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BRITISH AIRWAYS TO WELCOME BACK ITS A380 AS IT LAUNCHES ITS BIGGEST SCHEDULE SINCE MARCH 2020

British Airways' A380 aircraft will re-join the airline's fleet earlier than expected as US borders re-open, initially operating to Los Angeles, Miami and Dubai. The airline is increasing flights to the US by adding more services to key cities including New York, with up to eight daily services by December. The airline will also be bringing forward planned restart dates to a number of US destinations.

This October the airline has added 13,000 additional seats to short-haul family leisure destinations and has increased flights to popular European cities. Looking ahead to Christmas, British Airways is adding extra services to winter sun destinations including the Maldives, Mauritius and Caribbean islands. British Airways is set to welcome back its first A380 aircraft in November and operate its biggest schedule since March 2020, with additional services to cities across the globe, including the US.

British Airways' A380 will initially operate to a number of short-haul destinations to allow for crew service familiarisation in November, shortly followed by operating to Miami and Los Angeles in the US, as well as Dubai in December.

News that the airline's A380 aircraft is re-joining its fleet follows the announcement that vaccinated Brits will be able to travel to the United States from November. The airline is



set to fly to 23 US airports this winter* with up to 246 flights a week, more than any other transatlantic carrier.

Across its US network, British Airways will be increasing the number of flights it operates with services to city destinations including New York, which will initially be increasing to five a day, followed by eight in December. The airline will also be operating double-daily services to Boston, Chicago, Los Angeles, San Francisco, Washington, Dallas, Miami and Toronto, as well as daily services to Philadelphia, Phoenix, Seattle, Atlanta, Denver, Houston and Vancouver.

In addition to frequency increases, in October and November British Airways will restart services to Austin, Orlando, Tampa, San Diego, Las Vegas and Baltimore **.

In December the airline will also start flying to Nashville and New Orleans once again, which both proved to be a hit with customers when they first

launched.

Closer to home, British Airways has increased flights to a number of short-haul destinations by adding 13,000 more seats to holiday hot spots for families to get away this October. Popular leisure destinations Marrakech and Dalaman will appear on flight schedules again in time for October half-term, and brand-new services to the Turkish resort of Antalya will also be launching. Looking ahead to the winter, British Airways will be restarting a number of ski destinations including Innsbruck, Grenoble and Salzburg from December.

To help customers get away for some much-needed summer sun this Christmas, British Airways is extending its Caribbean programme with 12 services a week to Barbados and nine each to Antigua and St Lucia, which will be split across Heathrow and Gatwick airports. Flights to popular luxury Indian Ocean destinations, Maldives and Mauritius, will also be

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BRITISH AIRWAYS TO OFFER CABIN CREW JOBS FOR SUMMER 2022

British Airways has today announced that it will be opening its doors to new cabin crew recruits to work for the airline from Spring 2022 to help fly its summer schedule. The airline has already contacted people in the company's existing talent pools, which holds the details of people who left the business last year but have expressed an interest to return to the airline, when jobs are available.

In addition to the experienced crew members looking to return, the airline is also appealing to a broad range of people to create the most diverse crew workforce in its 100-year history. Sean Doyle, British Airways' Chairman and CEO said: "After 18 long months of closed or restricted borders across the world, we are finally seeing a demand for travel return as countries start to open up and ease their restrictions. This means that we can finally get back to doing what we do best – flying our customers around the world. As we look ahead to next summer, we are excited to start welcoming brilliant new people and former colleagues back to the British Airways family."

"Everyone is welcome at British Airways; we have an opportunity to give people of all ages and backgrounds the chance to see the world and help shape the future of our airline. We know that there are people looking for the first step in their career or a complete career change. We will value the skills and

experience they will bring to the role to help serve our customers."

Camille John, British Airways cabin crew Inflight Manager, said: "I joined British Airways from Harrods, where I worked in the womenswear department. The airline combines all the things that make me passionate about my job – giving great customer service, working with incredible people and of course, serious style!"

To incentivise new starters, the airline is also waiving its policy around the need to do six months at the airline before accessing staff travel.

Unlike other UK airlines, British Airways offers its cabin crew the chance to fly long and short-haul routes across its network which means that the team gets the chance to experience global destinations from Barbados to Berlin, giving individuals access to travel to more cities than any other airline.

Applications are now open and assessments will take place throughout November. The airline will be fast-tracking its recruitment schedules with the hope of getting people in for its first training courses in January to enable them to take to the skies by March 2022.

Crew will be able to earn up to £28,000 a year with flying/duty pay and a tax-free subsistence allowance, as well as generous company benefits. People who would like to apply to the airline can do so through the British Airways careers site at www.careers.ba.com

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British Airways cabin crew

USA DESTINATIONS STAR IN LATEST BRITISH AIRWAYS FLIGHT AND HOLIDAY SALE

British Airways and British Airways Holidays are celebrating the imminent reopening of the USA by offering a selection of tempting price reductions. Return flights to New York and Orlando start from £320 and £330 respectively and seven-night package holidays to Orlando are available from £439pp.

The sale also includes other popular holiday destinations, including Canada, Dubai, Jamaica and Antigua.

With the reopening of the USA now within reach, British Airways and British Airways Holidays have reduced the price of flights and holidays to the likes of New York, Miami, Boston and Orlando. The sale will run from 14 – 27 October 2021 and includes travel all the way to the summer of 2022. Those planning to travel elsewhere can also take advantage of deals to destinations in Europe, the Caribbean and Dubai.

Return British Airways flights available in the sale include New York from £320, Boston and Orlando from £330, Miami and Los Angeles from £340 and Tampa from £294. Return Club World (business



class) flights are also available from £1,499 for Boston and £1,599 for New York.

Holiday packages (flight + hotel) with British Airways Holidays include seven nights in Orlando from £439pp, while three-night New York city breaks start at £409pp. Those jetting off for holidays in Los Angeles can enjoy five nights from £519, and five night San Francisco holidays start from £589pp. For an added touch of luxury, four-night holidays including Club World flights are available to Boston from £1,529pp and New York from £1,619pp.

Bookings will fall under British Airways' and British

Airways Holidays' ongoing flexible booking policies, allowing customers to rearrange their trip free of charge before 31 August 2022* for the utmost confidence and security. Holiday packages can be secured with deposits from £60pp, with the final balance due up to three weeks before travel.

The British Airways Holidays VIP airport offer also remains in place, available on travel up until 31 March 2022. Every customer spending a minimum of £1,500pp on holiday packages for at least five nights, will automatically qualify for Galleries Club Lounge access, premium

check-in, Fast Track Security and priority boarding if departing from London Heathrow Terminal 5**.

British Airways has introduced a range of safety measures and partnerships to make the travel experience simple and enjoyable during and after the pandemic. Most recently, an interactive map was launched on British Airways website in partnership with Sherpa, which has developed an online tool to provide travellers with the latest travel rules for inbound and outbound destinations. British Airways also has partnerships with a range of testing providers, cleaning mobile travel health app VeriFly and cleaning brand Dettol. British Airways also allows customers travelling to selected destinations to upload their negative Covid-19 test results and other travel declaration forms directly into their booking on the airline's website, in advance of travel. Further information on the flight and holiday sale can be found at www.britishairways.com/sale.

Flying Colours Corp. on trend with striking contemporary refurbishment for Gulfstream G650

Flying Colours Corp., the North American maintenance, repair, overhaul, and completions business, has given a Gulfstream G650 interior a chic, modern make over that reflects trending cabin design concepts. The aircraft, which received a stunning paint job at the Peterborough facility in the summer, returned to Flying Colours Corp.' headquarters to undergo a

variety of interior changes that highlight the facilities' capabilities in realising the growing trends and visions of the interiors market. Six single seats, two double seats and a three-piece divan were stripped down to the frames, rebuilt with new foam cushions, then sanded and painted to complement the new trims. Individual seats were covered with a new customer-selected pearl-colored leather, and the seat backs featured a contrasting textured material. Each seat incorporated a customised stitching pattern, while new seatbelt webbing completed the stylish seats.

Highlighting an increasing



trend the divan was upgraded with a complementary pearl fabric, rather than leather. Also on trend was the recovering of the cabin's lower sidewall panels and ledges in leather. The contemporary look was enriched with a new Ultraleather cabin curtain which was custom-manufactured and installed by Flying Colours Corp. The reupholstered front and aft lavatory seats enhanced the upgrade.

The existing flooring was removed and replaced with a smoked charcoal colored carpet to contrast with the pearl leather seat tones. The increasingly popular tones of cream and grey deliver a modern, chic look, balanced



by dark veneer finishes on the bulkheads, galleys and side ledges.

"This aircraft had previously been painted by the Flying Colours crew, and the customer was so delighted that they brought it back for the interior work. Repeat business is the highest accolade we can be paid, and the gorgeous new interior is as breathtaking as the exterior," said Eric Gillespie, Executive VP, Flying Colours Corp.

A second G650 arrived at the Peterborough workshop in October to undergo refurbishment further highlighting the company's growing work on the American OEM aircraft types. "We work on all types

of airframes, and in the last year have worked on an increasing amount of Gulfstream models whose owners appreciate that we can offer interior, exterior, and maintenance work all at one location. This reduces downtime, and with the current business aviation landscape being so busy, this is an extremely important factor for owners and operators."

The Gulfstream G650 fuselage boasts a sparkling pearl/mica Diamond Mine basecoat surface combined with an intricate design incorporating curving stripes and complicated swirling patterns. To achieve the striking results a specialty basecoat-clearcoat polyurethane paint incorporating translucent pearl and mica granules that generate a crystal-sparkling effect was applied after the priming process. The multi-faceted process required technical expertise and intense attention to detail to achieve a fuselage that will be noticed on any ramp.

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increasing to 10 and six per week over the Christmas period. Neil Chernoff, British Airways' Director of Network and Alliances, said: "This is an exciting time for British Airways and our customers as we see borders re-opening. With welcome news from the US, we are dramatically increasing flights and bringing home some of our A380s to give our customers as many options as possible. Elsewhere across our network we are also adding additional services to destinations all over the world, to ensure our customers can take advantage of a much-needed holiday." Elsewhere across its short-haul network British Airways will be increasing flights year-35 to Dublin, 28 to Milan and 21 to Berlin, Paris and Rome.

British Airways' subsidiary BA City Flyer, is expected to operate a schedule of 43 flights a week to Edinburgh, 33 to Dublin, 25 to Glasgow, 18 to Belfast, 16 to Amsterdam, 15 to Rotterdam, 15 to Berlin, 12 to Frankfurt, 12 to Dusseldorf and 11 to Zurich. The airline is also set to launch a new route from Belfast to Birmingham, as well as new ski destination Salzburg, from London City and Southampton. To coincide with the increase in services as the world re-opens, the airline's lounges are also welcoming customers back. In September customers were invited to enjoy British Airways' Concorde Room in London and New York. Lounges in Chicago, Washington, San Francisco and Houston are expected to open this week.

Customers using exclusive lounges can benefit from exciting new developments, such as the introduction of 'Your Menu' – a new initiative developed in the last few months to allow customers to order food and drink directly to their seat by simply scanning a QR code on their mobile

ETIHAD RAISES US\$1.2 BILLION IN FIRST SUSTAINABILITY-LINKED ESG LOAN IN GLOBAL AVIATION

Landmark finance transaction demonstrates UAE flag carrier's ongoing commitment to sustainability. First sustainability-linked loan regionally to include environmental, social and governance metrics. Loan terms tied to targets to reduce CO2 emissions, increase corporate governance and promote female participation.

Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates (UAE) – Etihad Airways, the national airline of the United Arab Emirates, has raised US\$1.2 billion in the first sustainability-linked loan (SLL) tied to environmental, social and governance (ESG) targets in global aviation.

The transaction is the largest sustainable financing in the airline's history and follows two innovative aviation financing deals – a first-of-a-kind sustainability-linked transition sukuk in 2020 and a loan tied to the UN Sustainable Development Goals in 2019.

Adam Boukadida, Chief Financial Officer at Etihad Aviation Group, said: "Etihad Airways has spearheaded sustainable financing in aviation, and we are proud to continue our innovative track record by being the first airline to secure a sustainability-

linked ESG loan. Financing our operations in a way that supports both our planet and the people in our local communities is the natural next step of our financing strategy.

"Our goals will have a real-world impact, and to underscore our accountability, we have committed to penalties and incentives of up to US\$ 5.5 million linked to our progress against key performance indicators. Through our Greenliner programme, we are pursuing multiple sustainability-related initiatives at Etihad Airways to improve the environmental footprint of aviation, and green financing is a key part of our strategy."

The loan terms are linked to multiple Key Performance Indicators (KPIs) that are tied to the following ESG initiatives and will be independently assessed:

Environmental – Reducing the carbon emissions intensity of the passenger fleet, as measured in terms of CO2 emissions per revenue tonne kilometres. As part of its iconic Greenliner Programme, Etihad Airways has committed to an ambitious target of net zero carbon emissions by 2050 and has set key milestone goals for 2035 and 2025.

Social – Etihad Airways has established the Global Business Service Solution (GBSS) centre in Al Ain, UAE, to contribute towards the socioeconomic development of the community and to increase employment and upskilling of Emirati women in the aviation sector. This KPIs will measure both female participation and ongoing training and development.

Governance – Etihad Airways upholds the highest standards of corporate governance, ethics and integrity. This KPI will be linked to the Integrity Score, a comprehensive measure used to assess the overall internal culture of integrity at the airline.

Etihad Airways selected HSBC and First Abu Dhabi Bank (FAB) as the strategic partners and financiers for this transaction. HSBC and FAB acted as Joint ESG Structuring Banks, Joint ESG Coordinators, Joint Bookrunner and Mandated Lead Arranger. FAB also acted as Facility Agent.



Left to right: Martin Tricaud, FAB; Adam Boukadida, Etihad; Abdulfattah Sharaf, HSBC

Abdulfattah Sharaf, CEO, HSBC UAE & Head of International Markets, said: "HSBC is committed to helping lead the transition to a net zero carbon economy and we're mobilising finance and accelerating innovation to make this happen, working in partnership with our customers to realise the opportunity to build a more sustainable, resilient, and prosperous future. This is our second sustainability-linked transaction with Etihad, sending a strong signal that two global companies with leading UAE businesses – such as HSBC and Etihad – are committed to working in partnership to find innovative ways to finance industry while also protecting the planet."

Martin Tricaud, Group Head of Investment Banking, First Abu Dhabi Bank, said: "We

would like to congratulate Etihad Airways on the closing of this landmark sustainability-linked loan transaction. As a strategic partner and financier to Etihad in this transaction, FAB has demonstrated its sustainable financing expertise and contributed to the transition towards sustainability across the aviation sector. As the UAE's largest bank, we play an active role in supporting the economy, environment and communities that we operate in. We recognise the importance of the benefits and opportunities that can be brought about through sustainable finance. FAB is committed to empowering the UAE's priority sectors to grow and become more sustainable through our impactful finance solutions."

Flight Data Systems Announces Update to Popular Handheld Multipurpose Interface (HHMPI) for FDR Data Downloading

Flight Data Systems (FDS), a leading provider of flight data solutions for the business, military, rotorcraft, and commercial aviation segments, today announced the release of the next generation of their flagship Handheld Multipurpose Interface (HHMPI) Flight Data Recorder (FDR) data download equipment. The latest generation, dubbed the HHMPI V3, features a new touch screen, updated firmware, and new networking capabilities.

The HHMPI is a widely adopted device used by the world's leading OEMs, militaries, and MROs throughout all segments of aviation and supports data downloading from most

popular recorder brands, as well as the SENTRY recorder platform. Its new touchscreen interface allows for modern, intuitive navigation and one-touch configuration capabilities designed with maintenance professionals in mind. The ruggedized Ground Support Equipment allows technicians to download data from multiple flight data recorder brands, ensuring operational efficiencies for MRO facilities and operators.

The new HHMPI V3 features exemplary battery life, ensuring it is available as needed in busy facilities handling multiple aircraft with tight turnaround times. For existing V2 customers, the HHMPI V3 offers direct compatibility with all V2

recorder interface cables, providing simple and seamless upgrades.

"We're excited to announce this new generation of our portable Handheld Multipurpose Interface device, which is adopted by nearly all segments of aviation globally," mentions Anthony Rios, President, Flight Data Systems. "With over 3,000 units sold and supporting maintenance operations worldwide, the HHMPI has earned its position as the market leader in Ground Support Equipment. The latest features included in this 3rd generation design provides our customers the advanced features they have come to expect from Flight



Data Systems."

The HHMPI V3 is a key element of Flight Data Systems' end-to-end flight data ecosystem, which includes flight data acquisition units, flight data recorders, flight data monitoring, and flight data

recorder readout analysis service.

For more information, please visit Flight Data Systems' during NBAA-BACE 2021 from October 12 to 14th at Booth 1317, contact sales@flightdata.aero, or visit www.flightdata.aero

ETIHAD AIRWAYS TO HOST GLOBAL CABIN CREW RECRUITMENT DRIVES AS THE AIRLINE RECOVERS FROM PANDEMIC

Ethiad Airways, the award-winning national airline of the United Arab Emirates, is hosting a major recruitment drive, seeking up to 1000 individuals with outstanding hospitality experience to join the airline's World Leading Cabin Crew. The international recruitment days will take place in 10 different cities across the UAE, Middle East and Europe, including Egypt, Lebanon, Russia, Spain, Italy and the Netherlands. Applicants interested in attending the recruitment days and joining the airline's award-winning team of cabin crew should register in advance by visiting etihad.com/cabincrewrecruitment.

Employees laid off due to the pandemic are welcome to apply through the airline's alumni programme, which is currently advertising the positions available. Captain Jihad Matta, Head of Crew Performance and Support, Etihad Airways, said: "I am pleased to say Etihad is in a position to be able to start hiring cabin crew again. The last 18 months have been incredibly difficult, however there is much to be positive about as travel restrictions ease and we ramp up operations to meet growing demand. A critical part of this is rebuilding our cabin crew team."

"For those interested in joining, this is an amazing

opportunity to be part of something special, where no two days at work will ever be the same and you will be supported to grow your career every step of the way." "In each of these cities, we will be looking for candidates who have a passion for delivering exceptional customer service and creating memorable moments for guests. We are looking for individuals who will help grow our business and who will be united with us in our mission of bringing the world to Abu Dhabi." Alongside providing candidates with comprehensive information about living in Abu Dhabi, ranked as one of the safest cities in the world, and the dynamics of working with guests at 30,000 feet, the airline will also conduct an in-depth assessment process. "We hope to attract diverse, talented men and women globally, to inspire and help

them kick-start a tremendous career opportunity and life experience in the UAE," adds Matta. Successful candidates will undergo a comprehensive training programme in Abu Dhabi,

which includes all aspects of cabin safety and service delivery. The training will be conducted at Zayed Campus, the airline's training academy, and at the end of the programme, individuals will officially be awarded their wings. Cabin crew are provided with tax-free income, company medical insurance, concessional travel benefits, transport, uniforms, fully furnished company accommodation in Abu Dhabi, and discounts on food and beverage and leisure activities in the fresh and vibrant surroundings of the capital of the UAE.



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Air Canada Recognized with Multiple Awards for People and Products as it Rebuilds Global Network and Welcomes Customers Back

Skytrax Best Airline Staff in North America
 Skytrax Best Airline Staff in Canada
 Skytrax Best Business Class Lounge in North America
 Skytrax COVID-19 Airline Excellence
 Six Global Traveler Leisure Awards
 MONTREAL, Oct. 7, 2021

/CNW Telbec/ - As Air Canada continues rebuilding its global network in response to increasing travel demand, the airline was recognized for its people, products and services at the recent 2021 Skytrax World Airline Awards with honours for: Best Airline Staff in North America, Best Airline Staff in Canada, Best Business Class Lounge in North America, and Excellence for COVID-19. "I am very proud of these recognitions as voted for by our customers, for our service and products as we begin emerging from the pandemic which has impacted travel and our industry for the past 18 months. The two awards for Best Airline Staff in both North America and in Canada are especially significant, as they are a direct reflection of our loyal employees' unwavering dedication and hard work in taking care of our customers and transporting them safely during a challenging and complex period. I thank our employee teams for their tireless efforts, and I thank our customers for recognizing their drive and work," said Lucie Guillemette, Executive Vice President & Chief Commercial Officer at Air Canada. "We continue restoring our global network to meet growing demand and will be introducing new products to further enhance our customers' journey. As people are increasingly making plans to travel again, we look forward to welcoming more customers back onboard and transporting them to their destinations safely," concluded Ms. Guillemette.

Commenting on the Awards for Air Canada, Edward Plaisted, CEO of Skytrax said: "Air Canada has enjoyed great success in the 2021 awards by winning these awards, and of specific note the award for the Best Airline Staff in North America is a great tribute to all their front-line staff who have



maintained such good standards through the global pandemic. We all look ahead with optimism for 2022 that air travel may be restored to more normal times." The Skytrax World Airline Awards are the latest recognitions Air Canada has received for its products and customer service, and the airline remains the only Skytrax Four-star international network carrier in North America. Recent awards include the Global Traveler's Leisure Lifestyle Awards recognizing for multiple consecutive years as Best Airline for Onboard Entertainment, Best Premium Economy Class, Best Airline for Onboard menu, Favorite Airline in North America as voted for by the influential under 40 traveler demographic, Best Family-Friendly Airline in North America and best Family Friendly International Airline. About the Skytrax World Airline awards The World Airline Awards began in 1999, when Skytrax launched its first global, annual airline customer satisfaction survey. They are awarded to the Oscars of the aviation industry. The awards survey process is not restricted to member airlines or a pre-selected choice of airline, and any airline in the world can be nominated. There are no survey entry fees, no payment to attend the awards event, and no charges for any use of the award logos and results by winning airlines. The customer surveys are provided in English, French Spanish, Chinese, Russian and Japanese.



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