

# airBaltic Celebrates 22 Years in the Air

**Riga.** The Latvian airline *airBaltic* in October, 2017 celebrates its 22<sup>nd</sup> anniversary since the launch of commercial operations. On October 1, 1995 *airBaltic* operated the first commercial flight from Riga to Stockholm with the aircraft SAAB 340.



Martin Gauss, Chief Executive Officer of *airBaltic*: “In 22 years *airBaltic* has grown as a stable Baltic carrier with convenient connections, wide variety of destinations, modernized fleet and strong, professional team that every day makes maximum effort to offer our customers great and on-time flying experience. Over the years *airBaltic* has contributed greatly to improve the connectivity between the Baltic states and the rest of the world.”

“*airBaltic* this year is showing record good results and we are excited for the future. In the next few years we are planning to grow further – we will replace our turboprop aircraft with completely new jet fleet that will enable us to continue our expansion of the route map. Our increased capacity, efficient aircraft and low cost base will enable *airBaltic* to continue growth as the No 1 Baltic carrier.”

In October, 1995 *airBaltic* started operations from Riga to 4 destinations. Today *airBaltic* operates direct flights from Riga to over 60 destinations and its fleet has grown to 30 aircraft. *airBaltic* offers convenient connections via Riga to its network spanning Europe, Scandinavia, the CIS and the Middle East. In addition, *airBaltic* also offers direct flights from Tallinn and Vilnius.

For the summer season of 2018 *airBaltic* has added Malaga (Spain), Lisbon (Portugal), Split (Croatia), Bordeaux (France) and Gdansk (Poland). A

complete schedule of *airBaltic* flights can be found on the company's homepage at [www.airbaltic.com](http://www.airbaltic.com).