**flydubai enters new wet lease agreement with Smartwings**

* The Dubai-based airline signs an agreement to lease four Next-Generation Boeing 737-800 aircraft between 17 November 2022 and 16 January 2023
* This agreement will enable more passengers to travel across the flydubai network during the busy winter period

**Dubai, United Arab Emirates, 14 October 2022**: flydubai, the Dubai-based airline, announced today its agreement with Smartwings, the Czech Republic-based airline, to wet lease four Next-Generation Boeing 737-800 aircraft between 17 November 2022 and 16 January 2023.

The Aircraft, Crew, Maintenance and Insurance (ACMI) agreement with Smartwings will see four-leased aircraft support flydubai’s fleet of 68 Boeing 737 aircraft, enabling the carrier to add more capacity for its passengers and cater to demand for travel during the busy winter season.

Commenting on the agreement, Ghaith Al Ghaith, Chief Executive Officer at flydubai, said: “We are pleased to confirm this new wet lease agreement with Smartwings, an IOSA (IATA Operational Safety Audit) certified company, well-experienced in ACMI agreements. Having previously worked with Smartwings, we are confident that the leasing of four additional aircraft will provide our passengers with more convenient and reliable options for travel during the winter season.”

flydubai currently operates a single-fleet type of Boeing 737 aircraft that includes 32 Next-Generation Boeing 737-800, 33 Boeing 737 MAX 8 and three Boeing 737 MAX 9.

“We are very appreciative to have won the trust of flydubai once again and succeeded in tough competition from other airlines. This agreement stands as testimony to the successful business cooperation of our companies, which we value greatly," says Roman Vik, Board member and CEO, Smartwings.

The all-Economy Class aircraft will operate on select routes on the flydubai network including Chattogram, Colombo, Dhaka, Karachi, Multan, Muscat and Sialkot.

flydubai passengers who are booked to travel on a flight operated by Smartwings will be notified prior to their travel date. For further information, passengers can visit flydubai.com.

**About flydubai**

From its home in Dubai, flydubai has created a network of more than 100 destinations served by a fleet of 68 aircraft. Since commencing operations in June 2009, flydubai has been committed to removing barriers to travel, creating free flows of trade and tourism and enhancing connectivity between different cultures across its ever-expanding network.

flydubai has marked its journey with a number of milestones:

**An expanding network:**Created a network of more than 100 destinations in 50 countries across Africa, Central Asia, the Caucasus, Central and South-East Europe, the GCC and the Middle East, and the Indian Subcontinent.
**Serving underserved markets:** Opened more than 70 new routes that did not previously have direct air links to Dubai or were not served by a UAE national carrier from Dubai.
**An efficient single fleet-type:**Operates a single fleet-type of 68 Boeing 737 aircraft and includes: 32 Next-Generation Boeing 737-800, 33 Boeing 737 MAX 8 and 3 Boeing 737 MAX 9 aircraft.
**Enhancing connectivity:** Carried more than 80 million passengers since it began operations in 2009.

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**About Smartwings**

Smartwings has been on the airline market for 25 years. Smartwings is the largest Czech airline belonging to Smartwings Group. Smartwings operates scheduled flights, charter flights, private flights of business jet. Besides scheduled and charter flights, Smartwings also provides a wide range of special flights for renowned international companies, major humanitarian, and sports organizations worldwide. Smartwings Group aircraft fly to more than 400 airports on 4 continents. Smartwings has repeatedly passed the IATA Operational Safety Audit (IOSA). Smartwings Group operates a fleet of 42 airplanes.