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VLM Airlines ventures into Cologne Bonn

Cologne Bonn Airport has confirmed another new carrier will join its roll call later this summer, when Belgian regional operator VLM Airlines commences two new routes to Rostock and Antwerp from the German gateway. Planned to start on 4 June, both services will be operated five times weekly (every day except Wednesdays and Fridays) using the airline's fleet of 50-seat Fokker 50s on the 192-kilometre international and 487-kilometre domestic sectors.

Facing no competition on either city pair, VLM Airlines will be providing the North Rhine-Westphalia airport's eighth domestic connection and currently its only service to Belgium. As a result of the carrier's expansion, Cologne Bonn will be linked to Berlin Tegel, Berlin Schönefeld, Munich, Hamburg, Dresden, Leipzig/Halle, Sylt and Rostock airports in Germany this summer. Providing an extra 1,000 seats to the airport's capacity each week throughout S18, the addition of these short-haul destinations further strengthens Cologne Bonn's summer network.

Flights leave Antwerp at 11:45 and arrive in Cologne Bonn at 12:35. The Fokker 50 aircraft then departs on the domestic sector to Rostock at 13:05, touching down in Northern Germany at 14:15. The return flight leaves the city on the Baltic Sea at 14:45, landing in Cologne Bonn at 16:05. The last sector of the day leaves the German city at 16:35, arriving back in Belgium at 17:35.

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;

To launch:

- 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;
- Small Planet Airlines weekly service to Kos, 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;
- Small Planet Airlines weekly service to Malta, starting 6 May 2018;
- Condor weekly service to Lanzarote, starting 7 May 2018;
- easyJet 33 times weekly service to Berlin Tegel, starting 1 June 2018;
- VLM Airlines five times weekly service to Rostock and Antwerp, starting 4 June 2018;
- SunExpress Germany weekly service to Ankara, starting 16 June 2018;
- Small Planet Airlines weekly service to Olsztyn-Mazury, starting 3 July 2018.

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