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### **Kenya Airways & airBaltic Sign Interline Agreement, boosting connectivity between Africa and the Baltic countries.**

**Nairobi, 21 September 2023** - National Carrier, Kenya Airways (KQ) and airBaltic (BT) has announced an interline agreement that will boost connectivity and give customers more travel options between Africa and the Baltic countries. airBaltic, the flag carrier of Latvia, has experienced tremendous growth in the Baltics as well as internationally and currently connects the Baltic region to more than 70 destinations in Europe, the Middle East, North Africa, and the Caucasus.

Under the interline agreement, Kenya Airways will extend its reach in Europe via Amsterdam, Paris, and Dubai. The agreement further enables airBaltic passengers to book a through ticket to Nairobi and enjoy seamless connections to Kenya Airways destinations across Africa including Uganda, Tanzania, Seychelles, Mauritius, South Africa among many other regional points across Africa.

Kenya Airways, Chief Commercial and Customer Officer Julius Thairu said, “This partnership gives us an opportunity to explore and extend our reach in Europe, further diversifying our routes as we work towards serving our customers better. Our aim is to provide connectivity for Kenya Airways customers and provide them with more travel choices across Europe”.

Estonia, Latvia, and Lithuania are often mentioned as The Baltic countries but the three are independent countries with a total population of approximately 6 million. All three countries are members of the European Union and are classified as high-income economies by the World Bank and maintain a very high Human Development Index.

Speaking on the announcement, Thomas Ramdahl, SVP Network Management at airBaltic, said: “In order to give our customers additional flexibility and travel options, we are glad to team up with Kenya Airways. By working together, we can give our customers seamless connectivity and more options when booking their travel between Africa and the Baltics.”

Kenya Airways and airBaltic believe that this partnership will redefine the travel experience, bringing new opportunities and convenience to passengers while strengthening ties between Kenya and Latvia.

Flights are open for booking at KQ's website, [www.kenya-airways.com](http://www.kenya-airways.com), travel agents and Online Travel Agents (OTAs).

### **About Kenya Airways**

Kenya Airways, a member of the Sky Team Alliance, is a leading African airline flying to 42 destinations worldwide, 35 of which are in Africa. In 2022 the World Travel Awards recognized KQ as Africa's Leading Airline, Africa's Leading Airline Brand, Africa's Leading Airline - Business Class, and Africa's Leading Inflight Magazine (Msafiri). In 2023 KQ was awarded Best Airline Staff in Africa at the prestigious Skytrax World Airline Awards. KQ's fleet comprises of wide body Boeing aircraft that includes its flagship B787 Dreamliner and narrow body Embraer E190 aircraft. The on-board service is renowned worldwide and the lie-flat business class seat on the wide body aircraft is consistently voted among the world's top 10. Kenya Airways takes pride in being at the forefront of connecting Africa to the World and the World to Africa through its hub at the new ultra-modern Terminal 1A at the Jomo Kenyatta International Airport in Nairobi.

For more information go to [www.kenya-airways.com](http://www.kenya-airways.com) or call our 24-hour Customer Services Desk: +254 20 327 4747, Twitter: @KenyaAirways, Facebook: KenyaAirways, Instagram: OfficialKenyaAirways

### **About airBaltic:**

*airBaltic* (Air Baltic Corporation AS) is a joint stock company that was established in 1995. Its primary shareholder is the Latvian state, which holds 97.97% of the stock, while the rest of the shareholders hold 2.03%. *airBaltic* offers connections to more than 70 destinations in Europe, the Middle East, North Africa and the Caucasus region. Over the last 27 years *airBaltic* has developed as a strong and internationally respected airline, which employs more than 2 400 employees. The *airBaltic* fleet consists of 44 *Airbus A220-300* aircraft, making it one of the youngest fleets in Europe. The airline has received several international awards for excellence, innovative services and significant achievements. Skytrax has awarded *airBaltic* two years in a row as the best airline in its region. Additionally, in 2022, the *International Air Transport Association (IATA)* awarded *airBaltic* the *Diversity and Inclusion Team Award*. In 2023 the airline received the *APEX Passenger Choice Award of Best Cabin Service in Europe*.

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