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### **Air Belgium modernizes its fleet with two new A330-900 aircraft**

Mont-Saint-Guibert – 01 July 2021. *The first A330neo will depart Brussels Airport for Mauritius on 15 October.*

**Air Belgium announces an agreement with Airbus for the delivery of two new A330-900 aircraft starting this autumn 2021. These new aircraft will gradually replace two Air Belgium A340s. The first A330neo will fly every Tuesday and Friday from Brussels Airport to Mauritius as of 15 October 2021.**

**The A330 neo is a new-generation aircraft that combines environmental and economical performances offering greater comfort and a unique passenger experience.**

The A330neo is the latest and most advanced version of the long line of Airbus A330s. Making good use of advanced materials, it features new optimised wings more efficient and cost-effective Rolls-Royce Trent 7000 engines and benefits from the newest technologies developed for the A350. These improvements contribute to reducing fuel consumption and CO2 emissions by 25% compared to previous generation aircraft. The new Airspace cabin on the A330neo offers passengers and crew a futuristic design, increased overhead bin space, soothing and soft LED lighting scenarios and advanced in-flight entertainment features. It is the lowest cabin noise level in its category. The new aircraft are configured in three classes (Business, Premium and Eco) and carry 286 passengers compared to 265 on the current A340.

*"Air Belgium is very happy and proud to present these new aircraft in Belgium. They are the most modern aircraft that will operate under the Belgian flag. We are very pleased by our experience operating the Airbus A340s, demonstrating reliability, comfort and performance. With the A330neos customers will directly benefit from even greater comfort and superior service on board, while reducing our environmental impact by 25%" Niky Terzakis, CEO of Air Belgium.*

### **The first A330neo from Brussels Airport to Mauritius**

The first NEO will be introduced on the new route between Brussels Airport and Mauritius on 15 October 2021. The second aircraft will enter service by the end of November and will reinforce the 2021/2022 winter destination programme.

*"We are glad that Air Belgium recognises the productivity and flexibility advantages of the A330neo, setting it up as the best-in-class and most cost-effective aircraft for the airline's long-haul network. Thanks to a maximum range of 8,150 nautical miles and a 25 % fuel reduction and lower CO2 emissions compared to previous generation aircraft, the A330neo is the ideal fit for airlines to overcome the crisis and meet the demand of passengers eager to fly again. For this reason, the A330 Family is the world's most popular wide-body aircraft, with 1,500 A330s delivered, and has been the most used long-haul aircraft during the pandemic," said Christian Scherer, Chief Commercial Officer and Head of Airbus International.*

### **ABOUT AIR BELGIUM**

Air Belgium SA is a company under Belgian law with its registered office in Mont-Saint-Guibert in Walloon Brabant. Its vocation is to offer direct intercontinental flights from Belgium. Exclusively specialised in long-haul flights at competitive fares and for business and leisure travellers, its strong Belgian identity is felt through all its services on the ground and on board.

Air Belgium operates flights from the main Belgian airports: Brussels Airport (Zaventem), Brussels Charleroi Airport and Liège Airport. In addition to its regular passenger routes, Air Belgium has developed its own cargo activities and also provides services for many prestigious international airlines, tour operators, cruise lines and foreign governments.



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