

## Media Release



### ETIHAD AIRWAYS' FIRST MEDINA FLIGHT TAKES OFF

Etihad Airways, the national airline of the United Arab Emirates, has launched daily flights between Abu Dhabi and Al Medina, a key religious and cultural hub in the western province of Saudi Arabia.

A senior Etihad Airways delegation visited Al Medina to celebrate the new service to the airline's fourth destination in the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia and one which attracts religious Hajj and Umrah travellers visiting the home of Prophet Mohammed's Mosque and burial site.

They were received by Saudi officials at Prince Mohammad bin Abdulaziz International Airport. The delegation then hosted a dinner in the city attended by government, airport officials and other dignitaries.

James Hogan, President and Chief Executive Officer Etihad Airways, said: "Medina Al Munawarra is an important strategic destination for us, and we are delighted to commence our operations to the second holiest city in Islam.

"Saudi Arabia has always been a key market for Etihad Airways and this new route links Medina through our Abu Dhabi home base with excellent connections to Europe, Asia, the Americas and the rest of our growing network."

Flights between Abu Dhabi and Medina are operated by an A320 aircraft configured with 16 Pearl Business Class and 120 Coral Economy Class seats, offering a total 1,904 seats per week.

The new service to Al Medina will be Etihad Airways' ninth destination in the Arabian Peninsula, joining Dammam, Jeddah, Riyadh, Kuwait, Bahrain, Doha, Muscat, and Sana'a.

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## Medina Schedule:

Flight	Departs	Departure Time	Arrives	Arrival Time	Frequency
EY345	Abu Dhabi (AUH)	00:50	Medina (MED)	02:55	Mondays, Wednesdays, Fridays Sundays
EY346	Medina (MED)	03:55	Abu Dhabi (AUH)	07:20	Mondays, Wednesdays, Fridays Sundays
EY341	Abu Dhabi (AUH)	13:25	Medina (MED)	15:30	Tuesday, Thursday, Saturday
EY340	Medina (MED)	16:30	Abu Dhabi (AUH)	19:55	Tuesday, Thursday, Saturday

Note: All are local time.

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## About Etihad Airways

Etihad Airways, the national airline of the United Arab Emirates, began operations in 2003, and in 2013 carried nearly 12 million passengers. From its hub at Abu Dhabi International Airport, Etihad Airways offers flights to 102 passenger and cargo destinations in the Middle East, Africa, Europe, Asia, Australia and the Americas, with a fleet of 89 Airbus and Boeing aircraft. The airline has more than 220 aircraft on firm order, including 71 Boeing 787 Dreamliners, 25 Boeing 777-X, 62 Airbus A350s, and 10 Airbus A380s, the world's largest passenger aircraft. Etihad Airways also holds equity investments in airberlin, Air Seychelles, Virgin Australia, Aer Lingus and Jet Airways. Subject to regulatory approvals, Etihad Airways will acquire 49 per cent of Air Serbia and 33.3 per cent of Darwin Airline in Q1 2014. For more information, please visit:

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