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### BA provides UK capital connection for Cologne Bonn

Announcing the welcome return of British Airways (BA), Cologne Bonn Airport has confirmed the UK flag carrier as its newest and 34th carrier to join the gateway's airline roll call later this year. Flying to London Gatwick on a seasonal basis, the German airport now has direct scheduled flights to seven UK airports.

"We are very proud that British Airways is returning to the airport – an airline that has a high symbolic value for us. With British Airways, we welcome one of the leading airlines in the world, one which also offers our passengers an exciting long-haul network from London Gatwick," says Johan Vanneste, President & CEO, Cologne Bonn Airport.

Adam Carson, BA's MD at Gatwick said: "We are delighted to be giving our customers the opportunity to fly directly from Cologne to London Gatwick. London has been one of the top destinations for a city break for decades."

Set to commence a four times weekly connection with its A320 fleet from the UK capital city from 16 November, BA's new link will be joining Cologne Bonn's established UK services to Bristol (Ryanair), Edinburgh (Eurowings), London Heathrow (Eurowings), London Southend (Flybe), London Stansted (Eurowings and Ryanair) and Manchester (Ryanair). BA returns to Cologne Bonn after a 12-year hiatus, while easyJet had previously offered flights to Gatwick until March 2016.

As a result of the addition of its latest service by the oneworld member, the airport's only carrier from this global airline alliance, Cologne Bonn will offer close to 300,000 seats to the UK during W18/19. Based on current schedules, the UK will also jump ahead of Spain to claim its position as the airport's second largest country market to be served over the winter season.

Cologne Bonn's H1 traffic has seen healthy growth, with the German gateway handling more than 5.9 million passengers so far in 2018.



**Photo caption:** A welcome sight at Cologne Bonn Airport again this winter, as British Airways is set to commence a four times weekly seasonal service from London Gatwick on 16 November (Image courtesy of British Airways).

#### Notes for Editors

- Flughafen Köln/Bonn GmbH is the operator of Cologne Bonn Airport. The public enterprise is owned by a consortium of shareholders, jointly-led by the Federal Republic of Germany (30.94%), and the Federal State of North Rhine-Westphalia (30.94%), together with the City of Cologne (31.12%), the City of Bonn (6.06%), the Rhein-Sieg district (0.59%), and the Rheinisch Bergisch district (0.35%).
- Cologne Bonn Airport welcomed 12.4 million passengers in 2017, flying on the airport's services to 142 destinations across 48 countries, and handled 838,000 tonnes of cargo.

#### Cologne Bonn Airport's route development 2018 includes:

##### Already launched:

- Pobeda twice-weekly service to St. Petersburg, 17 February 2018;
- Georgian Airways twice-weekly service to Tbilisi, starting 27 March 2018;
- Eurowings weekly service to Monastir, starting 28 March 2018;
- Condor weekly service to Rhodes, starting 30 April 2018;
- Condor weekly service to Djerba, starting 1 May 2018;
- Condor weekly service to Kos, starting 1 May 2018;
- Small Planet Airlines weekly service to Agadir, starting 1 May 2018;
- Condor weekly service to Irakleion, starting 2 May 2018;
- Condor three times weekly service to Antalya, starting 2 May 2018;
- Small Planet Airlines twice-weekly service to Hurghada, starting 2 May 2018;
- Condor weekly service to Funchal, starting 3 May 2018;
- Condor weekly service to Corfu, starting 4 May 2018;
- Condor weekly service to Gran Canaria, starting 4 May 2018;
- Small Planet Airlines weekly service to Marsa Alam, starting 4 May 2018;
- Condor weekly service to Fuerteventura, starting 5 May 2018;
- Condor weekly service to Monastir, starting 6 May 2018;

- TUifly weekly service to Malta, starting 6 May 2018;
- Condor weekly service to Lanzarote, starting 7 May 2018;
- Small Planet Airlines weekly service to Rhodes, 7 May 2018;
- TUifly weekly service to Trieste, 13 May 2018;
- Corendon Airlines twice-weekly service to Gazipasa, 18 May 2018;
- easyJet 33 weekly services to Berlin Tegel, starting 1 June 2018;
- Laudamotion 21 weekly services to Palma de Mallorca, 1 June 2018;
- VLM Airlines five times weekly service to Rostock and Antwerp, 4 June 2018;
- SunExpress Germany weekly service to Ankara, 16 June 2018;
- SunExpress Germany weekly service to Gazipasa, 21 June 2018;
- Small Planet Airlines weekly service to Antalya, 28 June 2018;
- Eurowings twice-weekly service to Osijek, 1 July 2018;
- Eurowings weekly services to Malaga, 7 July 2018;
- Nouvelair Tunisie weekly service to Monastir, 18 July 2018.

To be launched:

- Eurowings twice-weekly service to Lanzarote, starting 28 October 2018;
- Ryanair twice-weekly service to Aqaba, starting 30 October 2018;
- British Airways four times weekly service to London Gatwick, starting 16 November 2018.

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