

airBaltic Presents Airbus A220 Full Flight Simulator



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On December 3, 2019 Latvian airline *airBaltic* welcomed the Minister of Transport of the Republic of Latvia, partners, local and international media representatives to present the *Airbus A220* highest standard full flight simulator in *airBaltic Training* facilities next to the Riga International Airport. This is the first new full flight simulator ever purchased by a Latvian company and the newest such simulator in the world.

Tālis Linkaits, Minister of Transport of the Republic of Latvia: "I am happy to see our national airline keeping up with the times by investing wisely in the areas that ensure development and growth of the company. The new *Airbus A220* simulator is not only state-of-the-art training technology for our pilots, it is also the airline's contribution to cleaner environment as well as passenger safety, mobility and convenience."

Martin Gauss, CEO of *airBaltic*: "We will be introducing a single fleet type of up to 80 *Airbus A220-300* aircraft and it

means that in the upcoming years we will train hundreds of our existing and future pilots. We are truly delighted that now we have a state-of-the-art full flight simulator located right next to our headquarters, making the studying process for our pilots more efficient and accessible. This is also a great opportunity for further development of our *airBaltic Training* facilities as such advanced simulator opens various opportunities.”

airBaltic now has a fully equipped simulator which has been qualified in accordance with latest *EASA* (European Aviation Safety Agency) issue 2 requirements, including best precision navigation *PBN* (performance-based navigation) and *UPRT* (upset prevention and recovery training) capabilities. It is equipped with *60” Stroke Electric Motion System* as well as the most modern visual system, consisting of four-megapixel *LED Projector* systems and dual head-up displays. The *CAE7000XR Series FFS*, equipped with the *CAE Tropos™ 6000XR* visual system for unprecedented realism, will serve the growing pilot training needs of *airBaltic Training*.

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.