

# airBaltic Receives its 22nd Airbus A220-300

**Riga.** Latvian airline *airBaltic* on December 23, 2019 in Riga welcomed its 22<sup>nd</sup> *Airbus A220-300* jet, registered as YL-AAV. The 22<sup>nd</sup> *Airbus A220-300* completes the planned new aircraft deliveries for *airBaltic* in 2019 and it is the second delivery of the additional order that was signed on May 28, 2018 for purchase of 30 *Airbus A220-300* aircraft with options for an additional 30 aircraft of the same type. By the end of 2020 *airBaltic* plans to have a total of 26 *Airbus A220-300* jets in its fleet.



Thus far, *airBaltic* has carried over 4 500 000 passengers on the *Airbus A220-300* aircraft with every second *airBaltic* passenger flying on the aircraft. *Airbus A220-300*'s have completed more than 44 000 flights and flown over 110 000 block hours.

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 luggage space in the cabin, improved lavatories and much more.



The new aircraft is also considerably quieter – with a 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* aims to minimize complexity and benefit from the additional efficiency of the *Airbus A220-300* aircraft which will be the only jet type operated by *airBaltic* by the end of 2022.



### ***airBaltic* in brief:**

***airBaltic*** (AIR BALTIC CORPORATION) is the most punctual airline in Europe connecting the Baltic region with over 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 around 80% of the stock, while Lars Thuesen holds around 20% through his fully-owned Aircraft Leasing 1 SIA. The *airBaltic* fleet consists of 38 aircraft – 22 *Airbus A220-300s*, 4 *Boeing 737s* and 12 *Bombardier Q400Next Gen* aircraft. *airBaltic* has received numerous international awards for excellence and innovative services. In 2017, the airline received the CAPA Regional Airline of the Year award, while in 2018 and 2019 *airBaltic* received the *ATW Airline Industry Achievement Award* as the *Market Leader of the Year*. In addition, in 2019 *airBaltic* received Sector Leadership Award by Airline Business. *airBaltic* achieved the best on-time performance globally in 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017.