below has been instrumental in making this a reality." Research by the International Air Transport Association (IATA) shows that 72% of travellers want to be kept up to date on their mobile device throughout their journey and three in five want real-time updates during disruption. Acknowledging that a passenger's experience starts during the booking process and ends when they arrive at their destination, Etihad's partnership with 15below allows constant, updated communication with the guests throughout their entire travel experience.

### About 15below

15below specialises in automated, personalised passenger communications that help airlines put customer experience at the heart of everything they do. For 20 years airlines of all sizes have been using the 15below platform to automatically keep their customers informed and empowered every step of the way with real-time notifications during acts of disruption, day-to-day operational notifications like itineraries, receipts and boarding passes, and personalised ancillary offers in pre-departure communications. Nearly two million notifications are sent through the platform every day.





## ETIHAD AIRWAYS IS THE FIRST AIRLINE IN THE WORLD WITH 100% OF CREW ON BOARD VACCINATED



‘Protected Together’ employee vaccination initiative which was formally launched in January this year. Building on the UAE’s Choose to Vaccinate campaign, Protected Together is about helping staff take proactive, personal steps towards protecting themselves against COVID-19. In 2020, Etihad took significant steps towards supporting employees to receive the COVID-19 vaccine. In collaboration with the health authorities, the airline facilitated access for its frontline staff to the UAE’s Emergency Use Programme.



All of Etihad Airways' operating pilots and cabin

Etihad Airways, the national airline of the United Arab Emirates, has become the first airline in the world with all its operating pilots and cabin crew vaccinated to help curb the spread of COVID-19 and give passengers who travel with the airline peace of mind.

In January 2021, Etihad was awarded Diamond status for ensuring the highest standards of cleanliness and sanitisation in the inaugural ‘APEX Health Safety, powered by SimpliFlying’ audit. The airline’s vaccination initiative has consolidated Etihad’s position as an industry leader in its response to the pandemic and in keeping its employees and travellers safe.

Tony Douglas, Group Chief Executive Officer, Etihad Aviation Group, said: “We proactively made the vaccine available to all our employees to not only help combat the effects of COVID-19 but to make travellers feel confident and reassured the next time

they fly with us. We are the only airline in the world to make COVID-19 testing mandatory for every passenger and crew member before every flight and now, we’re the first airline in the world with 100% vaccinated crew on board.

“I chose very early on to be vaccinated to demonstrate my own support of the national vaccination programme and to encourage everyone at Etihad who was eligible for the vaccine, to receive it as soon as possible. I would like to thank the entire Etihad family for everything they have done to help us reach this milestone – I am truly humbled.” This achievement was made possible through Etihad’s



Etihad pilot receives the COVID-19 vaccine (1)

Etihad was one of the first employers in the capital to secure places for their frontline staff – including pilots and cabin crew – in Abu Dhabi’s vaccination programme. Etihad also ensured the Etihad Airways Medical Centre became an accredited COVID-19 vaccination clinic. Dr. Nadia Bastaki, Vice President Medical Services and CSR, Etihad Aviation Group, said: “Following the national

vaccination programme, we worked tirelessly to become an approved COVID-19 vaccination clinic to support our staff, and their dependants, be able to easily access the vaccine. Since December 2020, we have been offering in-house

vaccination appointments to our employees and their loved ones to ensure we are focused on our employee’s wellbeing.”

To help further grow employee confidence, the Protected Together initiative includes virtual talks to connect staff with leading medical professionals, mobile clinics so employees can receive the vaccine at work, and staff are

provided access to simple and clear vaccine information.

Following the UAE Government’s target to vaccinate half of the UAE population by the end of March 2021, Etihad is ahead of schedule with over 75% of its entire workforce already having received at least one dose of the vaccine. With even more activity still planned as part of the Protected Together initiative, this figure will continue to grow as more employees step forward and choose to vaccinate.

In an effort to protect residents and citizens of the United Arab Emirates, Etihad thanks the relevant authorities for their support in making the vaccine accessible to achieve nationwide immunity. Currently, the UAE has the second highest vaccination rate in the world

## Daher expands its global support network with MecanAir's designation as a dual Kodiak and TBM aircraft service center in Switzerland

Daher today announced the appointment of Switzerland’s MecanAir SA as an authorized service center for both the Kodiak and TBM turboprop-powered aircraft. Based at Ecuwillens Airport (LSGE) near Fribourg, MecanAir is an EASA Part 145 certificated maintenance and repair station. It has been operating as an authorized Kodiak service center, and the expansion of its responsibilities to the TBM underscores Daher’s integration of these two airplanes in the company’s single-engine turboprop product line.

MecanAir is specialized in the maintenance and repair of aircraft weighing under 12,500 lbs., as well as the overhaul of turboprop engines and accessories. In addition to its Ecuwillens Airport location, the company has maintenance workshops at the Swiss airports of Yverdon-les-Bains and Grenchen. Under the expanded agreement with Daher’s Aircraft Division, MecanAir is now capable of handling all scheduled and non-scheduled maintenance services for Kodiak and TBM aircraft, and airworthiness-related control/management under the

authorization as a Continuous Airworthiness Monitoring Organization (CAMO). “This is another important step in enhancing our global Network after Daher’s acquisition of Kodiak in 2019,” explained Nicolas Chabbert, the Senior Vice President of Daher’s Aircraft Division, and the CEO of Kodiak Aircraft. “With MecanAir’s dual Kodiak and TBM authorization today – to be followed by other service centers in the future – customers will benefit from more comprehensive coverage and the increased synergy of our Network worldwide.”

Raphaël Maître, the Vice President of Customer Support for Daher’s Aircraft Division, added: “As a key member of services for the Kodiak aircraft family for 10 years, MecanAir distinguished itself as an extremely capable support partner. Our Kodiak Care team, led by Dave Schuck, has been very pleased with MecanAir’s responsiveness at its own facilities, as well as the response to off-site maintenance calls. The next step was extending MecanAir’s capability to the TBM.” MecanAir founding-CEO

Michel Devaud is a well-known professional who developed a range of auto racing engines in the Can-Am and F5000 series for teams that included McLaren and Lola during the 1970s. As an active private pilot, Devaud has built his own aircraft, and he set up an aviation engine overhaul operation to work on airplane engines. In 1976, Devaud created MecanAir as an aircraft maintenance and engine overhaul facility specialized in light aircraft – as well as for such legendary airplanes as the Tiger Moth, Buckler, Spitfire, AT-6 and Wildcat.



## BRITISH AIRWAYS FUELS ITS FUTURE WITH SECOND SUSTAINABLE AVIATION FUEL PARTNERSHIP

British Airways is investing in sustainable aviation fuel (SAF) technology provider and SAF producer LanzaJet as the company builds its first commercial scale plant in Georgia, USA

British Airways will purchase SAF from LanzaJet's US plant to power a number of the airline's flights from late 2022. Deal also involves LanzaJet conducting early stage planning for a potential large scale commercial SAF biorefinery in the UK.

The announcement is in addition to British Airways' existing partnership with Velocys to build a sustainable aviation fuel plant in the UK, which could produce SAF from 2025.

Investing to enable the commercial development of SAF forms part of the airline's medium-term initiatives to achieve net zero carbon emissions by 2050.

The airline is delivering a range of short, medium and long-term initiatives to decarbonise and achieve net zero by 2050. British Airways is to power future flights with sustainable aviation fuel produced from sustainably-sourced ethanol, as part of a new partnership with sustainable jet fuel company LanzaJet.

The partnership, which reflects the importance the airline is placing on sustainability and its continued investment in sustainable aviation fuel, will see British Airways invest in LanzaJet's first commercial scale Freedom Pines Fuels facility in Georgia, USA and acquire cleaner burning sustainable aviation fuel from the plant. It expects the fuel to be available to power a number of its flights by the end of 2022. In addition, the partnership will involve LanzaJet implementing early stage planning and design for a potential commercial facility for British Airways in the UK. The plant in Georgia is due to begin construction this year. It will convert sustainable ethanol (a chemical compound widely blended with petrol to reduce its carbon intensity) into sustainable aviation fuel



using a patented chemical process. The fuel produced at the plant will deliver a reduction of more than 70 per cent in greenhouse gas emissions compared to conventional fossil jet fuel, equivalent to taking almost 27,000 petrol or diesel cars off the road each year.

The sustainable aviation fuel produced by LanzaJet is made via the LanzaJet™ Alcohol to Jet (AtJ) Process, which can use any source of sustainable ethanol, including, but not limited to, ethanol made from non-edible agricultural residues such as wheat straw and recycled pollution. Commercialisation of AtJ has been years in the making, starting with the partnership between LanzaTech (which launched LanzaJet in June 2020) and the U.S Department of Energy's Pacific Northwest National Laboratory (PNNL). The development and use of sustainable aviation fuels is a major focus for British Airways and forms part of the airline's commitment to achieving net zero carbon emissions by 2050 through a series of short, medium and long-term initiatives. The airline has an existing

partnership with sustainable fuels technology company Velocys, with the goal of building a facility to convert household and commercial waste into renewable sustainable jet fuel in the UK. Fuel could be produced by 2025. British Airways' parent company, International Airlines Group, will be investing US\$400 million in sustainable aviation fuel in the next 20 years.

Sean Doyle, British Airways' CEO, said: "Despite the crisis in global aviation, it is vital for our future that we continue to address climate change and we remain focused on playing our part to reduce the impact we have on the planet. For the last 100 years we have connected Britain with the world and the world with Britain, and to ensure our success for the next 100, we must do this sustainably.

"Progressing the development and commercial deployment of sustainable aviation fuel is crucial to decarbonising the aviation industry and this partnership with LanzaJet shows the progress British Airways is making as we continue on our journey to net zero.

"Following the successful start-up of the Georgia plant, we hope to then deploy the technology and SAF production capacity in the UK. The UK has the experience and resources needed to become a global leader in the deployment of such sustainable aviation fuel production facilities, and we need Government support to drive decarbonisation and accelerate the realisation of this vision."

Jimmy Samartzis, LanzaJet CEO, said: "Our world is at a crossroads on climate change and our industry is at inflection point, prepared to accelerate the energy transition that is needed. We are delighted to welcome British Airways to the LanzaJet family. Low-cost, sustainable fuel options are critical for the future of the aviation sector and the LanzaJet process offers the most flexible feedstock solution at scale, recycling wastes and residues into SAF that allows us to keep fossil jet fuel in the ground. British Airways has long been a champion of waste to fuels pathways especially with the UK Government. With the right support for waste-based

fuels, the UK would be an ideal location for commercial scale LanzaJet plants. We look forward to continuing the dialogue with BA and the UK Government in making this a reality, and to continuing our support of bringing the Prime Minister's Jet Zero vision to life."

British Airways has a clear roadmap to meet its net zero 2050 target. In the short-term, the airline is improving its operational efficiency, flying more fuel-efficient aircraft and introducing carbon offset and removal projects. The airline currently offsets emissions on all flights within the UK and offers customers the option to voluntarily offset their emissions if travelling further afield. In the medium- to long-term, in addition to the airline's investment in the development of sustainable aviation fuel, it is also looking at technological solutions such as zero emissions hydrogen aircraft and carbon capture technology. LanzaJet was launched in June 2020 and is a spin-off from leading biotech company LanzaTech. British Airways will be joining LanzaTech, Mitsui and Suncor Energy as investors in LanzaJet. With the addition of British Airways, LanzaJet now plans to develop a further four larger scale plants operating from 2025, producing a pipeline of sustainable aviation fuel and renewable diesel made from sustainable feedstocks, to support and enable the global decarbonisation of the aviation sector. It's hoped that some or all of these plants will be built in the UK subject to improved Government policy support for waste-based sustainable aviation fuels.

British Airways and LanzaTech are also part of the Jet Zero Council, a partnership between government and industry to drive forward the UK Government's net zero-emission ambitions for the aviation and aerospace sector, with a focus on sustainable aviation fuels.



## SWISS temporarily reduces its Geneva flight operations to an absolute minimum in view of further-tightened travel restrictions



In view of the tighter travel restrictions announced by the Swiss Federal Council on 27 January and the resulting decline in demand for air travel, SWISS has been compelled to temporarily reduce its flight operations to an absolute minimum at Geneva Airport until the end of February. SWISS remains fully committed to its Geneva business and operations in the longer term, and will continue to strive to keep Western Switzerland as well connected as possible with its global Zurich-based network. Further changes are also being made to SWISS's Zurich flight schedules. Travellers affected by flight cancellations can rebook free of charge or have the price of their ticket refunded.

Swiss International Air Lines (SWISS) is temporarily reducing its already-downsized flight operations in Geneva to an absolute minimum until the

end of February with effect from today (Monday 1 February), in view of the tighter travel restrictions announced by the Swiss government. The action is being taken because SWISS's Geneva services are point-to-point operations that do not generate additional business through a feeder function (as is the case at SWISS's Zurich hub). Geneva Airport also currently lacks traveller testing facilities. The 13 weekly services between Geneva and SWISS's Zurich hub will continue to operate, as will the seven weekly frequencies between Geneva and the Frankfurt hub of Lufthansa. So SWISS will continue to keep Western Switzerland connected with its global route network in these still difficult times. SWISS remains fully committed to its long-term strategy of maintaining a strong presence in Geneva and

further expanding its present range of point-to-point air services. "Geneva is and remains an extremely important location for us," confirms SWISS CEO Dieter Vranckx. "And as soon as conditions permit and the demand for air travel returns, we will steadily expand our services from Geneva again, as we will from Zurich, too." Zurich schedules also affected. Many of the short- and long-haul SWISS services that are currently being offered from and to Zurich can continue to be operated, in view of their feeder function and/or their cargo-carrying role. But the already substantially diminished range of flights here, too, is being further reduced with effect from 1 February. As a result, SWISS will only be operating some 10 per cent of the February services which it provided in 2019.

## Benedikt Escher named Head of Network Management

Benedikt Escher has been appointed as SWISS's new Head of Network Management. He will assume his new duties on 1 February. Benedikt Escher, who is currently SWISS Head of Scheduling & Slot Management, succeeds Michael Trestl, who moved to become Chief Commercial Officer of Austrian Airlines at the beginning of this year. Swiss International Air Lines (SWISS) has appointed Benedikt Escher as its new Head of Network Management. Benedikt Escher, who is 36, will take up his new duties on 1 February. He will report directly to SWISS Chief Commercial Officer Tamur Goudarzi Pour and within the Lufthansa Group to Senior Vice President Network & Mobility Offer Heiko Reitz in his new capacity. Benedikt Escher succeeds Michael Trestl, who moved to Austrian Airlines as its Chief Commercial Officer at the beginning of this year. Benedikt Escher joined SWISS as Head of Scheduling & Slot Management in February 2019. In this capacity he has been responsible for ensuring efficient, competitive and profitable SWISS flight schedules by optimizing the use of the company's operational resources such as fleet and crew planning, aircraft maintenance, ground services and airport slots. Prior to SWISS, Benedikt Escher had spent some five



**Benedikt Escher**

years in charge of network planning and development at Edelweiss Air during which, together with various commercial and operational stakeholders, he had been instrumental in effecting the biggest fleet and network expansion in the company's history.

"I am delighted that, in Benedikt Escher, we have recruited such a skilled and experienced network specialist from our own ranks," says SWISS Chief Commercial Officer Tamur Goudarzi Pour. "In his present function, Benedikt Escher has made optimum use of all the resources required to ensure smooth and robust flight operations, and has done so in some highly challenging and ever-changing conditions. I wish him every further success and satisfaction in his new function."

A native of Hamburg and a Swiss national, Benedikt Escher holds a Master of Arts degree in International Affairs & Governance from the University of St. Gallen and a Master of Science degree in Entrepreneurship & New Business Venturing from the Rotterdam School of Management in the Netherlands.

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## BP AND QANTAS FORM STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIP TO ADVANCE NET ZERO EMISSIONS



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Qantas and bp today announced a strategic partnership to further advance their shared net zero ambitions. Through the collaboration, the companies will work together on opportunities to reduce carbon emissions in the aviation sector and contribute to the development of a sustainable aviation fuel industry in Australia.

The two companies have agreed to explore ways in which bp's global capabilities, skills and knowledge can support Qantas' industry-leading sustainability and environmental strategy. Jointly, the teams will explore opportunities and projects in areas including advanced sustainable fuels, advocacy for further decarbonisation in the aviation sector, renewable power solutions and generation, carbon management and emerging technology.

William Lin, bp's executive vice president, regions, cities & solutions, said: "At bp, we're focusing on working with corporates in key industrial sectors that currently have significant carbon emissions to manage and need to decarbonise - sectors such as aviation.

"By bringing our complementary capabilities together, we can help each other, and our customers, move at a faster pace on the energy transition journey. We are delighted to have the opportunity to collaborate with Qantas on plans to reach net zero while continuing to deepen our existing relationship."

Frédéric Baudry, president, bp Australia and SVP fuels & low carbon solutions, Asia Pacific said: "This is another move towards our ambition to be a net zero company by 2050 or sooner and help the world to get to net zero. We believe the planet needs everyone working together on this vital cause, and that supporting companies to transition to a more sustainable future means we can all get there faster.

"Forming strong strategic partnerships with leading companies like Qantas is an important way to achieve our shared goals and we are proud that bp is working to provide decarbonisation solutions for customers in Australia."

Andrew Parker, Qantas Group Executive Government, Industry and Sustainability said: "While the COVID crisis

has compelled us to make many changes across the business, one thing that hasn't changed is our commitment to minimising the impact we have on the environment.

"Even though we have been flying a lot less, we've actually seen the same proportion of customers choosing to offset their domestic travel during the pandemic – showing that this issue remains top of mind for people.

"Airlines globally have a responsibility to cut emissions and combat climate change, particularly once travel demand starts to return. The Qantas Group has set some ambitious targets to be net carbon neutral by 2050 and while offsetting emissions is a big part of that in the next few years, longer term initiatives like building a sustainable aviation fuel sector in Australia, are key.

"This strategic partnership is designed to help build on this by leveraging the shared goals, expertise and reach of Qantas and bp to innovate together." bp and Qantas are working towards a low carbon future and both companies aim to increase collaboration in this area over time.

## New Medical Ansats Will Be Equipped With Incubators For Saving Newborns

The Russian Helicopters holding company of the Rostec State Corporation will equip the updated Ansat medical helicopters with complexes for transporting newborns. The device has passed the necessary certification and received approval from the Federal Air Transport Agency. A new medical module, which is used in Ansat medical helicopters, has been supplemented with incubators for newborns. The module has a modified layout, adapted to unified stretchers, gurneys, and other equipment, thanks to which the patient's transportation has become more convenient: in the process of transferring a person on board, there is no need to shift and reconnect life support systems. Now it's possible to load a patient into a helicopter by one person, the whole process takes less than 20 seconds.

"When it comes to saving patients, including the kids, every minute can cost life. The incubators for newborns, which will now be equipped with the sanitary Ansats, will help to quickly deliver newborns to the hospital. The new version of the helicopter includes a ventilator, a condition monitoring unit, a respirator and an infusion pump. The new design makes it possible not to disconnect the patient from the life support devices during loading, which increases the speed and safety of transportation" said Oleg

Yevtushenko, executive director of the Rostec State Corporation.

The module is manufactured at the Kazan Aggregate Plant, it has passed all the necessary certification and is offered to customers as one of the options.

"The approval of the Federal Air Transport Agency significantly expands the range of application of the new medical module MS-A for the Ansat helicopter, now it will be possible to transport patients of absolutely any age. The design bureau of Kazan Helicopters continues to work in this direction, in the context of a pandemic, the certification of an infectious box for a new medical module is especially relevant - this issue will also be resolved in the near future" said Andrey Boginsky, Director General of Russian Helicopters.

Ansats helicopters carry out rescue services in various regions of the Russian Federation, the geography of their use is constantly expanding. The modern program for the development of sanitary aviation in Russia has been implemented since 2017 and is now part of the National Healthcare Project. On December 29, the upgraded Ansat-M helicopter took off for the first time with an increased flight range - up to 800 km with an additional fuel tank, which is especially important for medical evacuation, as it allows to perform work on a larger area of the region without refueling.





## Daher strengthens the flight training component for its Kodiak and TBM aircraft with a new Director of Training and Standards

Daher's Aircraft Division has marked an important step in enhancing the flight training element for its Kodiak and TBM turboprop-powered airplanes with the appointment of Wayman Luy as the Director of Training and Standards.

In this newly-created position, Luy's priorities include developing a standardized training program for both pilots and instructors – applying such tools as on-line learning, e-learning and computer learning, while leveraging computer simulation, for example with Microsoft Flight Simulator.

He also will oversee the factory-approved flight training organizations: U.S.-based Parkwater Aviation with Kodiak training courses and the world's only full-motion simulator for this aircraft type; SimCom Aviation Training, with its TBM courses and simulator centers in Scottsdale,

Arizona and Orlando, Florida; as well as France's Sim-Aero, which conducts EASA-certified TBM training.



Wayman Luy,

“With nearly 1,300 Kodiaks and TBMs now flying worldwide, we are more focused than ever on providing owners and operators with the knowledge and skills to operate their aircraft at the maximum level of safety,” commented Nicolas Chabbert, the Senior Vice President of Daher's Aircraft Division. “To be fully effective across the user base, this must be carried out in a standardized manner, and

there is no one better suited to the task than Wayman Luy.”

Luy's training expertise includes 20-plus years of working with students and logging thousands of flight hours at the Wayman Aviation Academy in Florida – set up by his father in 1987, and sold by the family three years ago. Adding to this are 6,000 hours in the TBM as a mentor pilot and factory demo pilot since 2004 – working closely with Daher's Aircraft Division and the

Daher aviator community during the past 16 years. In addition to his qualifications as a certified flight instructor, maintenance test pilot for light aircraft and an airline pilot's rating, Luy has a Bachelor's Degree in Aeronautical Science from Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University. He also holds an Airframe & Powerplant Mechanic certification with FAA Inspection Authorization

## LAURINE GARAUDE TO LEAVE REED MIDEM

Laurine Garaude, Reed MIDEM's Television Division Director, is stepping down from her post and will leave the company at the end of January. Laurine Garaude joined Reed MIDEM in 1993 and has headed the Television Division since 2009. During her tenure, she led the growth and development of the flagship MIPTV and MIPCOM markets and is credited with their evolution beyond traditional distribution to encompass the full entertainment business ecosystem including early stage content development and coproduction. She also oversaw the launch of MIPFormats in 2011 and the successful regional markets MIP Cancun in 2015 and MIP China in 2017. Throughout her career at Reed MIDEM, Laurine Garaude has been an advocate for social change, introducing key initiatives at the MIP Markets for Women in Entertainment, Diversity and Inclusion. In 2020, spurred on by the impact

of the global pandemic, she led the digital transformation of Reed MIDEM's television events,

introducing successful virtual markets across the portfolio.

“Reed MIDEM has been a second home to me and after nearly three decades, the time is right to step aside. It has been a joy for me to work with such a brilliant team as well as all our amazing partners and clients from around the world in creating and delivering our world class

markets and above all, serving the global entertainment community,” says Laurine Garaude.

“Laurine is an exceptional leader with a fantastic grasp of a rapidly-evolving entertainment industry. We will miss her and we respect her decision to start on a new adventure outside Reed MIDEM,” comments Jerome Delhaye, Reed MIDEM's Entertainment Division Director.

During an interim period, Reed MIDEM's Television Division will be headed by Jerome Delhaye and Deputy Director Lucy Smith.



## Aero Asset Reports Fourth Quarter Preowned Twin-Engine Helicopter Market Improves

Aero Asset reports that while the preowned twin engine helicopter market continued to recover in the fourth quarter of 2020, retail sales volume remained below 2019 levels, impacted largely by the COVID-19-induced economic downturn. The Canadian-based helicopter trading firm just released its fourth quarter 2020 Heli Market Trends report and plans to release a 2020 annual market report before the end of the first quarter 2021.

“Fourth quarter 2020 retail sales volume rose 22 percent compared to third quarter, but remained 25 percent below fourth quarter 2019,” said Aero Asset Sales Director Emmanuel Dupuy. “Twin preowned supply for sale remained stable in the fourth quarter, but still 10 percent higher year over year.”

Absorption rate continued to improve in the fourth quarter but remained 50 percent higher year over year. The

deal pipeline bounced back last quarter, surpassing 2019 fourth quarter level. Weight Class Discord

the previous quarter. Deterioration ended in the medium asset class market

at a standstill in the fourth quarter, after a decent third quarter 2020.

stable in the fourth quarter, compared to the third, but sales volume remained 15 percent below the 2019 fourth quarter. VIP sales represented 64 percent of all trading activity, with Utility and EMS configurations accounting for the rest.

**Liquidity Lineup**  
The most liquid preowned markets in the fourth quarter of 2020 were the Airbus Helicopters H135 and H145, which tied at first place. Two of 12 markets in the lineup saw no trades during the fourth quarter, both in the heavyweight class. The least liquid market with trading activity was the Bell 412EP, which continued to suffer from lack of demand.

**Deal Pipeline Bounces Back**  
After four consecutive quarters of decline in the number of deals pending at various stages of transactions, the deal pipeline grew during the fourth quarter. It bounced back to surpass fourth quarter 2019 level.



The light twin engine market was stable in the fourth quarter after a strong rebound

with an uptick in sales volume and a stable level of supply while the heavy market stood

**VIP Dominates Configuration Activity**  
The VIP market segment was



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said Zubin Saxena, Managing Director and Vice President Operations, South Asia, Radisson Hotel Group.

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## Radisson Collection launches in China, introducing its premium lifestyle concept to Asia Pacific's gateway city

Image: The Executive Lounge at Radisson Collection Hotel, Xing Guo Shanghai



## DIGITAL MIPTV CONFIRMS STRONG BUYER DEMAND FOR ONE-TO-ONE DISTRIBUTION & CO-PRODUCTION MARKETS

Reed MIDEM today confirms strong buyer and commissioner demand for Digital MIPTV 2021 for the one-to-one distribution market, the one-to-one international co-production markets and its digital networking platform in a positive early response for this year's all digital show.

MIPTV – the 58th Spring International Television Market – will take place online during the annual spring market dates of April 12-16, 2021 and will bring together global distributors, producers, buyers and commissioners of drama, doc, kids, factual and formats programming for a curated week of personalised business meetings, exclusive market intelligence, conference sessions and global networking.

ABC, SBS Television, Seven Network, Globo, CBC, Quebecor Content, iQiyi, Bilibili, Tencent, YLE, Arte France, France Télévisions, Groupe Canal+, M6, TF1, ZDF, RTL Television, RAI, R.T.I. S.P.A. - Mediaset Group, Nippon TV, VPRO, NRK, The Walt Disney Company, Channel One Russia, EBS, Atresmedia, RTVE, A+E Networks, Al Jazeera, Sky UK, CuriosityStream, Discovery / HGTV are among the first to confirm their attendance at Digital MIPTV. See [HERE](#) the full list of confirmed buyers/Commissioners.

For the first time, Digital MIPTV will connect the MIPDoc and MIPFormats communities as well as drama and kids online via Reed MIDEM's signature one-to-one matchmaking platform with two unique offers guaranteeing

delegates pre-scheduled meeting agendas, with a minimum of 15-20 meetings, to boost distribution, acquisitions, coproduction and development.

Additionally, a week-long digital pass offers access to the conference programme, highlights of which will include exclusive market insights for all genres including the popular Fresh TV, Glance, high profile keynotes, MIPDrama buyers screenings and the MIP SDG (Sustainable Development Goals) Award.

MIPTV Week will be preceded by pre-market Discovery Showcases on 9 April offering a first look for buyers at hotly anticipated new content. All delegates will have access to the Digital MIPTV networking marketplace from 29 March and all content will be available to catch up online until 14 May 2021.

About Reed MIDEM - Founded in 1963, Reed MIDEM is an organiser of professional, international markets that are essential business platforms for key players in the sectors concerned. These sectors are MIPTV, MIPDOC, MIPCOM, MIPJUNIOR in Cannes, MIP China in Hangzhou and MIP Cancun in Mexico for the television and digital content industries; MIDEM in Cannes for music professionals; Esports BAR in Cannes and in Miami for the esports business; MIPIM in Cannes, MIPIM Asia Summit in Hong Kong SAR, Propel by MIPIM – Cannes, Propel by MIPIM – Paris, Propel by MIPIM NYC in partnership with Metaprop, Propel by MIPIM – Hong Kong; MAPIC and LeisurUp in Cannes, MAPIC real estate sector. [www.reedmidem.com](http://www.reedmidem.com)



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