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airberlin and Alitalia sign codeshare agreement Milan-Linate new airport for all airberlin and NIKI flights

- **Optimized flight connections in Berlin, Dusseldorf, Milan-Linate and Rome will ensure greater convenience for the guests**
- **airberlin and Alitalia will share codes on more than 400 weekly nonstop flights between Italy and Germany, Austria and Switzerland**
- **Reciprocal frequent flyer agreement to become effective November 1st 2014**

airberlin, Germany's second largest airline and Alitalia, Italy's leading carrier, have signed a codeshare agreement to offer more choice and greater convenience to their guests. All of airberlin's and Alitalia's 412 weekly nonstop flights between Germany, Austria, Switzerland and Italy will be codeshare flights effective this winter season.

As of October 26th, airberlin's three daily flights from Dusseldorf and double daily flights from Berlin-Tegel will operate into Milan-Linate instead of Malpensa. Furthermore, the three daily flights from Vienna operated by NIKI, the Austrian airline which is part of the airberlin group, will be directed to Linate as well.

The partners also agreed on selective codeshares beyond their home hubs. For instance Alitalia will place its "AZ" code on some of airberlin's domestic flights such as from Munich to Cologne, Dusseldorf, Hamburg and Berlin. At the same time airberlin will place its "AB" code on selected domestic and international Alitalia flights via Rome and Milan-Linate to, for example, Naples, Brindisi, Reggio Calabria, Alghero, Athens or Malta as well as on some of Alitalia's long haul flights to South America such as Sao Paulo and Rio de Janeiro. All codeshare flights will be published in the reservation systems by 20th of October 2014 for flights commencing October 26th, 2014. Codesharing on Alitalia's long-haul and some international connections will commence after regulatory approval.

Besides the new codeshare services and more convenient flight connections, airberlin and Alitalia have signed a frequent flyer agreement which allows their guests to earn and redeem bonus miles on the entire route network of both airlines on a reciprocal basis for flights starting on or after the 1st of November 2014.

Wolfgang Prock-Schauer, CEO of airberlin, says: "The codeshare agreement with Alitalia raises the importance of Italy for airberlin to a new level. We are optimizing our service for both business and holiday travelers by operating our flights to Linate, the most convenient airport to Italy's number one business and fashion destination Milan. Together with Alitalia, we are going to offer the most extensive nonstop route network between top destinations in Italy and Germany."

Gabriele Del Torchio, CEO of Alitalia, adds: "We are very pleased to sign with airberlin this agreement that will allow Alitalia to offer its guest more direct frequencies between Italy and Germany and an extensive flight schedule, optimal for business daily round trips. This agreement strengthens Alitalia's role in the development of traffic flows between the two countries. Alitalia continues its strategy of developing commercial agreements with major international companies, with the aim of offering an increasingly larger number of destinations, routes and frequencies to its customers".

The cooperation of airberlin and Alitalia is a result of long-term planning over the last couple of years and also of more liberal alliance governance which permits partnerships across alliances borders. Both, airberlin and Alitalia will remain members of **oneworld**[®] and Skyteam respectively. Further synergies will arise from optimized aircraft rotation and avoidance of expensive overnight aircraft stops.

About airberlin

airberlin is one of the leading airlines in Europe and flies to 171 destinations worldwide each year. The second largest airline in Germany carried more than 31.5 million passengers in 2013. airberlin offers a global route network through its strategic partnership with Etihad Airways, which has a 29.21% share in airberlin, and through membership of the **oneworld** airline alliance. The airline with the award-winning service operates codeshare flights worldwide with 19 airlines. The fleet has an average age of five years and is among the most modern and eco-efficient in Europe.

About Alitalia

Alitalia - Compagnia Aerea Italiana (www.alitalia.com) is a fully private company that started its operations on 13 January 2009. The Company's 2014 summer schedule offers 103 destinations, of which 26 in Italy and 77 for the rest of the world, 186 routes and more than 4,700 weekly flights. The Company carried 23.99 million passengers in 2013. Alitalia is a member of the SkyTeam global alliance and, since 2010, forms part with Air France-KLM and Delta Air Lines of the main air transport Transatlantic Joint Venture. Today, the fleet of Alitalia is one of the youngest in the world with an average age of only 7 years and is one of the most efficient thanks to a reduction in the number of aircraft types and low environmental impact.

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