Experience Viennese charm at the Palais Hansen Kempinski: from apple strudels to the waltz king



Vienna, October 2017 – Vienna is absolutely worth a trip. A particularly charming time of year to visit the Austrian capital city is in the winter – when the Christmas markets, the New Year's Eve Trail and the famous ball season offer the chance to enjoy the cold winter months as a true Viennese local. Also typically Viennese is the five-star-superior hotel Palais Hansen Kempinski; a listed historic building located on the magnificent Ringstraße. The hotel seamlessly combines its rich history with a modern design, and offers an excellent starting point for a tour of wintry Vienna.

Some of the attractions drawing visitors to the Austrian capital in November and December are the countless Christmas markets filled with arts, crafts and Christmas goodies such as Lebkuchen (a baked Christmas treat similar to gingerbread) und Punsch (Christmas punch), as well as the world-famous coffee culture. The Palais Hansen's grandiose Lobby Lounge is one of the most beautiful hotel lobbies in the city; here you can warm yourself up with a Viennese specialty coffee Melange upon arrival, to be enjoyed alongside a typical Viennese pastry. A small bell is sounded several times a day when warm apple strudels, freshly baked according to the secret recipe of head pastry chef Georg Hölbl, are brought out for guests to enjoy in the lobby.

Art, culture and cuisine in the imperial city



As a particularly romantic option in the pre-Christmas season, Palais Hansen Kempinski also offers its guests the option of a city tour in a traditional Fiaker – otherwise known as a horse-drawn carriage. The coachman picks up his guests from right outside the hotel and takes them on a tour through the city, sharing fascinating anecdotes about Vienna that are not to be found in any guidebook. A further, essential component of your visit to the city of Vienna is of course the cuisine – and this doesn't just mean Viennese Schnitzel, Tafelspitz (a traditional boiled beef dish) and the typical sweet treats from patisseries. Modern cuisine has produced many excellent restaurants, one of these being the Michelin-starred restaurant Edvard at the Palais Hansen Kempinski, which blends classical regional and seasonal dishes with top international cuisine. Chef de Cuisine, Norman Etzold and his team offer a wide range of culinary possibilities at the Palais Hansen – from the award-winning gourmet restaurant to culinary events at the restaurant 'Die Küche'. In addition to this, you have the possibility of trying the hearty signature dish in the Lobby Lounge: Käsekrainer, a cheese-filled sausage accompanied by horseradish, mustard and bread.



A waltzing start to the New Year

Vienna is world-famous for its rich musical heritage and countless composers who chose the Danube metropolis as their home and workplace. The annual highlight for classical music lovers is the city's New Year's Concert, which is broadcast live in 90 countries. January is

also the start of the ball season with 450 dance events taking place across the city. The Vienna Opera Ball has also become world famous, attended yearly by international guests and celebrities. General Manager of the Palais Hansen Kempinski, Gerhard Mitrovits, has also played his part in making the tradition of the Vienna ball known around the world. He has already set up nine balls in various cities, including Beijing, Moscow, New York and Jakarta.

Cosiness and relaxation

Austria is a relaxed place, therefore after an eventful day out and about in Vienna, you are very much entitled to sit back and relax. The city's thermal baths and spas invite you to do just this – including the Kempinski The Spa, with its saunas, hydropool and gym. The treatments are inspired by the seasons and are designed to fully restore the body's natural balance.



Since April, a true cosmopolitan, Gerhard Mitrovits, has been the man heading the Palais Hansen Kempinski. The born-and-bred Austrian has been managing hotels in almost every continent for decades and brings extensive experience and new ideas to the hotel on the magnificent Ringstraße. "There is hardly a more exciting address in Vienna, which is modern and traditional at the same time. A contemporary top-class hotel in a historic building, and in addition award-winning cuisine, and a fantastic, young team", sums up General Manager Gerhard Mitrovits.

About Palais Hansen Kempinski Vienna

Housed in a heritage-listed Palais on Schottenring Street, Palais Hansen Kempinski Vienna forms part of the famously glamourous Ringstrasse boulevard. Sights like the Burgtheater, St. Stephen's Cathedral, the Parliament building or the Rathausplatz square are only a few minutes' walk away. The Renaissance Revival architecture combined with innovative

touches like iPad check-in and an iPad version of the traditional hotel information covering everything from room service to outdoor activities create a symbiosis of Viennese tradition and present-day zeitgeist. The charming palais accommodates 152 rooms and suites, two restaurants, one bar, a cigar lounge, six function rooms, a ballroom, a florist, a fitness and spa area, also open to day spa guests, as well as 17 private residential penthouse apartments on a total of seven stories.

About Kempinski Hotels

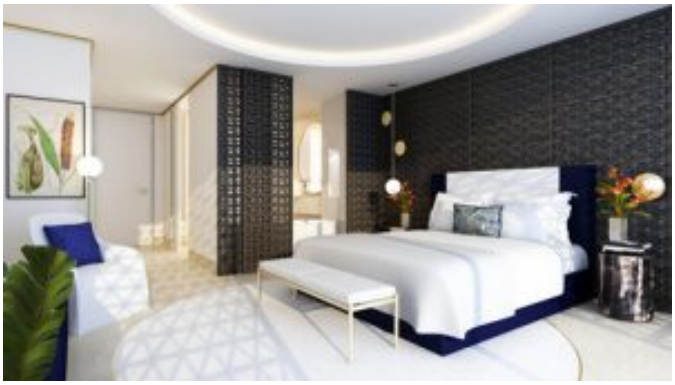


Created in 1897, Kempinski Hotels is Europe's oldest luxury hotel group. Kempinski's rich heritage of impeccable personal service and superb hospitality is complemented by the exclusivity and individuality of its properties. Kempinski now manages a portfolio of 76 five-star hotels and residences in 31 countries and continues to add new properties in Europe, the Middle East, Africa, Asia and The Americas. Each property reflects the strength and success of the Kempinski brand without losing sight of its heritage. The portfolio comprises historic landmark properties, award-winning urban lifestyle hotels, outstanding resorts, and prestigious residences. Each one is imbued with the quality guests have come to expect from Kempinski while embracing the cultural traditions of its location. Kempinski is a founding member of the Global Hotel Alliance (GHA), the world's largest alliance of independent hotel brands.

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ONYX Hospitality Group in strategic partnership with YOO Hotels & Resorts to operate and develop YOO Collection and Yoo2 hotels across Asia

Artist's impression of an upcoming YOO Collection property in Asia



ONYX Hospitality Group has entered an agreement with UK-based YOO Hotels & Resorts to manage and further develop YOO Collection and Yoo2 hotels across Asia.
As a result, ONYX Hospitality Group will expand the presence of the two YOO brands across key city and resort destinations in the Asia Pacific region, contributing to further growth of the YOO Collection and Yoo2 brands. The first YOO Asia hotels to be developed will be in Phuket and Bali, both scheduled to open in 2019.

Douglas Martell, President & CEO, ONYX Hospitality Group, said: "As we continue expanding the reach of the ONYX Hospitality Group portfolio and entering new market segments and new destinations, we are excited to be in partnership with YOO Hotels & Resorts to grow our footprint in the lifestyle hotels segment. We look forward to a mutual exchange of unique strengths, including YOO's design-led philosophy and our

regional management expertise.”

John Hitchcox, Chairman of the YOO Group, said: “We are very excited about this partnership between YOO Hotels & Resorts and ONYX Hospitality Group as it has created the perfect platform for operational excellence and growth of the YOO brands across Asia Pacific. This expansion opportunity in some of the world’s fastest growing hotel markets will ensure that even more travellers will soon be able to experience YOO’s unique designs and guest experiences.”

YOO is a global design brand specialising in design-led property and hotel developments around the world. The YOO brand was created by leading property developer John Hitchcox and international designer Philippe Starck with a vision to enrich lives with extraordinary living spaces. YOO Hotels & Resorts is inspired by YOO Group’s vision and offers two lifestyle brands: YOO Collection, luxury hotels which blend creative input by some of the world’s most renowned designers with sublime locations and personalised service; and Yoo2, upscale lifestyle hotels which provide unique interpretations of local influences, location and living space.

About ONYX

A part of Italthai Group, ONYX Hospitality Group operates several diverse yet complementary brands – Amari, Shama and OZO – each catering to the distinctive requirements of today’s business and leisure travellers. ONYX reaches beyond its Thai roots to offer innovative management solutions across the Indian Ocean, Arabian Gulf and Asia-Pacific regions. Visit www.onyx-hospitality.com.

About YOO Hotels & Resorts

YOO Hotels & Resorts are inspired by the YOO Group’s vision of enriching lives with extraordinary living spaces. Its luxury hotel brand, the YOO Collection, brings together world renowned Creative Directors and the renowned YOO Design Studio with some of the world’s most sublime destinations and flawless yet personal service. Meanwhile, Yoo2 continues the

design ethic in an eclectic group of lifestyle hotels; each one a striking expression of local soul. Visit www.yoohotels.com

About YOO Group
YOO is a global design group created by leading property developer, John Hitchcox and Philippe Starck, the world-renowned designer. With a singular vision to enrich lives with extraordinary living spaces, the group brings its unique design-led philosophy to hotels, real estate, furnishings, energy and capital.

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oneworld is Business Traveller's best airline alliance for fifth year runnin



oneworld® has been named Best Airline Alliance for the fifth year in a row in the 2017 Business Traveller awards – confirming **one**world's position as the most highly prized global airline alliance.

oneworld is the current holder of seven of the leading "best airline alliance" titles available in the various industry award schemes. Besides the Business Traveller title, **one**world is also currently holder of:

- FlightStats' Airline Alliance On-Time Performance Service Award for 2016, for the fourth year running.
- Global Traveler magazine's 2016 GT Tested Reader Survey – for the seventh year in a row.
- Trazees' Favorite Airline Alliance, for the second time.
- Business Traveler North America's 2016 Best in Business Travel Awards, for the second consecutive year.
- World Travel Awards' World's Leading Airline Alliance 2016 for the 14th year running.
- Premier Traveler's Best of Travel Awards – for the third year running.

oneworld member airlines also flew high in Business Traveller's 2017 awards, with the alliance and its carriers taking nine of the 17 awards available to airlines.

Qatar Airways took top honours overall as Best Airline. The alliance's Gulf member airline also took three other trophies – as Best Longhaul Airline, Best Business Class, and Best Middle Eastern Airline.

British Airways made three trips to the winners' podium, for Best Shorthaul Carrier, Best Frequent Flyer Programme, and Best Airport Lounge, for its Concorde Room at London Heathrow Terminal 5.

American Airlines was also given top marks – as Best North American Airline.

Cathay Pacific was shortlisted in five categories, Japan Airlines in two and Qantas in one.

The awards, presented at a ceremony in London today, are voted for by readers of the leading UK magazine's readers, with the results authenticated by an independent auditing company. Business Traveller describes them as being "widely recognised as the market's benchmark for excellence".

To see the full results, go to businesstraveller.com



About oneworld

oneworld is an alliance of some of the world's leading airlines, committed to providing the highest level of service and convenience to frequent international travellers. They include airberlin, American Airlines, British Airways, Cathay Pacific, Finnair, Iberia, Japan Airlines, LATAM Airlines, Malaysia Airlines, Qantas, Qatar Airways, Royal Jordanian, S7 Airlines and SriLankan Airlines, and around 30 affiliates.

As part of **one**world, these airlines:

- Serve more than a thousand airports in 150 plus countries, with 14,000 daily departures.
- Carry some 550 million passengers a year on a combined fleet of 3,500 aircraft.
- Generate US$ 130 billion annual revenues.

oneworld member airlines work together to deliver consistently a superior, seamless travel experience, with special privileges and rewards for frequent flyers, including earning and redeeming miles and points across the entire alliance network. Top tier cardholders (Emerald and Sapphire) enjoy access to more than 650 airport lounges and are offered extra baggage allowances. The most regular travellers (Emerald) can also use fast track security lanes at select airports.

For more news from oneworld, see www.oneworld.com/news-information/oneworldnews/

Brussels Airport invests €52 million to equip Pier B with new boarding bridges



Brussels Airport is investing over 52 million euros to equip its Pier B with new boarding bridges and offer greater comfort to passengers. This large-scale project is an important step towards meeting the future demands of its customers, passengers and airlines and preparing for future technological developments in aviation.

The 24 boarding and deboarding bridges at Pier B date from 1992 and will gradually be replaced by state-of-the-art aerobridges to meet the general trend with airlines of operating flights to Brussels Airport with ever larger aircraft. Equipped with air conditioning and large windows, these new bridges not only have a modern look, they're also more efficient.

"This major investment in new state-of-the-art boarding bridges perfectly fits in with Brussels Airport's strategy of offering greater comfort to our customers, passengers and airlines, and increasing operational efficiency", explains Arnaud Feist, CEO of Brussels Airport.

Two thirds of the new aerobridges will be dual boarding bridges, which will speed up the boarding and deboarding process while offering greater comfort to passengers and enhanced operational efficiency for airlines. A triple boarding bridge will be installed at gates 31 and 33 of Pier B, which will enable Brussels Airport to meet future demands from the airlines to operate with A380s. In the meantime, it

can be used as a double boarding bridge to accommodate large aircraft such as the Airbus A330 and A350 and the Boeing 777 and 787. Work on the installation of this triple boarding bridge will begin this week, heralding the launch of the first phase in the renovation programme.

The replacement of the 22 other boarding bridges will commence at the end of 2018. To maintain full operational capacity, the work will be rolled out in phases. The project will be completed around 2022.

Study reveals: BRUSSELS among the best cities in the world to spend a weekend

Best Cities to Spend a Weekend

Study uses data to identify the top 100 destinations for a weekend getaway and reveals the best choices for millennials, families and baby boomers



- *London, United Kingdom ranks as the best city to spend the weekend overall, coming out top for concerts, theatre and cinema, and ranking highly for museums, accommodation options and LGBT friendliness.*
- *Berlin, Germany ranks as the top recommended destination for millennials, Vienna, Austria for families and Zurich, Switzerland for baby boomers.*
- *Brussels, Belgium ranks number 33 in the top 100.*

Berlin, Germany, 11/10/2017 – Online weekend getaway portal and app, weekenGO have released a study revealing the top 100 best cities to spend the weekend, with London, UK taking the top spot. The results give an overall score for each city, but also indicate which destinations are best for three different types of travellers; millennials, families and baby boomers. As a company who lives and breathes weekend travel breaks, weekenGO undertook the study to define what exactly makes a city great for a short visit, and to help travellers of different age groups and dynamics to choose a destination which best caters to their interests.

To determine the categories for the study, weekenGO first considered what factors affect a weekend trip. Several

criteria are important to travellers no matter their age or affluence, for example how easy a city is to navigate, the ease of finding accommodation and the number of green spaces. To highlight which cities are best for millennials, families and baby boomers, the number of social locations such as restaurants, bars and clubs were included, as well as cultural activities such as museums, art galleries and theatres. In addition, safety and tolerance were factored into the research, looking specifically at data on women's rights and safety, LGBT friendliness and the perception of security. The study began with the top 1,000 cities determined by the number of visitors based on the UN-WTO. The researchers then analysed all of these factors to create a ranking of the top 100 best cities to visit for the weekend.

To create the individual scores for millennials, families and baby boomers, weekenGO looked at traveller's interests on a macro level to determine the best overall representative score. Each category is scored, with a high score indicating high desirability for this factor and a low score indicating a low level of attractiveness for tourists.

"Given the fact that we looked at over 1,000 cities worldwide, every destination that made it to this top 100 ranking ought to be on your weekend getaway bucket list." commented Tobias Boese, co-founder and managing director of weekenGO. "Cities at the top of the ranking such as London, Paris and New York are iconic for a reason, but those cities at the bottom of the ranking such as Casablanca and Belgrade still have a great deal to offer for an unforgettable weekend trip."



The table below shows a breakdown of the results for Brussels, Belgium. Rankings for each category are out of 100, with 1 being the best possible rank. Scores are out of 100, and the higher the score, the better:

Brussels, Belgium ranks 33							
City Factors							
Mobility (Ranking/Score)		Walkability		Green Spaces		Accommodation	
67	84.62	45	90.62	60	82.50	33	87.86
Social							
Dining		Bars		Clubs		Music Venues	
38	88.79	32	90.61	36	89.39	18	94.74
Activities							
Concerts		Cultural Events		Museums and Galleries		Theatre and Cinemas	
35	89.70	4	99.09	69	78.79	69	79.39
Safety and Tolerance							
Women’s Rights and Safety		LGBT-Friendly Score		Security			
70	79.82	49	85.46	71	78.49		
Best For…							

Millennials Score		Families Score		Baby Boomers Score		Total Score
40	86.73	48	85.22	29	87.42	86.66

N.B.The full results and methodology can be found here: https://www.weekengo.com/en-EN/study/100-top-destinations-to-spend-a-weekend.html

The table below shows the top 10 best cities to spend the weekend, with a sample of the criteria used to determine the total score. For the methodology, please see the bottom of this press release or the full results page:

#	City	Country	Walkability	Dining	Museums and Galleries	LGBT-Friendly Score	Total Score
1	London	United Kingdom	88.30	98.49	99.70	98.49	94.15
2	Berlin	Germany	91.09	89.39	99.09	99.40	93.98
3	Vienna	Austria	87.08	91.52	98.18	95.76	93.15
4	Hamburg	Germany	93.39	90.91	90.30	86.97	92.68
5	Paris	France	88.22	99.09	97.58	96.97	92.66
6	Amsterdam	Netherlands	90.40	79.70	95.76	99.70	92.61
7	New York City	USA	85.35	99.39	97.88	97.58	92.08
8	Munich	Germany	90.13	89.09	90.30	93.64	92.07
9	Barcelona	Spain	91.00	93.70	95.50	99.09	92.07
10	Madrid	Spain	86.78	93.40	93.33	100.00	91.60

The table below shows the top 10 cities for millennials, including a sample of the criteria included to determine the final ranking for this age group:

#	City	Country	Bars	Clubs	Concerts	Women's Rights and Safety	LGBT-Friendly Score	Millennials Total Score
1	Berlin	Germany	96.97	97.88	98.18	90.55	99.40	93.34
2	London	United Kingdom	98.79	98.49	100.00	87.70	98.49	93.28
3	Amsterdam	Netherlands	95.15	91.21	97.27	94.24	99.70	92.54
4	Vienna	Austria	92.73	95.46	95.15	86.67	95.76	91.81
5	Paris	France	97.88	96.97	98.49	82.55	96.97	91.74
6	Toronto	Canada	89.70	93.03	96.67	92.61	99.39	91.66
7	Zurich	Switzerland	84.55	90.61	94.55	96.73	80.30	91.02
8	Dublin	Ireland	93.33	89.70	93.64	88.42	93.33	90.84
9	Munich	Germany	89.09	95.46	96.36	90.91	93.64	90.79
10	Edinburgh	United Kingdom	88.49	82.42	92.12	90.61	92.73	90.78

The table below shows the top 10 cities for families, including a sample of the criteria included to determine the final ranking for this age group:

#	City	Country	Green Spaces	Cultural Events	Museums and Galleries	Security	Families Total Score
1	Vienna	Austria	92.81	98.18	98.18	96.97	94.46
2	Amsterdam	Netherlands	85.60	98.49	95.76	92.73	91.98
3	Prague	Czech Republic	85.00	99.39	92.12	88.18	91.71
4	Tokyo	Japan	74.69	94.24	98.79	98.49	91.68
5	Zurich	Switzerland	97.50	93.03	81.52	100.00	91.41
6	Hamburg	Germany	83.44	99.70	90.30	98.79	91.31
7	Berlin	Germany	86.50	97.88	99.09	84.24	91.21

8	Edinburgh	United Kingdom	99.69	94.55	80.00	94.24	91.20
9	London	United Kingdom	85.00	98.79	99.70	77.27	90.59
10	Munich	Germany	83.44	95.20	90.30	95.46	90.41

The table below shows the top 10 cities for baby boomers, including a sample of the criteria included to determine the final ranking for this age group:

#	City	Country	Mobility	Dining	Cultural Events	Security	Baby Boomers Total Score
1	Zurich	Switzerland	88.04	85.15	93.03	100.00	92.95
2	Vienna	Austria	90.43	91.52	98.18	96.97	92.45
3	Hamburg	Germany	86.14	90.91	99.70	98.79	91.70
4	Edinburgh	United Kingdom	88.99	78.79	94.55	94.24	91.18
5	Prague	Czech Republic	91.96	86.97	99.39	88.18	91.07
6	Singapore	Singapore	96.13	95.15	89.70	96.06	90.88
7	Vancouver	Canada	91.29	89.70	100.00	86.06	90.53
8	Tokyo	Japan	89.30	100.00	94.24	98.49	90.43
9	Munich	Germany	86.84	89.09	95.20	95.46	90.20
10	London	United Kingdom	86.05	98.49	98.79	77.27	90.09

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Further Findings:

- Graz, Austria ranks as the most walkable city.
- Stuttgart, Germany ranks number 1 for most green spaces.
- Rome, Italy ranks best for most accommodation options.
- Tokyo, Japan ranks as the best city for best dining, and is also part of the Family and Baby Boomer top 10 ranking.
- Rio de Janeiro, Brazil ranks as the best for bars.
- Shanghai, China ranks number 1 for the best club options.
- Paris, France has the most music venues.
- London, UK has the highest rank for concerts, theatres and cinemas.
- Vancouver, Canada ranks number 1 for the most cultural events.
- Los Angeles, USA ranks highest for the most museums and galleries.
- Oslo, Norway ranks as the safest place for women.
- Madrid, Spain ranks as the most LGBT friendly.
- Zurich, Switzerland ranks number 1 for security and is included in the top 10 ranking for all age ranges.

Cobalt launches new route to Moscow



Cobalt Air, the Cypriot airline, today (12 Oct) announced a new route from Paphos Airport to Moscow Sheremetyevo Airport as part of its Winter 2017 schedule.

Flights to Moscow begin on 29 October each Thursday and Sunday.

Cobalt Air continues to connect Cyprus via Larnaca and Paphos airports to major business and leisure centres on high frequency, value fare services including Athens (daily), London (daily via Stansted & Gatwick) as well as Frankfurt making Cobalt Air the ideal choice for business and leisure customers.

In Larnaca, Cobalt Air CEO, Andrew Madar said: *“We are pleased to expand our routes for Winter 2017 by launching Paphos Airport to Moscow Sheremetyevo Airport. “This route will goes on sale today on the www.cobalt.aero website as we continue to grow our international route network. “Russian visitors and residents alike can look forward to trying the Cobalt Air experience and a range of destination choices so there’s never been a better time to book a flight on Cobalt Air. Customers should Book Early to Save Big on www.cobalt.aero.”*

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Schedule Departure from Paphos – 09:10

Arrival at Moscow SVO – 14:25

Departure from Moscow SVO – 15:25

Arrival at Paphos – 18:30

Aeromexico and Japan Airlines Announce Codeshare Agreement

Aeromexico and Japan Airlines (JAL) agreed to launch a codeshare partnership in Japan's fiscal year 2018, that combines the synergies of both airlines. This alliance will provide a wider connectivity between Mexico and Japan, and through the latter points beyond. This mutual codeshare subject to necessary approvals from authorities, will help to pursue significant cooperation in the near future, allowing to leverage each other's network, expertise and assets in benefit of their consumers.

As consequence of the rapid growth of Japanese manufactures in Mexico as well as tourism traffic between them, air travel from both countries has grown over the recent years. Hence, Aeromexico started its Mexico City – Narita service in 2006 with two weekly services via Tijuana, being the only Latin American carrier with direct flights to Asia, and due to the increased demand, since March 2017 Aeromexico offers daily service on this route.

Japan Airlines currently serves 8 Mexican cities through a codeshare via Los Angeles and Dallas Fort Worth, and will

increase by offering twenty destinations with its partnership with Aeromexico between Narita and Mexico City, as well as routes connecting Los Angeles with other Mexican cities through their domestic network. In addition to this codeshare, both airlines will jointly explore the opportunities to improve their customer experience, such as mutual lounge access and mileage accrual and redemption.

JAL and Aeromexico codeshare agreement will strengthen both airline's vision, in order to provide new air bridges striving to deliver a better connectivity and variety of options to passengers, while also helping to increase tourism and commercial ties between both nations.

About Japan Airlines:

Japan Airlines (JAL) was founded in 1951 and became the first international airline in Japan. A member of the **one**world® alliance, the airline now reaches more than 344 airports in 56 countries and regions together with its codeshare partners with a modern fleet of more than 227 aircraft. JAL Mileage Bank (JMB), the airline's loyalty program, has reached over 31 million members worldwide. Awarded one of the most punctual major international airlines, JAL is committed to providing customers with the highest levels of flight safety and supreme quality in every aspect of its service, and aims to become the most preferred airline in the world.

About Aeromexico:

Grupo Aeromexico, S.A.B. de C.V. is a holding company whose subsidiaries are engaged in commercial aviation in Mexico and the promotion of passenger loyalty programs. Aeromexico, Mexico´s global airline, operates more than 600 daily flights and its main hub is in Terminal 2 at the Mexico City International Airport. Its destinations network features more than 80 cities on three continents, including 45 destinations in Mexico, 23 in the United States, 15 in Latin America, 4 in

Canada, 4 in Europe, and 3 in Asia.

The Group's operating fleet of more than 125 aircraft is comprised of Boeing 787, 777 and 737 jet airliners and next generation Embraer 170 and 190 models. In 2012, the airline announced the most significant investment strategy in aviation history in Mexico, to purchase 100 Boeing aircraft including 90 MAX B737 jet airliners and 10 B787-9 Dreamliner's.

As a founding member of the SkyTeam airline alliance, Aeromexico offers customers more than 1,000 destinations in 177 countries served by the 20 SkyTeam airline partners rewarding passengers with benefits including access to 672 premium airport lounges around the world. Aeromexico also offers travel on its codeshare partner flights with Delta Air Lines, Avianca, Copa Airlines and WestJet, with extensive connectivity in countries like the United States, Brazil, Canada, Colombia and Peru. www.aeromexico.com www.skyteam.com

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LOT to introduce direct flights on Warsaw-Oslo route



Warsaw, 11 October 2017 – The LOT Polish Airlines' aircraft will operate from Warsaw Chopin Airport to Oslo Gardermoen starting on 25 March 2018. Tickets are already available on

sale.

LOT will offer 13 flights per week on Warsaw-Oslo route to be operated twice a day: in the morning and in the evening on a daily basis (except Saturday). On Saturday LOT will operate only the morning flight.

WAW-OSL, 08:00-10:00, every day

OSL-WAW, 10:40-12:40, every day

WAW-OSL, 16:50-18:50 every day except Saturdays

OSL-WAW, 19:40-21:40 every day except Saturdays

The flights on Warsaw-Oslo route will be operated using Embraer 195 with a seat capacity of 112 passengers in three travel classes: business, economy premium and economy. The flight will last for two hours. The connection is addressed to businness passengers and travellers. It is well integrated with LOT's network of connections, allowing short transfers on flights to many destinations worldwide.

"Thanks to flights recently offered by LOT, passengers from Warsaw, Polish regional airports and a number of airports in Central and Eastern Europe will be able to fly into Oslo in the morning and return in the evening, which is very important for passengers travelling for businness," says Adrian Kubicki, Director of Corporate Communications. "Whereas passengers travelling from Oslo will be able to benefit from numerous convenient connecting flights from Warsaw to 72 destinations around the world as part of LOT's network. For passengers from Oslo the Warsaw Chopin Airport will become a gateway to Central and Eastern Europe and the Balkans and will allow convenient connections to the Far East," he adds.

Oslo is the 19th destination launched by LOT this year. The development of the network of connections is one of key elements of LOT's profitable growth strategy in force since

2016. Thanks to that strategy, LOT have succeeded in improving their financial performance, developing the fleet and network and expanding the range of services. 2017 is the second consecutive year of LOT’s dynamic growth. Last year Polish flag carrier launched the highest number of routes among all airlines in Europe.

Tickets for flights on Warsaw-Oslo route are available for sale via all LOT sales channels, including the lot.com website, LOT Travel Agency and LOT Contact Center, as well as travel agents.

Starting this Sunday, 8th of October 2017 in Catania, Sicily, Italy, the annual MCE South Europe is only one step away!



MCE South Europe is free from event visitors and putting all its attention on building relations between carefully selected event buyers and MICE suppliers. With thrilling event program elements as keynote sessions, networking dinners, coffee breaks, luncheons and of course the famous prescheduled and match made B2B meetings on-site, participants will be able to create strong business bonds and enjoy their time together within an intensive yet time

effective 2,5 days forum.

"I was very excited about the choice of Sicily and Catania for the third annual MCE South Europe. And of course for our hotel for this important international event. I'm sure that the warmth of this land, rich in history, traditions and passion, will contribute to making the Sicilian edition of this unique forum even more unique." Mrs. Ornella Laneri, President & CEO of the Four Points by Sheraton Catania Hotel & Conference Center, stated.

Besides the business synergy the B2B meetings bring, the two amazing dinners are organized to assure all participants spend maximum time together, gain experiences together and strengthen their professional ties.

Mrs. Patrizia Costa, the Senior Sales Manager of Villa Diodoro, hosting the Sunday evening opening dinner is quoting: *"Taking part to MCE South Europe as Event partner is for us a great opportunity. We have been really honoured and proud to be chosen to host the first dinner. It is a great chance to find new business partners and showcasing the potential of our properties first hand and in the most effective way!"*



Whilst the Sales Manager from Villa Fago, Mrs. Stefania Gugliotta, who will host the Monday evening event program at her outstanding property, mentioned:*"It will be a great honour for us to welcome Europe Congress and all the participants of MCE South Europe as our guests and we will do our best to make the evening unforgettable!"*

The entertainment program for both evenings is offered by one of Italy's best: Azimut Event Agency. Azimuts Creative Director, Mr. Dario Cherubino

explains: *''We are very proud to contribute to MCE South Europe 2017 in Sicily, as this is one of our favorite destinations all over Italy, and one of the most iconic ones. Providing entertainment during both dinners, we hope to help guests deep dive into Italian culture, story and style."*

The Europe Congress team is very much looking forward to welcoming its participants this October in Catania, Sicily and allowing each to discover yet another key destination in South Europe through its MICE B2B forum.

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airBaltic Celebrates 22 Years in the Air

Riga. The Latvian airline *airBaltic* in October, 2017 celebrates its 22nd 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.

Wizz Air annonce la plus grande campagne de recrutement depuis sa création



#IamWIZZcrew

Wizz Air, la plus grande compagnie aérienne low-cost d'Europe centrale et orientale, annonce aujourd'hui la plus grande campagne de recrutement dans son histoire, offrant des emplois dans son vaste réseau. Après 13 ans de consolidation de sa position de leader au marché de l'aviation des PECO, WIZZ créera environ 1.300 nouveaux emplois directs au cours de l'année à venir. Vers la fin de 2018 l'équipe WIZZ comptera plus que 4.500 collègues grâce aux 21 Airbus A320 et A321 tout neufs s'ajoutant à son parc aérien vers la fin de 2018, ainsi renforçant encore plus sa capacité après l'acquisition en 2017 de 11 avions neufs. L'essor et les possibilités de carrière au sein de la compagnie ne s'arrêtent pas là. WIZZ entend doubler sa flotte à plus de 160 avions vers la fin de 2024.

D'ici fin 2018 400 sessions de recrutement, tant pour les pilotes que pour le personnel navigant de cabine, seront organisées dans plus de 25 pays en Europe et au-delà. Lors de ces sessions WIZZ tentera d'attirer des personnes ambitieuses, enthousiastes et passionnées d'aviation afin de renforcer l'équipe professionnelle WIZZ.

Dans le cadre de la campagne *#IamWIZZcrew* WIZZ facilite aux intéressés de carrière auprès de WIZZ l'accès à l'info en laissant ses propres employés partager leur expérience au sein de la compagnie, leur carrière en aviation et des conseils

concernant le recrutement d'équipages. Les intéressés trouvent un tas d'images, messages et tags sur les différents médias sociaux créés par de nombreux membres d'équipage enthousiastes témoignant de leur dévouement à la compagnie et de leur passion pour l'aviation.

Wizz Air prévoit des rémunérations attractives et avantages sociaux ainsi que des horaires de travail garantis pour ses pilotes. Les copilotes et commandants de bord peuvent faire la navette sur une des 550 routes du réseau WIZZ ou s'installer dans une de nos 28 bases opérationnelles des 15 pays européens (prochaines sessions de recrutement pour pilotes et info: https://wizzair.com/en-gb/information-and-services/career/pilots#/).

Les candidats retenus recevront une formation exceptionnelle, des uniformes gratuits et la possibilité de travailler dans leur ville pour une des compagnies aériennes d'Europe la plus prospère et bien évidemment de profiter de voyage à travers l'Europe et au-delà sur notre réseau WIZZ. (prochaines sessions de recrutement pour l'équipage et info : *https://wizzair.com/en-gb/information-and-services/career/cabin-crew-flight-attendant/#/*)

József Ujhelyi, Chief Flight Operations Officer chez Wizz Air:*« Wizz Air est une des plus prospères compagnies aériennes d'Europe. Elle continue à atteindre un taux de croissance à deux chiffres se positionnant ainsi comme leader du marché. Nous envisageons au moins un doublement de notre flotte d'ici 2024 entraînant les opportunités pour nos employés actuels et futurs de faire carrière au sein de la principale compagnie aérienne low-cost d'Europe centrale et orientale. Wizz Air est fière de pouvoir compter sur des collègues d'équipage fantastiques offrant un service impeccable aux passagers. Wizz Air garantit une formation exceptionnelle, des opportunités professionnelles formidables, de bons horaires de travail ainsi que des expériences mémorables dans un environnement de travail excellent et la mise à disposition d'uniformes*

élégants. Nos employés sont un élément clé de la réussite de WIZZ. C'est pourquoi nous les encourageons à partager leur expérience et de faire découvrir la compagnie à tous ceux intéressés de joindre l'équipe WIZZ en lançant la campagne unique #IamWIZZcrew. Nous cherchons à agrandir notre équipe vu que la croissance de notre compagnie a créé plus que 1.300 nouveaux emplois. Nous encourageons tous les passionnés, visant à faire carrière dans l'aviation, de participer à une des 400 sessions de recrutement organisées d'ici la fin de 2018. »

À PROPOS DE WIZZ AIR

Wizz Air, la plus grande compagnie aérienne à bas prix d'Europe centrale et orientale, offre plus que 550 routes depuis 28 bases aériennes. Elle relie 142 destinations dans 43 pays. La flotte compte 85 Airbus du type A320 et A321. Wizz Air embauche près de 3300 professionnels. Entre le 1er avril 2016 et le 31 mars 2017, Wizz Air a transporté 23,8 millions de passagers.

WIZZ offre actuellement des vols vers 9 destinations depuis **Brussels South Charleroi Airport**, à savoir : Bucarest, Budapest, Cluj-Napoca, Gdansk, Ljubljana, Skopje, Sofia, Timisoara et Varsovie.

Wizz Air est une société cotée à la Bourse de Londres sous le symbole WIZZ et fait partie des index FTSE 250 et FTSE All-Share. Wizz Air a remporté avec succès le IATA (International Air Transport Association) Operational Safety Audit (IOSA), un standard international en matière de sécurité aérienne. Wizz Air a été nommée 'Value Airline de 2016' par Air Transport World (ATW), l'une des principales revues aéronautiques internationales, et 'compagnie aérienne à bas prix de l'année 2016' par le Centre d'Aviation (CAPA), le principal fournisseur indépendant d'informations sur le marché

aéronautique.