



# SMARTLYNX STARTS COOPERATION WITH WATANIYA AIRWAYS

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**In October 2017 SmartLynx Airlines Ltd. signed ACMI wet lease agreement with**

**Kuwait National Airways K.S.C T/A Wataniya Airways. According to it SmartLynx leases to Wataniya Airways aircraft A320, MSN 1823 with Latvian Registration Mark YL-LCP. Aircraft will operate from the base in Kuwait Airport (KWI) starting from 5 November 2017 to destinations in the Middle East and Europe.**

**Redelivery date of the aircraft is 31 March 2018.**

**Aircraft seating configuration – economy 180 Y, MTOW (maximum take-off weight) 77t.**

**Wataniya Airways is a new cooperation partner for SmartLynx and we truly hope that this is a start of a successful long-term cooperation.**

*SmartLynx Airlines was founded in 1992 as a private airline and is the leading full-service ACMI (Aircraft-Crew-Maintenance-Insurance) provider on Airbus 320 in the EU with its headquarters being located in Riga. Latvian and Estonian air carrier certificates have been granted to the airline. Being an EU airline, SmartLynx Airlines complies with international quality standards IOSA and EASA, as well as it has access to the free route airspace.*

*SmartLynx Airlines specialises in lease services of its Airbus A320 fleet, as well as ensures full charter operation for its home markets in Latvia and Estonia, predominantly in the leisure market.*

*It also performs flight crew trainings.*

*Airline's fleet consists of 12 Airbus A320 aircraft and 1 Airbus 321 aircraft that ensure flights in Europe, Asia and Africa. SmartLynx flight crew members represent 17 nationalities, and the average experience of captains is above 5300 block hours and first officers — above 1900 block hours.*

*Overall the number of passengers transported by SmartLynx is rapidly increasing with every year — in 2015 it reached 1.6 million, and in 2016 – 1.9 million. SmartLynx flight precision (On Time Performance) is constantly improving — in summer of 2016 this indicator reached 89% for all charter flights. Company is rapidly growing and in 2016 its turnover increased by 18%, reaching 108.4 million EUR.*

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