AIRBALTIC TO LAUNCH RIGA – ABU DHABI SERVICE

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The Latvian airline *airBaltic* in cooperation with Etihad Airways, the national airline of the United Arab Emirates (UAE), will launch a direct service between Riga and Abu Dhabi on October 29, 2017.

***airBaltic* will operate the Riga – Abu Dhabi route 4 times weekly with a long-range Bombardier CS300 aircraft. Etihad Airways will be its codeshare partner on the route.**

Martin Gauss, Chief Executive Officer of *airBaltic*: "We are delighted to link Latvia and the UAE with our brand-new Bombardier CS300 that fly longer distances and reach airports that we were not able to serve with our fleet before. Our codeshare cooperation with Etihad Airways will offer convenient connections to passengers travelling from the Baltic airports to the UAE capital Abu Dhabi and further to key destinations in Australia, Asia, Africa and the Middle East, as well as provide new travelling opportunities from Abu Dhabi to European and Scandinavian airports.

Abu Dhabi is a strategic aviation hub in the Middle East and its landmark tourist attractions such

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as Formula 1 and Ferrari World will attract many travelers from the Baltics and Scandinavia."

Peter Baumgartner, *Etihad Airways* Chief Executive Officer, said: "Through this new agreement with *airBaltic*, we are offering guests greater travel options to and from Latvia and the surrounding region. This reflects Etihad Airways' ongoing commitment to provide the travelling public with more choice and an expanded network in collaboration with our partners around the world."

**Lowest fare, including taxes, fees and service charges, on www.airBaltic.com, subject to availability*

Route	Flight frequency	Start date	Price*, Basic	Price*, Premium	Price*, Business
Riga – Abu Dhabi	4 flights weekly	October 29, 2017	129 EUR	249 EUR	799 EUR

Passengers will board a *Bombardier CS300* aircraft for a flight that will last 6 hours and 15 minutes. One-way ticket prices will start at 129 EUR, including airport fees and transaction costs. A full schedule of *airBaltic* flights can be found on the company's homepage at www.airbaltic.com .

airBaltic serves over 60 destinations from its home base in Riga, Latvia. From every one of these locations, *airBaltic* offers convenient connections via Riga to its network spanning Europe, Scandinavia, CIS and the Middle East. In addition, *airBaltic* also offers direct flights from Tallinn and Vilnius.

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