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Etihad Airways 787 Dreamliner LR (1)
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ETIHAD AIRWAYS REPORTS RECORD PROFIT AFTER TAX OF AED 526 MILLION IN FIRST QUARTER RESULTS

Abu Dhabi, UAE — Etihad Airways today announced its Q1 2024 results, recording a profit after tax of AED 526 million (U.S.\$ 143 million), a significant improvement over Q1 2023, marking a solid start for the 2024 financial year.

Total revenue increased by AED 987 million (U.S.\$ 269 million), from AED 4,752 million (U.S.\$ 1,294 million) in Q1 2023 to AED 5,739 million (U.S.\$ 1,563 million) in Q1 2024, reflecting an increase in network capacity and passenger numbers.

The airline carried 4.2 million passengers over the quarter, up 41 per cent year-on-year. The average passenger load factor stands at 86 per cent for Q1 2024 and remains unchanged compared to the first quarter of last year. Revenue from cargo and other sources remained broadly stable over the same period.

The airline continues to improve its operational efficiency with decreasing unit cost from the same quarter last year (CASK and CASK ex-fuel reduced by 9 per cent and 11 per cent, respectively).

Antoaldo Neves, Chief Executive Officer of Etihad

Airways, said: “We are pleased to report a strong start to the financial year 2024, with our first quarter earnings equivalent to our total net income for the entire financial year 2023 as we continue our margin expansion journey. We have maintained our resilience and our focus on customer service and growth while continuing to improve our commitment to efficiency.

“This significant profit increase was achieved even with the holy month of Ramadan starting in early March this year, compared to late March last year, demonstrating the adaptability of our business.

“Our plans are set to expand our network and enhance our offerings while connecting an ever-greater number of people to and via Abu Dhabi. I would like to extend my deepest thanks to all our employees whose hard work and dedication have been crucial in achieving these results.”

During this period, Etihad optimised its network by enhancing routes and increasing frequencies to key destinations. The airline also launched new flights to Thiruvananthapuram, Kozhikode, and Boston, and

announced additional routes to Antalya and Jaipur. The additional capacity has led to a 34 per cent increase in Etihad's total weekly flights for the upcoming peak summer period, growing from 642 last year to 858 in 2024.

The airline has continued to play a pivotal role in supporting Abu Dhabi's tourism sector, driving a 43 per cent increase in inbound point-to-point traffic compared to the first quarter of 2023.

In its first quarter operating from its new terminal at Zayed International Airport, the airline has seen significant improvements in customer satisfaction, driven by enhanced efficiencies across all passenger touchpoints. Upgraded lounge facilities now offer more comfort and exclusive services, enhancing the overall travel experience. Additionally, streamlined check-in processes and smoother transfers have contributed positively to customer feedback.

Key Q1 2024 highlights a glance:

Total revenue growth: total revenue has increased primarily due to a significant

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Source JEKTA

Rendering of the Traveller cabin for convenient, affordable operations.

JEKTA unveils first interiors of PHA-ZE 100 regional amphibious airframe.

Payerne, Switzerland/ 8 May 2024 – J E K T A , the Switzerland-based developer of the PHA-ZE 100, Passenger Hydro Aircraft - Zero Emission 100 amphibious aircraft, has unveiled the first interiors for its economy class *Traveller* and full executive *Corporate* cabin configurations. The interiors have been designed for passenger comfort, operational durability, and ultimate elegance, with each layout, material, and styling combining the glorious past and sophisticated future of amphibious flight.

Mindful of the particular needs of operations that alight on and take off from both water and land, the interior designs acknowledge and incorporate the requirements of the innovative, new JEKTA family of amphibious airframes. The design process involved simulating how passengers, crew, pilots, operators, and maintenance teams will interact with the aircraft. The ergonomics focus on implementing cutting-edge solutions to deliver a combination of comfort, safety, and functionality within an airframe that provides multiple operating parameters. The interiors will adapt to support a range of applications,

including multi-leg, regional passenger flights, experiential high-end tourism voyages, or intense roadshow itineraries for corporates and governments. Cargo, medevac, VVIP, and search and rescue variants will follow.

Industrial design studio MBVision applied its twenty years of aviation experience to integrate simplicity, modularity and lightness with durability, cleanliness, new materials, and functionality. The multidisciplinary team worked closely with partners, suppliers, and potential customers to shape the style. Design highlights include thin modular seating, which offers superior comfort while light in weight, and an aft lavatory, which will feature in the first production airframe. As a non-pressurized airframe, the PHA-ZE 100 design features are intended to shape an on-board experience which blends contemporary aviation form with elements from the marine sector: wooden-style flooring, galley-style refreshment or bar areas and expansive panoramic windows through which light pours emulate the at-sea experience, giving a brand-new feeling of space and freedom within the aircraft.

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London, [Wednesday 8th May 2024]: British Airways has held the first meeting of its new Customer Access Advisory Panel, aimed at engaging with members of the community to improve the end-to-end experience for its customers with accessibility requirements. The airline is committed to delivering a seamless experience for everyone and is dedicated to ensuring that its accessibility offering meets the diverse needs of its customers.

The independent panel, comprised of individuals with both visible and non-visible disabilities, met in person for the first-time and will come together every few months to provide invaluable feedback and discuss and review new initiatives, to ensure that British Airways' products and services are designed and built with accessibility and inclusion front of mind. From IT solutions to airport and onboard experience, the panel will play an important role in shaping improvements within the airline and provide practical recommendations on best practices for inclusivity, informed by evidence and supported by lived experiences.

The panel is chaired by Mary Doyle, who is dedicated to providing organisations with practical support around inclusivity. Mary is also a proud wheelchair user and accessible aviation consultant, with a 25-year service delivery management background, which took her worldwide.

Other panellists include:

Simon Houghton, a behaviour change consultant who was born deaf. Simon launched

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Connectivity is incorporated, enabling passengers and crew to be productive, entertained and in touch, even on short flights. With one eye on weight and one on aesthetics, JEKTA is working with pioneering material libraries to integrate next-generation flexible

BRITISH AIRWAYS LAUNCHES CUSTOMER ACCESS ADVISORY PANEL, AS PART OF THE AIRLINE'S COMMITMENT TO DELIVERING AN INCLUSIVE AND SEAMLESS TRAVEL EXPERIENCE FOR ALL



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'WeSupportDeafAwareness' during COVID and is the founder of UnseenAware, a movement designed to create an inclusive experience for customers and employees with disabilities that people don't see

Paul Hayman, an international Chief Financial Officer with more than 30 years' experience. Paul is a frequent traveller and as someone with autism who finds air travel challenging, he is keen to help members of the neuro-diverse community by educating others

Dom Hyams, Global Client Director at Purple Goat, the world's first and only social-first inclusive marketing agency. Dom is the founding editor of the Disability Power100 - Power List of Disability, which showcases some of the most influential disabled changemakers in society

Neil Barnfather MBE, a renowned entrepreneur and accessibility advocate. As a blind entrepreneur, Neil understands the challenges faced by disabled travellers. He couples this lived experience with an impressive background in technology, innovation and business transformation across

screens in the upholstery. The interior design also augments the aircraft's sustainable ambitions by incorporating the zero-emissions concept into the aircraft interior. Selected materials are eco-friendly and can be recycled, yet do not compromise quality

sectors including telecommunications, fintech and aviation

Jennie Berry, a content producer and wheelchair user who shares her everyday experiences to educate others about living with a disability. Jennie is the Head of Community at Sociability, an app that helps those with a disability find accessible places

Xavier Mascarell, Customer Accessibility Strategy Manager at British Airways and founder of the Customer Access Advisory Panel, said:

"British Airways carries hundreds of thousands of customers who require additional assistance each year. We work hard to remove barriers and support customers with accessibility requirements throughout their journey but know there is more work to be done. The insights and recommendations we receive from our advisory panel members will be vital to improving our accessibility offering. We want to ensure a positive flying experience for everyone and we hope the learnings we gain through these meetings will drive further change."

We believe these interiors express our ambition of creating a disruptive, original style of travel within a new mode of transport. We have created an elegant cabin for airlines flying multiple legs daily alongside a stylish cabin that adheres to the principles of being environ-

Mary Doyle, Chair of the Panel, said: "I'm over the moon to support British Airways as Chair of its new Customer Access Advisory Panel as this demonstrates a visible commitment from the airline's leadership to make flying more comfortable and dignified for everyone. Tailoring the customer experience is key to our success, as disability is not one size fits all. We have a great team of professionals with lived experience on the panel who are curious, innovative and put the customer at the centre of all decisions. This team is committed to helping British Airways learn directly from the disability community and we'll have some fun along the way."

specialist support for anThis new panel is just one of the many ways the airline is working to improve its accessibility offering. British Airways has invested in a range of services to support customers with accessibility requirements. It has a dedicated Accessibility team to provide yone who needs it. The airline offers assistance with mobility, and to customers who are deaf and hard of hearing, blind and with low vision, and other non-visible disabilities or conditions.

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mentally friendly internally and externally. This highlights our commitment to providing a zero-emissions airframe that supports many applications," explains Max Pinucci, who heads industrial design for JEKTA. "Our interiors follow all the necessary

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boost in passenger revenue, which rose by AED 966 million (U.S.\$ 263 million), a 25 per cent increase from the previous year.

Cargo revenue: revenue from cargo has maintained its robust level year-on-year, supported by expanding partnerships such as its strategic agreement with SF Airlines to link global hubs, extending Etihad's network in Asia.

Costs: improved operational efficiency, with CASK and CASK ex-fuel decreased by 9 per cent and 11 per cent respectively.

Profit after tax: the strong surge in passenger revenue, combined with reduced net finance costs, drove the increase in profit after tax for the first quarter of 2024 to AED 526 million (U.S.\$ 143 million), compared to AED 59 million (U.S \$ 16 million) in the corresponding period in 2023.

Capacity growth: the first quarter of 2024 saw an expansion in capacity, as evidenced by substantial growth in Available Seat Kilometres (ASK) and passenger numbers, increasing by 35 per cent and 41 per cent respectively compared to the same period in 2023.

Operating fleet: Etihad's operating fleet grew from 75 to 89 aircraft over the same quarter last year, including the incorporation of three new 787s in February 2024.

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certification requirements yet set new standards of elegance and functionality to create an unparalleled on-board experience. We want our customers not just to fly but to feel that they are travelling in an environment designed around their needs, comfort, and safety. At the same time, we are meeting the operators' needs in terms of ease of maintenance, operability, and profitability."

Thanks to Press Release Jane Stanbury – Arena Group

MONTREAL, May 3, 2024 /CNW/ - With its Un air de chez nous platform, Air Canada celebrates Québec culture by launching three musical guides created in collaboration with renowned Québec artists. Charlotte Cardin, Alexandra Strélski and Sarahmée each present their beloved European city with a carefully curated musical playlist designed with their favourite places in mind.

Charlotte Cardin invites us into the intimacy of her home-away-from-home in Paris, while Sarahmée lets us tag along on her breathtaking adventures in Barcelona and Alexandra Strélski gives us a taste of Amsterdam's eclectic vibe. These musical travel guides are available on [AirCanada's enRoute](#) website and on Spotify, beginning today, and offer a timely source of inspiration for travellers planning their summer travels to the old continent.

"Music is a powerful means of exploration: We listen to music on our way to our destination, but it also has the capacity to call up memories and to take us back to specific moments during our travels, just like flavours and sensations do," explains Martine Boulerice, Director, Brand Marketing – Québec and Aeroplan, at Air Canada. "This is the insight at the base of the idea of working with Québec artists, to inspire and guide people who are discovering or rediscovering Europe this summer. In addition to sharing their favourite places and personal anecdotes with us,

AIR CANADA MUSICALLY TRANSPORTS YOU TO AMSTERDAM BARCELONA AND PARIS WITH MUSICAL TRAVEL GUIDES



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these artists take us on a journey with their highly inspiring musical selections."

These three accomplished and very successful artists have had the opportunity to immerse themselves in and discover the many hidden treasures of great European cities. Their travel guides offer a reflection of their unique, personal experiences, packed with great recommendations for must-see places, all brought to you by Air Canada. Paris, Barcelona and Amsterdam are among the 20 European destinations that are just a non-stop Air Canada flight away from Montréal.

Charlotte Cardin presents Paris

Whether you're looking for the perfect café for a luscious flat white or the best place for a leisurely Sunday brunch, for two or for the whole family, the Montréal singer will lead you

there, as if you were joining in on her own personal exploration of the City of Light. "I always take my friends and family members to Hôtel Amour because, for me, it's the perfect place for a lovely brunch on a plant-filled terrace that somehow feels both private and lively," says Charlotte Cardin, introducing a ballad that is close to her heart.

Alexandra Strélski presents Amsterdam

"You really can't go to the Netherlands without thinking about cycling. If there is one thing I recommend, it's to get on a bicycle! [...] I chose a Dutch artist that I have just discovered and that I like a lot. There is a very relaxing side to what she does that makes you feel like heading off on a ride and letting your thoughts flow free," confides Alexandra Strélski, and this light melodic

track definitely gives us the urge to explore Amsterdam!

Sarahmée presents Barcelona

Sarahmée's playlist showcases the richness and splendour of Barcelona. She takes us to the narrow streets of Poblenou, an iconic neighbourhood covered with magnificent frescos. "You really understand a city when you discover its street art [...] When I see art, it really does my soul good. And this song has the same effect," proclaims Sarahmée, speaking of a track from another of our very own artists.

Find the complete Musical Travel Guides on [AirCanada's enRoute](#) website or listen to the playlists on Spotify:

Charlotte Cardin: [Paris Musical Travel Guide by Charlotte Cardin on Spotify](#)

Alexandra Strélski

: [Amsterdam Musical Travel Guide by Alexandra Strélski on Spotify](#)

Sarahmée

: [Barcelona Musical Travel Guide by Sarahmée on Spotify](#)

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About Air Canada

Air Canada is Canada's largest airline, the country's flag carrier and a founding member of Star Alliance, the world's most comprehensive air transportation network. Air Canada provides scheduled service directly to more than 180 airports in Canada, the United States and Internationally on six continents. It holds a Four-Star ranking from Skytrax. Air Canada's Aeroplan program is Canada's premier travel loyalty program, where members can earn or redeem points on the world's largest airline partner network of 45 airlines, plus through an extensive range of merchandise, hotel and car rental partners. Through Air Canada Vacations, it offers more travel choices than any other Canadian tour operator to hundreds of destinations worldwide, with a wide selection of hotels, flights, cruises, day tours, and car rentals. Its freight division, Air Canada Cargo, provides air freight lift and connectivity to hundreds of destinations across six continents using Air Canada's passenger and freighter aircraft. Air Canada aims to achieve an ambitious net zero emissions goal from all global operations by 2050. Air Canada shares are publicly traded on the TSX in Canada and the OTCQX in the US.

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Air Canada Launches First-Ever Professional Women's Hockey League (PWHL) Fan Flight, Ahead of Playoffs



MONTREAL, April 17, 2024 /CNW/ - The puck has dropped! Air Canada today announced the first Professional Women's Hockey

League (PWHL) edition of its popular Fan Flight program, giving young fans a chance to cheer on their favourite teams in person at a game during the

"It's been an incredible first season for the PWHL, and as an Inaugural Partner to the new league, we're celebrating the amazing passion of its fans by bringing them closer to the playoff action," said Andy Shibata, Vice President at Air Canada. "Air Canada's Fan Flight is a beloved, long-running initiative, and expanding it to the PWHL demonstrates our passion for hockey and continued commitment to championing gender equality in sports."

The Air Canada Fan Flight program puts hockey fans right

at the heart of the action and is one of the many ways the airline continually gives back to the community

"We're delighted that Air Canada's latest Fan Flight will give passionate PWHL fans a chance to catch a live game during the inaugural PWHL Finals," says Jayna Hefford, Senior Vice-President, Hockey Operations, PWHL. "This partnership showcases the tremendous impact brands can have in sports. It's been a record-breaking year for our league and we're excited that this Air Canada program

further highlights the incredible achievements and potential of our athletes."

The PWHL has been smashing attendance records, with the game between PWHL Toronto and PWHL Montréal at Scotiabank Arena on February 16 attracting a sold-out crowd of 19,285 – the best-attended women's hockey game of all time. The April 20 game at Montreal's Bell Centre, with a hockey capacity of over 21,000, is projected to set a new record after selling out in minutes.

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US AIR FORCE FULLY CONFIRMS SATCOM DIRECT RO/RO KU-BAND TRASC C-130 CAPABILITY FOLLOWING 26-HOUR ENDURANCE TEST.

Melbourne, Florida/ 15 April 2024 – [SD Government](#) SDG, the satellite communications provider for global governments and the US Air Force, has successfully tested the Roll-on/Roll-off (RO/RO) Beyond Line of Sight (BLOS) satellite communications (SATCOM) capability SDG developed with Florida-based R4 Integration, Inc. (R4i) in a 26-hour 20-minute mission aboard a Lockheed Martin C-130J-30 Hercules. Following the intense validation flight, the SD/R4i Tactical Removeable Airborne Satellite Communications (TRASC) BLOS solution is now fully available for USAir Force use

.Performed as part of Exercise Gnarly Explodeo, the maximum endurance mission recorded 100% reliability and availability from the TRASC system as it facilitated secure command and control data communications, defense applications, intelligence updates, electronic flight bags, video conferencing, voice over internet and WiFi calls. The equipment connects with the Intelsat FlexAir service, which employs an optimized high-throughput global satellite network to deliver dedicated airtime to government users. The SD/R4i TRASC system supports the commander of Air Mobility Command (AMC), General Mike Minihan, in achieving his intention to have 25% of the AMC fleet connected by 2025.

The SD/R4i TRASC BLOS solution integrates the SD Plane Simple® Ku-band terminal within a Multi-Purpose Hatch System (MPHS) designed to replace the existing C-130 standard upper forward or center fuselage hatches. The [SDG](#) team assisted US Air Force maintainers as they installed the system on a 41st Airlift Squadron, 19th Airlift Wing C-130J, at Little Rock Air Force Base, Arkansas.

“This platform enables global command and control, providing our crew with



The SD/R4i TRASC BLOS solution optimizes the SD Plane Simple Ku-band terminal.

unparalleled situational awareness,” remarked Colonel Denny Davies, 19th Airlift Wing and Little Rock commander, after the mission. “It makes the C-130 much more resilient and capable in the vastness of the Pacific, reinforcing the Air Force's core tenant of distributed control.”

The turnkey solution mounts the SD Plane Simple® antenna in the MPHS. It includes a compact RO/RO BaseBand kit that integrates a secure enclave, modem, Link-16, airborne router, and power supply. The stand-alone system only requires AC or DC power from the aircraft to operate and distribute real-time BLOS connectivity.

“SD prides itself on rigorously testing all our equipment before we put it into service. The success of this endurance flight exemplifies the power of our advanced technology and its versatility in delivering new capabilities to our forces. We are proud to add this connectivity solution to our growing military portfolio and look forward to supporting the system as it enters into service,” says Hayden Olson, Head of SD Government. “We are already receiving requests for

demonstrations of the capabilities of the equipment to USAF representatives, such is the interest in the system.”

About Satcom Direct [SD Government](#) is a leading operator of customized, secure end-to-end satellite connectivity services that deliver assured global access to networks, voice, data and video applications, and data on land, at sea, and in the air. Each solution is scalable from simple point-to-point links to complete end-to-end, global solutions that are fully interoperable and seamlessly integrated with government networks for enhanced situational awareness and a faster response.

The secure MILSATCOM of fixed satellite solutions includes C-Band, Ku-Band, Ka-Band, X-Band, and UHF, as well as mobile satellite solutions Inmarsat, Thuraya, and Iridium for aeronautical, land-mobile, and maritime users in multiple markets, including the U.S. government and military, global governments, educational institutions, and commercial maritime

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Canadians can go to aircanada.com/fanflightpwhl and follow instructions to nominate a passionate PWHL young fan who deserves a chance to win. The online contest is open until May 3rd. Winners will enjoy complimentary airfare, accommodation, and tickets to a game during the PWHL Finals, and more surprises!

Air Canada announced its historic partnership with the PWHL last December with an inspirational ad campaign titled “We All Fly.” The PWHL agreement also builds on Air Canada's prior partnerships in professional women's hockey, and in women's sports including with the Women's National Basketball Association (WNBA), and the planned Project 8 professional women's soccer league in Canada

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About the Professional Women's Hockey League (PWHL)

The Professional Women's Hockey League (PWHL), is a professional [ice hockey](#) league in North America comprised of six teams in Boston, Minnesota, Montreal, New York, Ottawa, and Toronto, each with rosters featuring the best women's hockey players in the world. Visit thepwhl.com to purchase tickets and merchandise, and subscribe to the [PWHL e-newsletter](#) to receive the latest league updates. Follow the league on all social media platforms @[thepwhlofficial](#) plus all six team accounts @ [pwhl_boston](#), @ [pwhl_minnesota](#), @ [pwhl_montreal](#), @ [pwhl_newyork](#), @ [pwhl_ottawa](#), and @[pwhl_toronto](#).

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