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### **ETIHAD AIRWAYS EXPANDS INDIA – UAE SERVICES WITH STRATEGIC PARTNER JET AIRWAYS**

***28 additional flights a week between Abu Dhabi and India***

***3 new destinations boost Etihad Airways /Jet Airways' Indian network to 18  
cities***

Abu Dhabi, UNITED ARAB EMIRATES – Etihad Airways today announced the expansion of scheduled services between Abu Dhabi and India as strategic partner Jet Airways unveiled new routes and additional frequencies to further strengthen their partnership in one of the world's fastest growing aviation markets.

From early 2017, the two airlines will expand their services between the United Arab Emirates and India by adding 28 weekly flights <sup>[1]</sup> and three further Indian cities. These will enhance connections between India and the rest of the world through Etihad Airways' convenient Abu Dhabi hub, and complement Jet Airways' non-stop services to other cities.

Etihad Airways currently operates 175 weekly flights between Abu Dhabi and 11 Indian cities. Together, Etihad Airways and Jet Airways offer 252 weekly flights between Abu Dhabi and 15 cities across India. With the newly-announced flights, the airlines' cooperative services will cover 18 Indian cities with 280 flights each week.

Etihad Airways will launch a fourth daily flight between Abu Dhabi and Kozhikode on 26 March 2017, capitalising on the strong traffic flows between the state of Kerala and the UAE, and beyond. The additional capacity will allow the partnership to better serve the important southern India market.

Etihad Airways will also double its frequency between Abu Dhabi and Ahmedabad in the western state of Gujarat, from 1 February 2017 with the launch of a new daily service.

<sup>[1]</sup> subject to government approval

## Media release



Earlier today, Jet Airways announced a number of changes to its operations between India and Abu Dhabi, the capital of the United Arab Emirates.

These include the launch of daily flights between Tiruchirappalli (Trichy), in the state of Tamil Nadu, and Abu Dhabi on 1 February 2017, offering travellers another option from southern India.

Jet Airways will also introduce daily services from Kannur, the fourth Kerala gateway to Abu Dhabi. It also plans daily services from the northern Indian city of Chandigarh to Abu Dhabi, which will benefit travellers to and from the state of Punjab. The two routes are due to begin in the second half of 2017, subject to the completion of operational readiness at these airports.

From 15 January 2017, Jet Airways will introduce a second daily service between New Delhi and Abu Dhabi. With Etihad Airways already operating three flights a day between the two capital cities, the enhanced operation will give guests a wider choice of departure times.

In 2015, Etihad Airways and Jet Airways together carried a record 3.3 million passengers between Abu Dhabi and India – a 63 per cent increase over the 2 million passengers flown in 2014. The combined operation enjoys the biggest share of passenger traffic to and from India, one of the world's biggest economies.

Etihad Airways contributed 717,966 guests to Jet Airways' flights for the 12 months to August 2016, a 57 per cent increase on the same period last year. And Jet Airways contributed 396,288 guests to Etihad Airways' flights over the same period, a 33 per cent increase on the corresponding period last year.

James Hogan, Etihad Aviation Group President and Chief Executive Officer, said: "Today's announcement reflects how we have been working together to enhance our services to give the travelling public more and better choices by using each other's networks."

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“Our partnership with Jet Airways has gone from strength to strength. Sharing resources and reaching decisions together are key to our success. Jet Airways is Etihad Airways’ leading equity partner in terms of revenue and passenger contribution, and this expansion is indicative of the years of friendship, strong bilateral relationship, and economic, trade and cultural ties enjoyed between India and the UAE.”

Since launching flights from Abu Dhabi to India in September 2004 with services to Mumbai, Etihad Airways rapidly increased its presence across India by introducing 10 cities and increasing frequency on many routes, including thrice-daily flights on six routes, and deploying its flagship Airbus A380 to Mumbai in May 2016.

The airline’s current Indian destinations from Abu Dhabi are: Ahmedabad, Bengaluru, Chennai, New Delhi, Hyderabad, Jaipur, Kochi, Kolkata, Kozhikode, Mumbai and Thiruvananthapuram. Jet Airways offers the additional Indian cities of Pune, Lucknow, Goa and Mangalore, as well as numerous domestic connections.

Etihad Airways’ hub at Abu Dhabi International Airport serves as a convenient air bridge between India and rest of the world, offering consumers ease of transfer and more travel options through multiple frequencies from across India to Abu Dhabi and beyond to destinations in Europe, Middle East, Africa, North and South America. In India, the strength of Jet Airways’ domestic network, offers a wide choice of connections across the country.

The cargo market to and from India will also be enhanced through the additional capacity, supporting the 14 weekly freighters operated by Etihad Airways Cargo to five cities across the country – New Delhi, Mumbai, Ahmedabad, Bengaluru and Chennai.

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### **About Etihad Aviation Group**

Etihad Aviation Group (EAG) is a diversified global aviation and travel group comprising four business divisions – Etihad Airways, the national airline of the United Arab Emirates, Etihad Airways Engineering, Hala Group and Airline Equity Partners. The group has minority investments in seven airlines: airberlin, Air Serbia, Air Seychelles, Alitalia, Jet Airways, Virgin Australia, and Swiss-based Darwin Airline, trading as Etihad Regional.

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From its Abu Dhabi base, Etihad Airways flies to, or has announced plans to serve, 117 passenger and cargo destinations in the Middle East, Africa, Europe, Asia, Australia and the Americas. The airline has a fleet of 123 Airbus and Boeing aircraft, with 204 aircraft on firm order, including 71 Boeing 787s, 25 Boeing 777Xs, 62 Airbus A350s and 10 Airbus A380s. For more information, please visit: [etihad.com](http://etihad.com)

### About Jet Airways

Jet Airways is India's premier international airline which operates flights to 67 destinations, including India and overseas. Jet Airways' robust domestic India network spans the length and breadth of the country covering metro cities, state capitals and emerging destinations. Beyond India, Jet Airways operates flights to key international destinations in South East Asia, South Asia, Middle East, Europe and North America. The Jet Airways Group currently operates a fleet of 117 aircraft, comprising Boeing 777-300 ERs, Airbus A330-200/300, Next Generation Boeing 737s and ATR 72-500/600s. With an average age of 7.33 years, this is one of the youngest fleets in the region.

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