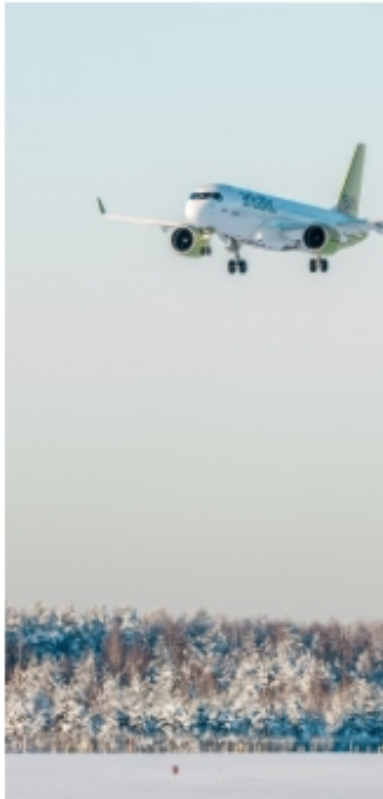




AIRBALTIC CELEBRATES SEVEN YEARS OF AIRBUS A220-300 OPERATIONS

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December 2023 is a very special month for airBaltic as it marks a seven year anniversary of Airbus A220-300 operations. Back on December 14, 2016 the first A220-300 commercial flight departed from Riga to Amsterdam. Thus far, airBaltic has carried more than 13 441 000 passengers on the Airbus A220-300 aircraft. Airbus A220-300s of the airline have completed over 150 000 flights and flown 328 000 block hours. As from May 2020, airBaltic operates all its flights with a single aircraft type – Airbus A220-300, thus minimizing the complexity and benefiting from the additional efficiency provided by the aircraft.

Martin Gauss, President and CEO of airBaltic, commented: “The Airbus A220-300 has been a game-changer for our airline, establishing itself as one of the core and very invaluable assets of the company. With this aircraft, we now operate one of the most efficient and eco-friendly fleets in the skies, consistently delivering top-tier service to our passengers. Airbus A220-300 has exceeded our expectations in terms of performance, enabling our reach to more distant and diverse destinations, including Marrakesh, Agadir, Dubai, and Gran Canaria. Also, this month, we are welcoming our 46th A220-300, and we continue aiming towards 50 aircraft in 2024.”

airBaltic announced a firm purchase agreement for 30 more Airbus A220-300 aircraft with purchase rights for an additional 20 aircraft of the same type. As a result, airBaltic becomes the largest A220-300 operator in Europe. The Airbus A220-300 has performed beyond the company's expectations, delivering better overall performance, fuel efficiency and convenience for both passengers and the staff. This aircraft offers an excellent flying experience with such benefits for passengers as wider seats, larger windows, more hand

In addition, the aircraft is also considerably quieter – with a twice times smaller noise footprint when compared to the previous generation aircraft. Moreover, at the moment it is the most efficient commercial aircraft in the world with a transparent declaration of the life-cycle environmental impact, helping to reduce CO₂ and NO_x emissions by 25% and 50% respectively in comparison with the previous generation aircraft and industry standards.



By 2030, **airBaltic** intends to operate a fleet of 100 aircraft of this type, thus becoming the largest **A220** customer in Europe and the largest **A220-300** operator in the world.

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