

# airBaltic Airbus A220-300 Participates in the Airshow China 2018



**Riga.** Latvian airline *airBaltic* together with the aircraft manufacturer *Airbus* from November 6 – November 8, 2018 for the first time ever participates in *China International Aviation and Aerospace Exhibition* in Zhuhai. During the *China*

*International Aviation and Aerospace Exhibition* *airBaltic* and *Airbus* presents the most advanced commercial jet aircraft *Airbus A220-300*.

Martin Gauss, CEO of *airBaltic*: “As the launch operator of the *Airbus A220-300* aircraft, we are delighted to participate in *China International Aviation and Aerospace Exhibition* with our partner. We are proud that during the exhibition our *Airbus A220-300* is presented as part of the *Airbus* portfolio.”

The *airBaltic Airbus A220-300* will fly to Chengdu on November 8, 2018, as part of its demonstration tour after its display at the show.

On May 28, 2018, *airBaltic* announced a firm purchase agreement for the sale and purchase of 30 *Airbus A220-300* aircraft with options for an additional 30 aircraft of the same type. The order complements the existing order of 20 *A200-300* aircraft



and forms the backbone of the new *airBaltic's* business plan *Destination 2025* that builds on the successful progress of the current airline's business plan *Horizon 2021*, which has laid the groundwork for future expansion.

Since the launch operations on December 14, 2016, *airBaltic* Airbus A220-300's have been in 35 countries and landed in 70 airports. Most often *airBaltic* fly Airbus A220-300's to Moscow, Amsterdam, Paris, London and Barcelona.

Thus far, *airBaltic* has carried over 1 700 000 passengers on the Airbus A220-300 aircraft with every third *airBaltic* passenger flying on the aircraft. Airbus A220-300's have completed more than 16 210 flights and flown over 43 606 block hours.



The Airbus A220-300 aircraft offers excellent flying experience with such benefits for passengers as wider seats, larger windows, more hand luggage space in the cabin, improved lavatories and more. New aircraft is also much quieter – with four times smaller noise footprint. Moreover, at the moment, it is the greenest commercial aircraft in the world, as it is the first aircraft to have a transparent declaration of the life-cycle environmental impact, helping to reduce CO<sub>2</sub> and NO<sub>x</sub> emissions by 20% and 50% respectively.

*airBaltic* serves over 70 destinations from Riga, Tallinn and Vilnius, offering the largest variety of destinations and convenient connections via Riga to its network spanning Europe, Scandinavia, the CIS and the Middle East. For summer 2019, *airBaltic* has introduced three new destinations from Tallinn to Malaga, Brussels and Copenhagen. In addition, next summer *airBaltic* will launch new direct routes from Riga to Stuttgart and Lviv.



### *airBaltic*, in brief:

*airBaltic* (AIR BALTIC CORPORATION) is the world's most punctual airline

connecting the Baltic region with 70 destinations in Europe, the Middle East, and the CIS. *airBaltic* is a joint stock company that was established in 1995. Its primary shareholder is the Latvian state, which holds 80.05% of the stock, while Lars Thuesen holds around 20% through his fully-owned Aircraft Leasing 1 SIA. The *airBaltic* fleet consists of 36 aircraft – 13 *Airbus A220-300s*, 11 *Boeing 737s* and 12 *Bombardier Q400 Next Gen* aircraft. *airBaltic* has received numerous international awards for excellence, innovative services, and achievements in reshaping its business. In 2017, the airline received the CAPA Regional Airline of the Year awards, while in 2018 *airBaltic* received the ATW Airline Industry Achievement Award as the Market Leader of the Year. *airBaltic* achieved the best on-time performance globally in 2014, 2015, 2016 and 2017.