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### VLM Airlines arrives at Cologne Bonn

Cologne Bonn Airport's summer network has been further strengthened today with the arrival of Belgian regional operator VLM Airlines. Joining the German gateway's roll call, the airline has launched new routes to Rostock and Antwerp utilising its fleet of 50-seat Fokker 50s.

"We are not only pleased to now offer our passengers two new and attractive short-haul destinations with VLM Airlines, but we also welcome a new airline to our airport," comments Johan Vanneste, President & CEO, Cologne Bonn Airport.

With neither service facing direct competition, VLM Airlines adds the North Rhine-Westphalia airport's eighth domestic connection as Rostock joins established links to Berlin Tegel, Berlin Schönefeld, Munich, Hamburg, Dresden, Leipzig/Halle and Sylt. As VLM Airlines becomes Cologne Bonn's 31<sup>st</sup> carrier, the airline will be providing the only service to Belgium from the German airport at this time.

As Cologne Bonn celebrates the inaugural flights of the five times weekly services, the introduction of these new destinations will see an extra 1,000 weekly seats added to its capacity throughout S18.



**Photo caption:** VLM Airlines ventures into Cologne Bonn. The Belgian regional operator's new routes to Rostock and Antwerp are welcomed by: Chi Mee Yuen, Manager Business Development & Aviation Marketing, Cologne Bonn Airport; Peter Döhr, Senior Sales Manager, VLM Airlines; Lothar Peters, Director, Visit Flanders Germany; VLM Airlines crew; Johan Vanneste, President & CEO, Cologne Bonn Airport; Claudine Mischel, Manager Business Development & Aviation Marketing, Cologne Bonn Airport

#### 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, 27 March 2018;
- Eurowings weekly service to Monastir, 28 March 2018;
- Condor weekly service to Rhodes, 30 April 2018;
- Condor weekly service to Djerba, 1 May 2018;
- Condor weekly service to Kos, 1 May 2018;
- Small Planet Airlines weekly service to Agadir, 1 May 2018;
- Condor weekly service to Irakleion, 2 May 2018;
- Condor three times weekly service to Antalya, 2 May 2018;

- Small Planet Airlines twice-weekly service to Hurghada, 2 May 2018;
- Condor weekly service to Funchal, 3 May 2018;
- Condor weekly service to Corfu, 4 May 2018;
- Condor weekly service to Gran Canaria, 4 May 2018;
- Small Planet Airlines twice-weekly service to Marsa Alam, 4 May 2018;
- Condor weekly service to Fuerteventura, 5 May 2018;
- Condor weekly service to Monastir, 6 May 2018;
- TUifly weekly service to Malta, 6 May 2018;
- Condor weekly service to Lanzarote, 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 times weekly service to Berlin Tegel, 1 June 2018;
- LaudaMotion 21 weekly service to Palma de Mallorca, starting 1 June 2018;
- VLM Airlines five times weekly service to Rostock and Antwerp, 4 June 2018.

To launch:

- SunExpress Germany weekly service to Ankara, starting 16 June 2018;
- SunExpress Germany weekly service to Gazipasa, starting 21 June 2018
- Small Planet Airlines weekly service to Antalya, starting 28 June 2018;
- Eurowings twice-weekly service to Osijek, starting 1 July 2018;
- Eurowings weekly service to Malaga, starting 7 July 2018;
- Nouvelair Tunisie weekly service to Monastir, starting 18 July 2018.

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