



2015 REVIEW

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► 5/01/2015

- Air New Zealand – Singapore Airlines alliance takes off
- American Airlines today formally submitted an application to the United States Department of Transportation (DOT) proposing to operate daily, year-round, nonstop service between Los Angeles International Airport (LAX) and Tokyo's Haneda Airport (HND)

► 6/01/2015

- American Airlines is refreshing the look and expanding the reach of its flagship in-flight magazine, American Way ↓



Source: American Airlines

► 8/01/2015

- William E. Boeing, Jr. dies

► 9/01/2015

- fastjet is pleased to announce that fastjet Zambia Ltd has received confirmation from the Zambian Civil Aviation Authority that it has successfully completed the critical 'Phase 1' of its application for an Air Operating Certificate (AOC)
- The Board of Directors of Cyprus Airways has decided to initiate the procedure for voluntary liquidation

► 12/01/2015

- Air France inaugurate its new La Première cabin on board flight AF254 to Singapore and Jakarta, on departure from Paris-Charles de Gaulle

► 13/01/2015

- Finnair is the first airline in Europe and one of only two global carriers (South African Airways) to be certified as a Stage 2 operator in IATA Environmental Assessment (IEnvA) program, an environmental management system designed to independently assess and improve an airline's environmental management

- Airbus launches A321neo with true transatlantic capability
- Delta Air Lines, The Port Authority of New York and New Jersey, and JFK International Air Terminal unveil newest expansion at JFK Airport's Terminal 4

► 15/01/2015

- Qatar Airways Inaugurates World's First A350 XWB Route from Doha to Frankfurt ↓



Source: Fraport

► 19/01/2015

- Air Arabia will create another piece of history next month when it becomes the first low-cost airline from the Middle East and Africa to enter the Chinese market. Starting on February 10, 2015, the carrier will fly regular non-stop services to Urumqi, the largest city in Western China

► 20/01/2015

- Bertrand Piccard and André Borschberg, the Swiss co-founders and pilots of Solar Impulse, along with their Partners, today revealed the detailed global flight route of Solar Impulse 2

- In 2014, Bordeaux Airport saw its international traffic soaring by +24%

► 21/01/2015

- The strategy for the new Alitalia was unveiled today, with an unequivocal commitment by the new executive team and strategic investors to reinvent the airline

► 22/01/2015

- American Airlines welcomes first Boeing 787 Dreamliner ↓



Source: American Airlines

JANUARY

►27/01/2015

- **DXB takes over top spot for international passenger traffic**

►28/01/2015

- **Japan Airlines (JAL) and Mitsubishi Aircraft Corporation (Mitsubishi Aircraft) announced today that they have signed an agreement for the purchase of thirty-two firm Mitsubishi Regional Jet (MRJ) aircraft**

- **Transavia starts a new chapter. Today, the company is therefore presenting a new brand identity and ambitious goals for the future**

►30/01/2015

- **Acquisition of a 9.99% stake in International Consolidated Airlines Group, SA ("IAG")**
- **First Eurowings Airbus A320 to take off on Sunday**

► 2/02/2015

- Boeing delivers Scoot's First 787 Dreamliner ↓



Source: Boeing

- Stefan Pichler on board the airberlin group as new CEO →

Source: airberlin



► 3/02/2015

- Member States of the International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO) recommended the adoption of a new 15-minute aircraft tracking Standard earlier today, during discussions amongst the over 850 participants to the UN aviation body's 2015 High Level Safety Conference
- Member States of the International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO) confirmed their support today for the Organization's comprehensive conflict zone risk mitigation work programme, including a proposal to develop a prototype online resource for global conflict zone risk assessments
- Swiss International Air Lines (SWISS) has renamed its Swiss European Air Lines subsidiary, the operator of its Avro RJ100 fleet. The company will now be known as Swiss Global Air Lines

► 4/02/2015

- ATR regrets to confirm that an ATR 72-600 operated by Taiwan's TransAsia Airways was involved in an accident today at around 10.45 am (local time) near Taipei Songshan airport (Taiwan)
- easyJet, the UK's largest airline, has launched a new aircraft livery - the first change to the look of the airline's iconic white and orange fleet since easyJet.com replaced the call centre number on the fuselage in 1998 ↓



Source: easyJet

- American Airlines and Korean Air have signed an agreement to begin codesharing

► 5/02/2015

- 2015 Air Transport News Awards finalists announced

- Avianca Holdings S.A. has signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with Airbus for 100 A320neo Family aircraft

► 9/02/2015

- AZAL introduces a new class of service

► 11/02/2015

- American Airlines announces first routes for Boeing 787 Dreamliner

- Asiana Airlines to order 25 A321neo aircraft

► 13/02/2015

- ANA HOLDINGS today announces changes to its board. Shinya Katanozaka, Senior Executive Vice President, will succeed Shinichiro Ito as President and CEO from 1 April while Mr. Ito will take over from Yoji Ohashi as Chairman of ANA HD on the same date

► 17/02/2015

- Aer Lingus Group plc today announces the appointment of Mr Stephen Kavanagh as its Chief Executive Officer

► 20/02/2015

- The Chief Executive Officer of South African Airways SOC Ltd, Mr Monwabisi Kalawe, is currently on suspension

► 23/02/2015

- EuroAirport announces that Jürg Rämi, Director, has decided to take retirement as of 31 July 2015

► 24/02/2015

- At a meeting of the Board of Directors of the Company, Alan Borg was officially appointed Chief Executive Officer at Malta International Airport

► 27/02/2015

- ERA celebrates 35 years of service to members

- Bombardier CS300 aircraft successfully completes maiden flight ↓



Source: Bombardier



Germania starts a new Chapter in Cyprus increasing primarily the connection points with Germany, with four direct routes to Pafos Airport (Berlin, Hamburg, Dusseldorf and Erfurt) and two direct routes to Larnaka airport (Munich and Zurich)



MARCH

► 3/03/2015

- KLM and City of Amsterdam strengthen ties with Xiamen Airlines

► 6/03/2015

- The European Commission published today a new regulation on licenses and medical certification for air traffic controllers (ATCO)

► 9/03/2015

- The Solar Impulse team in Abu Dhabi along with the Mission Control Center (MCC) in Monaco, witnessed Solar Impulse take-off this morning to reach Muscat (Oman), before crossing the Arabian Sea to Ahmedabad (India)
- Dr Arjoon Suddhoo appointed Chairman of Air Mauritius Board of Directors
- ALC firms up order for 55 Airbus aircraft

► 11/03/2015

- GOL announces a codeshare agreement with Air Canada

► 12/03/2015

- Dr. Fang Liu of China Becomes First-Ever Woman Appointed Secretary General of ICAO ↓



Source: ICAO

- CANSO has announced the publication of its Performance-Based Navigation Best Practice Guide for ANSPs

► 13/03/2015

- Cebu Pacific announces new flights to Doha, Qatar

► 16/03/2015

- The European Aviation Safety Agency published today its proposals for the future of the aviation regulatory system
- Azerbaijan Airlines and Turkish Airlines have signed a Codeshare Agreement
- Air Arabia rewards passengers with region's first low-cost carrier loyalty program

► 18/03/2015

- Boeing has begun several months of flights with its ecoDemonstrator 757 to evaluate new technologies to improve commercial aviation's efficiency, reduce noise and carbon emissions
- Accelya appoints John Johnston as Group Chief Executive Officer
- Boeing 747-8 Intercontinental receives FAA approval for 330-minute ETOPS

► 21/03/2015

- 2015 Air Transport News Awards – Turkish Airlines, Dubai Airports and Robert Deillon among the winners ↓



Source: Air Transport News

► 24/03/2015

- Germanwings 4U 9525 crashed near Barcelonnette
- The International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO) wound up an important meeting in Madagascar this week, focusing on the Sustainable Development of Air Transport in Africa, which resulted in the adoption of a new Declaration on the Sustainable Development of Air Transport in Africa

► 27/03/2015

- EASA publishes today a temporary recommendation for airlines to ensure that at least two crew, including at least one qualified pilot, are in the flight crew compartment at all times of the flight
- World first 'Time Based Separation' goes live at Heathrow

► 31/03/2015

- Solar Impulse arrives in China
- Jaan Albrecht accepts position as CEO of SunExpress
- The co-pilot of Germanwings flight 4U9525 interrupted his pilot training at the Flight Training Pilot School for several months. Thereafter the co-pilot received the medical certificate confirming his fitness to fly
- Boeing, Air India celebrate 20th 787 Dreamliner - New airplane is world's first 787 in Star Alliance livery ↓



Source: Boeing



Transavia introduces four weekly flights from Larnaka airport to Amsterdam Schiphol Airport, the two of which will be combined with the already operated two weekly flights from Pafos airport



APRIL

► 2/4/2015

- Today, the Federal Office of Civil Aviation (FOCA) closed its investigation into the Etihad Airways' investment and gave the final approval of the partnership between the Swiss regional carrier Darwin Airline and Etihad Airways, the national carrier of the United Arab Emirates

► 7/4/2015

- As a result of the votes taken at the Turkish Airlines' Ordinary General Assembly, Mr. Ilker Ayçi has been designated as Board Chairman of Turkish Airlines, and Dr. Temel Kotil will assume the role of Deputy Chairman in addition to his position

► 8/4/2015

- American Airlines today received a single operating certificate from the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) for American and US Airways, marking a major milestone in the integration of the two airlines

► 10/4/2015

- The International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO) launched its prototype conflict zone risk information repository last week, responding directly to Member State recommendations which came out of the UN agency's High-level Safety Conference in February
- Panama President Juan Carlos Varela Rodriguez and U.S. President Barack Obama witnessed a historic agreement in which Copa Airlines [NYSE:CPA] and Boeing [NYSE:BA] announced an order for 61 737 MAX 8 and MAX 9 airplanes ↓



Source: Boeing

► 14/4/2015

- The International Air Transport Association (IATA) launched the IATA Standard Safety Assessment (ISSA) for airlines not eligible for the IATA Operational Safety Audit

► 15/4/2015

- The International Air Transport Association (IATA) announced the publication of the first edition of the Emergency Response Best Practices Handbook
- Ryanair, Europe's favourite airline, today joined Instagram, offering behind the scenes images of life inside Europe's biggest carrier, snapshots of its 190 destinations and the chance for customers to share their favourite Ryanair photos and experiences through the @Ryanair account

► 21/4/2015

- Norwegian continues to expand its long-haul network with new direct routes. Starting November 2015, Norwegian will launch a non-stop service between London Gatwick and the Caribbean island of Puerto Rico. As of May 2015, Pula in Croatia will be a new destination from London Gatwick. The airline is also adding more weekly flights between London Gatwick and New York

- Rolls-Royce has won its largest ever order, worth \$9.2bn, to provide Trent 900 engines and TotalCare® service support to Emirates. The engines will power 50 Airbus A380 aircraft that will enter service from 2016

- airberlin leaves the AEA

► 22/4/2015

- IACA: Europe must reconsider its policies to restore the competitiveness of its airline sector

- easyJet takes delivery of its 250th Airbus aircraft →



Source: easyJet

► 24/4/2015

- Thomas Suritsch appointed Managing Director at NIKI

► 28/4/2015

- All Nippon Airways Co., Ltd. announced today that it would be the first Japanese airline to introduce the Boeing 787-9 on international routes, beginning service on its Haneda-Munich route on May 5

► 29/4/2015

- Qatar Airways Group has set a new industry record, with the delivery of four new Al Maha aircraft to Doha in just one day, from aircraft manufacturer Airbus ↓



Source: Qatar Airways

► 30/4/2015

- Bangkok Airways' network added to oneworld's Global Explorer RTW fare
- Air Canada first foreign airline to offer customers the ease and convenience of TSA Pre✓™ program at U.S. airports



Jet2 introduces two new routes from Newcastle and Glasgow airports to Larnaka airport

MAY

► 1/5/2015

- Christoph Mueller assumed leadership of the Malaysia Airlines Group on 1 May 2015 following a decision by its sole shareholder ↓



Source: Malaysia Airlines

► 4/5/2015

- The European Aviation Safety Agency (EASA) and the International Air Transport Association (IATA) announced the publication of new training requirements for airline pilots to prevent loss of control situations
- NTSB issues two new safety recommendations to the Federal Aviation Administration as a result of several wrong airport landing events

► 5/5/2015

- Air Serbia announce the implementation of a codeshare agreement with Air China

► 6/5/2015

- Qatar Airways and Royal Air Maroc have announced the launch of a strategic joint business agreement on their services between the State of Qatar and the Kingdom of Morocco

► 7/5/2015

- ADR communicates that the Leonardo da Vinci will be closed till at 14.00, because of a fire at the terminal 3
- Bombardier Commercial Aircraft and Swiss International Air Lines (SWISS) announced today that SWISS will be the first customer to take delivery and operate the CSeries aircraft when the CS100 aircraft enters service in the first half of 2016 ↓



Source: Bombardier

► 8/5/2015

- Sanjiv Edward, Head of Cargo Business at Delhi International Airport has been named as the next Chairman of TIACA, with Sebastiaan Scholte, CEO of Jan de Rijk Logistics named Vice Chairman
- Grupo Aeromexico and Delta Air Lines have filed an application with the Mexican Comision Federal de Competencia Economica (Federal Economic Competition Commission) for a Joint Cooperation Agreement on flights between the United States and Mexico

► 10/5/2015

- Tigerair Philippines, the wholly owned subsidiary of Cebu Pacific Air, now operates as Cebgo

► 11/5/2015

- Qatar Airways, as the global launch customer for the A350 XWB, became the first airline to operate the world's newest aircraft to Singapore and the Asia Pacific region today, with the inaugural A350 XWB service arriving in Singapore Changi Airport
- The PC-24 takes off on its maiden flight

► 12/5/2015

- The International Air Transport Association (IATA) and the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe (UNECE) signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) to strengthen their support to developing countries seeking to implement the World Trade Organization (WTO) Trade Facilitation Agreement
- Kay Kratky confirmed as new CEO of Austrian Airlines ↓



Source: Austrian

- The European Commission has adopted a decision that renders legally binding commitments offered by Air France/KLM, Alitalia and Delta, members of the SkyTeam airline alliance, to lower barriers to entry or expansion on three transatlantic routes

► 18/5/2015

- The NATS Board today announced that Richard Deakin is standing down as the company's Chief Executive Officer after five years

► 19/5/2015

- A320neo with LEAP-1A engines takes to the sky for the first time ↓



Source: Airbus

- A new era of low-cost aviation in the Levant began today as the first Air Arabia Jordan flight departed its base at Queen Alia International Airport in Amman ↓



Source: Air Arabia

- Alitalia SAI today announced that it will not renew its partnership agreement and ancillary joint ventures agreements with Air France-KLM when they come up for renewal in 2017
- Wizz Air Celebrates 11th Anniversary with refreshed brand and livery ↓



Source: Wizz Air

► 22/5/2015

- Air Lituanica ceases its operations from mid-day of May 22, Friday


► 27/5/2015

- The Irish Aviation Authority welcomes the Government's decision to approve the proposed sale of its 25% shareholding in Aer Lingus to the International Airlines Group (IAG)

► 29/5/2015

- ANA Holdings executed sponsorship agreement and shareholders' agreement of Skymark Inc.
- Lyle Hogg appointed as the new President of Piedmont Airlines

► 1/6/2015

- CEB unveils new logo → 
- Etihad Airways arrives in Sydney tonight, beginning an exciting new era of luxury travel on the Sydney-Abu Dhabi and Sydney-London routes
- Qatar Airways, the Global Launch Customer of the A350 XWB, has announced that Philadelphia will be the first destination it will fly to in the USA
- Mr Jack So Chak-kwong became Chairman of the Board of Airport Authority Hong Kong (AA) today
- NTSB releases first-ever video companion to accident report

► 2/6/2015

- Boeing starts assembly of first 737 MAX
- Following approval from Switzerland's Federal Office of Civil Aviation (FOCA), Darwin Airline today announced that the acquisition by Etihad Airways of a 33.3 per cent stake in the share capital of the Swiss regional airline, operating under the brand of Etihad Regional, has been formalized by way of a share capital increase

► 3/6/2015

- Today the Supervisory Board of Austrian Airlines approved the purchase of 17 Embraer 195
- Etihad Airways has welcomed the announcement today that it has been assigned the rating of 'A' with a Stable Outlook, by Fitch Ratings

► 4/6/2015

- Virgin Australia Holdings Limited today welcomed the ACCC's draft determination approving the reauthorisation of its trans-Pacific alliance with Delta Air Lines for a further five years
- Italian flag carrier Alitalia has embarked on the next phase of its evolution as a rejuvenated global airline by introducing a new brand identity, including a fresh new livery, which aims to position the famous airline as a leader in innovative and sophisticated flying, and to represent the best of Italy on the world stage ↓



Source: Kostas Iatrou

- The Board of Atlantic Airways has appointed Johanna a Bergi as its new Chief Executive

► 8/6/2015

- The International Air Transport Industry (IATA) advocated for an even deeper partnership with governments based on global standards in the critical areas of safety, infrastructure, security, regulation, and environment
- The call came in Tyler's Report on the Air Transport Industry to the 71st IATA Annual General Meeting and World Air Transport Summit, which is being held in Miami
- The International Air Transport Association (IATA) and Mexico's Ministry of Communications and Transportation signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) in which IATA will provide technical and operational assistance for the design and construction of Mexico City's new airport. The agreement also encompasses IATA offering technical and professional advice for the current Mexico City airport to ensure it continues to operate efficiently until the new facility is completed around 2020 ↓



Source: IATA

- Ivan Chu, Chief Executive of Cathay Pacific Airways, has been nominated by the Governing Board of oneworld to serve as its Chairman for the year ahead.

► 11/6/2015

- Delta Air Lines will enter into an aircraft acquisition deal with The Boeing Co. for 20 Embraer E190 aircraft and 40 additional new 737-900ERs upon ratification of a tentative agreement covering more than 12,000 Delta pilots

► 13/6/2015

- CANSO is cautiously optimistic that Africa is experiencing a greater willingness among States and industry partners to make real progress on the challenges facing aviation and air traffic management (ATM)

► 15/6/2015

- The International Civil Aviation Organization has amended the 2015-2016 edition of its Technical Instructions for the Safe Transport of Dangerous Goods by Air (ICAO Doc 9284), prohibiting passengers and crew from carrying e-cigarettes and other battery-powered portable electronic smoking devices in checked baggage. The amendment also prohibits recharging the devices in aircraft cabins
- Boeing, Garuda Indonesia announce the airline's intent to purchase 30 787-9s and up to 30 737 MAX 8s
- Garuda Indonesia signs LOI for up to 30 A350 XWB

- Saudi Arabian Airlines is launch operator of new A330-300 Regional
- GE Capital Aviation Services (GECAS) orders 60 A320neo aircraft
- Boeing, Qatar Airways announce order for 10 777-8Xs, four 777 Freighters
- Japan Airlines (JAL) is pleased to announce that the company has signed a Tokyo 2020 Official Partner (passenger air transport services category) agreement today with the Tokyo Organising Committee of the Olympic and Paralympic Games

▶ 16/6/2015

- The U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT) today finalized its decision to permit Delta Air Lines to retain its authority to provide daily service between Seattle, Washington and Tokyo's downtown Haneda Airport, but subject to conditions designed to ensure that Delta maintains a daily service in the Seattle market year-round
- Boeing, Korean Air announce airline's intent to purchase 30 737 MAXs
- Boeing, Rulifi Airlines announce commitment for 30 737 MAXs
- Boeing, AerCap announce order for 100 737 MAX 8s
- Korean Air to order up to 50 A321neo
- Geneva-based United Nations agency the ILO (International Labour Organization) today found Qatar guilty of allowing its state-owned airline, Qatar Airways, to violate international and national agreements and institutionalise discrimination

▶ 17/6/2015

- The CEOs of Europe's five largest airline groups - Air France KLM, easyJet, International Airlines Group, Lufthansa Group and Ryanair - met collectively for the first time today and agreed to work together to lobby for the development of a new EU Aviation Strategy that will support growth and jobs across Europe, strengthen the sector and give Europe's passengers lower fares and more choice
- Airport industry responds to airport charges allegations by big 5 airlines
- U.S. Airlines reject smaller carry-on initiative
- IATA pauses rollout of cabin OK to reassess initiative
- Qatar Airways has announced the launch of a new daily All-First Class service from its hub in Doha to Jeddah in the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia to coincide with the start of Ramadan
- Asian airline signs for 60 Airbus A320neo Family aircraft

▶ 18/6/2015

- Wizz Air signs for 110 A321neo aircraft
- New Boeing video takes viewers inside 787-9 Dreamliner flight deck for thrilling takeoff

▶ 23/6/2015

- Fiji Airways Appoints Andre Viljoen as CEO and Managing Director

▶ 25/6/2015

- Air Seychelles today announced the appointment of Roy Kinnear as its new Chief Executive Officer, with effect from 1 July 2015

▶ 26/6/2015

- European airports' trade association Airports Council International Europe (ACI EUROPE) this morning held its Annual Assembly, as part of the 25th ACI EUROPE Annual Assembly, Congress & Exhibition. During the Assembly meeting, Mr Augustin de Romanet, President & CEO of Aéroports de Paris was elected to lead the organisation as President ↓



Source: Aéroports de Paris

- The Qantas Group will work with its fellow shareholders in Jetstar Hong Kong to review the enterprise, following the Air Transport Licensing Authority's decision to reject the local carrier's application to establish an operation in Hong Kong
- United Airlines and Azul Brazilian Airlines today announced a new strategic partnership in which United will acquire an approximate 5 percent stake in Azul

▶ 29/6/2015

- Etihad Airways and Pakistan International Airlines (PIA) have signed a codeshare agreement

▶ 30/6/2015

- Vietnam Airlines becomes world's second operator of the A350 XWB ↓



Source: Airbus

- China Aviation Supplies Holding Company signs a GTA for 45 A330 Family aircraft and an MoU for 30 aircraft

► 1/07/2015

- The Airports Commission has today published its Final report, which sets out its recommendations to government for expanding aviation capacity in the UK.
- The Commission's analysis shows that expanded airport capacity is crucial for the UK's long-term prosperity. While each of the 3 schemes shortlisted was considered a credible option for expansion, the Commission has unanimously concluded that the proposal for a new northwest runway at Heathrow Airport, combined with a significant package of measures to address its environmental and community impacts, presents the strongest case and offers the greatest strategic and economic benefits – providing around 40 new destinations from the airport and more than 70,000 new jobs by 2050
- AirAsia partners with roKki to offer Twitter access to on-board guests
- The European Civil Aviation Conference's (ECAC) celebrated six decades of European cooperation since its creation in 1955 during its triennial Plenary Session held on 30 June and 1 July ↓



Source: ECAC

- Finnair has received IATA's PHARMA certificate as the first airline in the world

► 2/07/2015

- The airplane of Swiss explorers Bertrand Piccard and André Borschberg attempting the first round the world solar flight has broken all distance and duration world records for solar aviation (80 hour and 5663 km). At the controls, André Borschberg also breaks the record for the longest solo flight ever. By remaining airborne 3 consecutive days and nights, producing its own power with solar energy, Solar Impulse 2 has proven that Bertrand Piccard's vision of reaching unlimited endurance without fuel was not a crazy dream
- Today, the Commission and the European Aviation Safety Agency (EASA) issued the first single air safety authorisations to 22 third country operators. These certifications will be valid throughout the EU
- Airbus and its Chinese partners, the Tianjin Free Trade Zone Investment Company Ltd. (TJFTZ) and the Aviation Industry Corporation of China (AVIC), have signed a framework agreement on establishing an A330 Completion and Delivery Centre (C&DC) in Tianjin, China

► 3/07/2015

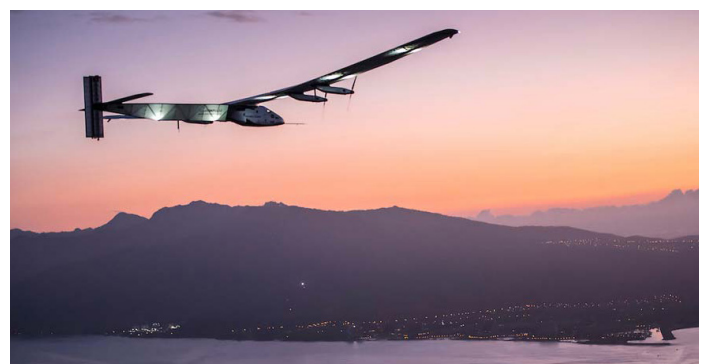
- ATRS release the 2015 airport benchmark study. Hartsfield-Jackson Atlanta International Airport wins the Top Efficiency Excellence Award with Korea Airports Corporation, Copenhagen Airport and Athens International Airport are the regional winners ↓



Source: ATRS

► 4/07/2015

- The longest and most difficult leg of the Round the World Solar Flight attempted since last March by Swiss explorers Bertrand Piccard and André Borschberg ended successfully in Hawaii. At the controls of Solar Impulse 2, pilot André Borschberg landed safely in Hawaii after flying 117 hours and 52 minutes over the Pacific Ocean from Japan powered only by the sun ↓



Source: Solar Impulse

► 7/07/2015

- Boeing donates first-ever 787 Dreamliner to Nagoya's Central Japan International Airport
- Peter Neffenger sworn in as sixth TSA administrator

► 8/07/2015

- New uniforms for Vueling cabin crew ↓



Source: Vueling

► 9/07/2015

- The governing Council of the International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO) has established new global core principles on air transport consumer protection. The principles cover three phases of a customer's experience: before, during and after travel, and will now be considered by ICAO's 191 Member States when they develop or review their applicable national regimes
- Boeing is delighted with China Eastern Airlines' decision to purchase 50 Next-Generation 737-800s as stated in their public disclosure to the Hong Kong stock exchange today

► 10/07/2015

- Due to the impact of the volcanic eruption at Mt Raung, Virgin Australia has cancelled all flights from Australia to Denpasar (Bali)
- Ryanair Board votes to accept IAG offer for Aer Lingus stake

► 13/07/2015

- The European Commission (EC) has granted 329 million euro in co-funding to Air Traffic Management (ATM) projects around Europe

► 15/07/2015

- The European Commission has cleared under the EU Merger Regulation the proposed acquisition of Irish airline Aer Lingus by International Consolidated Airlines Group (IAG)

► 16/07/2015

- Air Malta has launched - The Sky Spa - the first ever free in-flight spa experience onboard a commercial short-haul flight

► 17/07/2015

- Ukraine International Airlines welcome the conclusion of the Open Skies agreement between Ukraine and the United States of America
- Aeroflot Deputy CEO Vadim Zingman elected Chairman of Rossiya Airlines

► 20/07/2015

- New e-services and applications by the Athens International Airport: "ATH Messenger" - Flight information through Facebook Messenger, for the first time offered by an airport worldwide

► 21/07/2015

- At a special ceremony held at Guarulhos International Airport today, the Star Alliance member carriers welcomed their newest member, Avianca Brasil ↓



Source: Star Alliance

► 27/07/2015

- China Eastern Airlines and Delta Air Lines today signed an agreement to expand their partnership and better connect Delta's global network with China Eastern, one of the leading airlines in China. The agreement will include a \$450 million investment by Delta to acquire a 3.55 percent stake in China Eastern

► 29/07/2015

- Star Alliance has expanded its Round-the-World (RTW) fare to include travel in Premium Economy Class

► 30/07/2015

- The Australian Government is aware that wreckage, which appears to be from an aircraft, has been found on La Reunion Island in the Indian Ocean, near Madagascar

August is the best performing month ever for Larnaka and Pafos airports, recording 1.1m passengers traveling through the two airports and a 2.7% increase compared to the corresponding month in 2014

AUGUST

►4/08/2015

- Air Canada welcomes first Boeing 787-9 Dreamliner to its fleet ↓



Source: Air Canada

- LOT is one of the first airlines in the world to introduce payments with Bitcoins

►5/08/2015

- The wing found on Reunion island is from the missing MH370 plane, Malaysian prime minister Najib Razak has confirmed
- Vipul Jain to step down as Managing Director of Accelya Kale; Neela Bhattacharjee to succeed

►6/08/2015

- Ukraine International Airlines is the first airline in the world to offer its passengers choose their fellow travellers
- Qatar Airways has today announced the extension of its existing embargo on transporting hunting trophies to encompass all species identified by the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species (CITES) of Wild Fauna and Flora

►13/08/2015

Air New Zealand teams up with All Blacks team for out of this world Men in Black safety video ↓



Source: Air New Zealand

►17/08/2015

- IndiGo firms up 250 A320neo aircraft – Airbus' largest order by number

►18/08/2015

- Air France and Air Seychelles sign landmark codeshare agreement

►19/08/2015

- The Joint Aviation Authorities Training Organisation (JAA TO) celebrated its 10th Anniversary aboard the Clipper "Antoinette", joining the Sail In 2015 event in Amsterdam. The celebration festivity was attended by officials from renowned aviation organisations, such as ICAO and ECAC

►20/08/2015

- Etihad Airways has expanded its codeshare partnership with Belavia - Belarusian Airlines, to offer travellers a daily service between Abu Dhabi and Kiev, Ukraine, via Minsk National Airport
- Bangkok Airways recently announced a new codeshare agreement with the Republic of Kazakhstan-based Air Astana, increasing its code share partners to 19

►25/08/2015

- ICAO Manual provides new recommended practices for aircraft cabin Child Restraint Systems
- Korean Air becomes the world's first carrier to operate both types of the 747-8 ↓



Source: Boeing

►26/08/2015

- The Regional Airline Association announced today the appointment of Faye Malarkey Black as President

►27/08/2015

- Boeing announced today the completion of the firm configuration milestone for the 777-9, the first member of the 777X family to be developed

►28/08/2015

- The International Air Transport Association (IATA) announced that its Director General and Chief Executive Officer (CEO), Tony Tyler, will retire in June 2016 after serving five years in the position ↓



Source: IATA

- Malaysia Airlines Berhad receives AOC

►31/08/2015

- JAA TO proudly welcomes Mr. Raymond Benjamin as member of JAA TO's Advisory Group

► 8/09/2015

- United Continental Holdings, Inc. today announced that it has named Oscar Munoz as president and chief executive officer. Munoz will also continue to serve on United's board of directors. The board appointed Henry L. Meyer III, United's lead independent director, to serve as non-executive chairman of the board of directors. The company also announced that Jeff Smisek has stepped down from his roles as chairman, president and chief executive officer, and as a director. These changes are effective immediately
- Airlines for America (A4A), the industry trade organization for the leading U.S. airlines, today announced that Doug Parker, chairman and CEO of American Airlines, will become the chairman of the A4A board of directors, effectively immediately.

► 9/09/2015

- A330-200 with increased range receives EASA certification

► 10/09/2015

- United Airlines is introducing a new, comfortable, custom-designed seat for first-class cabins on more than 200 of the company's narrowbody aircraft → Source: United
- The International Air Transport Association (IATA) announced the results of a study of global corporate travel buyers showing that while the vast majority maintain a neutral opinion concerning the New Distribution Capability (NDC) they recognize the opportunity the standard offers. Moreover, the study found that there is a strong desire among travel buyers for greater in-depth knowledge about NDC and the implications that it will have for their business activities
- Qatar Airways secured another digital milestone last week as the five-star airline became the world's first to pass the 10-million-fan mark on Facebook ↓



Source: Qatar Airways

► 12/09/2015

- ANA celebrates roll-out of R2-D2™ ANA jet ↓



Source: ANA

► 14/09/2015

- Wizz Air firms-up order for 110 A321neo aircraft
- Royal Jordanian, Turkish Airlines sign code share agreement

► 16/09/2015

- Thomas Klüßer appointed new SWISS CEO

► 17/09/2015

- Airports Council International supports "Medellin Statement on Tourism and Air Transport for Development"

► 22/09/2015

- With a strong will to cooperate in order to reinforce their position in the Indian Ocean, airline companies, Air Austral, Air Madagascar, Air Seychelles, Inter Ile Air and Air Mauritius, have signed today in Antananarivo, a multilateral cooperation agreement named as "Alliance Vanille"

► 23/09/2015

- The International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO) announced the launch today of its new centralized online information area for aircraft tracking developments

- ACI and CANSO launch new initiative on reducing aviation noise

► 25/09/2015

- Norwegian announces plans for low-cost direct flights from Cork to Boston, New York and Barcelona
- Under the NSDC's decision, the Ukraine's Government comes to a resolution to ban flights of Russian airlines, primarily Aeroflot and Transaero companies to Ukraine - Prime Minister of Ukraine Arseniy Yatsenyuk stated at a meeting of the Cabinet of Ministers on Friday, 25 September

► 27/09/2015

- ICAO Secretary General makes strong case for aviation as UN adopts new 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development

► 30/09/2015

- Dubai International registered the highest monthly traffic in its 55-year history with 7.2 million passengers in August

► 1/10/2015

- The Board of Directors of PJSC Aeroflot has been informed that Transaero shareholders, who previously submitted a tender offer to Aeroflot, have not submitted a proposal for the purchase by Aeroflot of a stake of 75% plus one share in Transaero within the deadline stipulated in the tender offer

► 2/10/2015

- Bordeaux Airport: An outstanding September: +24.4% growth in traffic

► 5/10/2015

- Ground-breaking ceremony launches construction start of FRA's new Terminal 3

► 6/10/2015

- AirAsia Japan Co., Ltd. today announced that the airline has been granted the Air Operator's Certificate by the Civil Aeronautics Act by Ministry of Land, Infrastructure, Transport and Tourism, under the air transport business, Japanese Aviation Law Article 100

► 7/10/2015

- Finnair becomes first European A350 XWB operator ↓



Source: Airbus

► 13/10/2015

- Singapore Airlines (SIA) has selected Airbus' newly launched Ultra-Long Range version of the A350-900 for non-stop flights to the US. Under an amendment to the carrier's existing order for 63 A350-900s, seven of the aircraft will now be delivered with an Ultra-Long Range capability for flights of up to 19 hours
- NATS confirms Martin Rolfe as Chief Executive Officer
- CityJet today announced at the ERA General Assembly in Berlin that it has selected the 98-seat Sukhoi Superjet 100 (SSJ100) as the aircraft for its fleet renewal and network development programme

► 14/10/2015

- The International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO) today welcomed the Dutch Safety Board's accident investigation Final Report for Malaysia Airlines flight MH17
- ACI Asia-Pacific is pleased to announce the signing of a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the China Civil Airports Association (CCAA) to strengthen cooperation between the two airport associations

► 19/10/2015

- The International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO) today clarified the legal framework in place governing the roles and responsibilities of States, airlines and international organizations with respect to risks to civil aviation arising in national airspace.

• Summary of Clarifications

- Under the Convention on International Civil Aviation (Chicago Convention), States and States alone maintain sovereign authority over their airspace.
- This authority carries with it the responsibility to issue risk advisories regarding any threats to the safety of civilian aircraft operating in their airspace. Said threats may include, but are not limited to, armed conflicts, ash clouds due to volcanic eruptions, missile tests and rocket launches, etc.
- States also have authority to close their airspace where certain safety threats may warrant that action.
- Aircraft and airline operators are responsible for assessing global airspace risks communicated by States, and/or third parties, before deciding where they fly.
- Under this international framework, ICAO does not possess the authority to over-ride sovereign States in order to close their airspace or reroute airline traffic.
- With respect to conflict zone risk specifically, recommendations to assist States and airlines with a more effective means of sharing risk information were already proposed by the 2014 conflict zone risk task force which ICAO established, immediately after the loss of MH17.
- These recommendations were later agreed to at ICAO's High-level Safety Conference (191 Member States participating) in February of this year, and then were adopted formally by the ICAO Council. A key recommendation identified the need for an online risk information repository to be established, and ICAO launched that publicly-available tool in April of this year.
- Brett J. Hart named Acting CEO of United Airlines, President and CEO Oscar Munoz to take medical leave ↓



Source: United

► 21/10/2015

- SkyWest, Inc. orders 19 additional E175s to fly for Delta Air Lines

► 22/10/2015

- Boeing, Norwegian finalize order for 19 787-9 Dreamliners

- WestJet's first wide-body aircraft takes to the sky
- Qatar Airways welcomed the flagship carrier of Morocco, Royal Air Maroc's first direct flight to Doha, as part of the two airlines' joint business agreement which they signed at the Arabian Travel Market Dubai in May 2015
- Latvian airline airBaltic has concluded a cooperation agreement with LOT Polish Airlines

▶23/10/2015

- World's first use of cardboard in exterior: peach introduce check-in machines with a Smart Design Quicker check-ins and placement of ad media for cost reduction ↓



Source: peach

▶26/10/2015

- Emirates announces codeshare agreement with Alaska Airlines
- Turkish Airlines launched nonstop service from Miami International Airport to Istanbul Atatürk Airport on Oct. 25. To generate excitement for the new service, Turkish Airlines engaged 7-time GUINNESS WORLD RECORDS record holder The Sand Sculpture Company and its owner Ted Siebert to build the tallest sandcastle in Miami ↓



Source: Turkish Airlines

▶28/10/2015

- Qatar Airways has announced the expansion of its code-share partnership with JetBlue, adding 29 new code-share destinations on the airline's route network from Boston Logan International Airport

▶29/10/2015

- China Aviation Supplies Holding Company orders 30 A330 Family and 100 A320 Family aircraft

- Boeing, EL AL Israel Airlines agree on 787 Dreamliner order

▶30/10/2015

- Etihad Airways today welcomed the Australian Competition and Consumer Commission's (ACCC) draft determination approving the reauthorisation of its commercial cooperation agreement with Virgin Australia for a further five years

▶31/10/2015

- Airbus regrets to confirm that an A321-200 operated by Metrojet was involved in an accident shortly after 6:17 local time (04:17 GMT) over the Sinai Peninsula today. The aircraft was operating a scheduled service, Flight 7K-9268 from Sharm el Sheikh (Egypt) to St. Petersburg (Russia)

NOVEMBER

► 1/11/2015

- New era begins for Cathay Pacific as airline unveils changes to aircraft livery ↓



Source: Cathay Pacific

► 2/11/2015

- The first C919 aircraft rolls out ↓



Source: COMAC

- WOW air will begin flying to the West Coast of the United States in summer 2016 with Los Angeles and San Francisco and adds new A330-300's to their fleet for routes to California

► 3/11/2015

- Etihad Airways will operate Airbus A380 between Abu Dhabi and Mumbai from 1 May 2016

► 5/11/2015

- State and industry experts on the ICAO Dangerous Goods Panel (DGP) agreed to important new recommendations last week on the restriction of lithium battery shipments carried on passenger and freighter aircraft, the Council President of the International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO) confirmed today
- The Latvian Cabinet of Ministers has approved plans to sell 20% of airBaltic to German investor Ralf Dieter Montag-Girmes for EUR 52 million and agreed to invest a further EUR 80 million in the airline
- Lufthansa Group airlines suspend all flights to Sinai until further notice
- Boeing, Korean Air finalize order for 30 737 MAXs, two 777-300ERs
- ICAO Air Navigation Commission commemorates 200th session

► 8/11/2015

- Bombardier reveals airBaltic as CS300 Aircraft's first operator ↓



Source: Bombardier

► 9/11/2015

- Vietjet to expand its fleet with order for 30 additional A321s

► 10/11/2015

- easyJet launches Flight Club – revolutionary low fares airline loyalty scheme
- easyJet celebrates its 20th Birthday with special aircraft livery and unveiling of futuristic uniforms
- Air Serbia teams up with airBaltic

► 11/11/2015

- MRJ completes first flight ↓



Source: MRJ

- An agreement has been reached at the United Nations World Radio-communication Conference in Geneva on the allocation of radiofrequency spectrum to allow the use of satellites for real-time global flight tracking in civil aviation
- American Airlines adds new destination with new service between Los Angeles and Auckland
- Boeing, Ryanair celebrate milestone 375th Next-Generation 737-800 delivery
- Singapore Airlines and Lufthansa have signed a wide-ranging partnership agreement that will see the two airline groups operating key routes between Singapore and Europe on a joint-venture basis, in addition to significantly expanding codeshare ties and deepening commercial co-operation

- Boeing and EVA Air today celebrated the unveiling of the airline's new livery during a delivery ceremony for the carrier's 22nd 777-300ER ↓



Source: Boeing

▶12/11/2015

- To boost the EU's air transport economy, the EU needs to ensure a level playing field, while upholding high safety and social standards, says European Parliament in a resolution passed on Wednesday and intended to feed into the Commission's forthcoming aviation package

▶13/11/2015

- UNWTO strongly condemns the attacks in Paris
- End of the longest strike in the Lufthansa's history. Altogether the company was forced to cancel approximately 4,700 flights during seven strike days. Affected by these cancellations were approximately 550,000 passengers.
- TAP Portugal orders 14 A330-900neo and 39 A320neo Family aircraft

▶17/11/2015

- Delta announces intention to acquire additional shares of Grupo Aeromexico
- easyJet orders an additional 36 A320 Family aircraft

▶18/11/2015

- During its 206th Session the 36-State Governing Council of the International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO) adopted a formal Declaration. The Declaration stated that the Council would ensure continuous leadership of ICAO on environmental issues relating to international civil aviation, including greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions

▶19/11/2015

- SkyTeam has appointed a new leadership team. Perry Cantarutti has been named as Chief Executive Officer and Michael Wisbrun takes over as the Chairman of the Governing Board
- Cathay Pacific Airways today unveiled its biggest recycling project to date - the environmentally responsible dismantling of Airbus A340 aircraft that are being retired from its fleet

▶23/11/2015

- Norwegian becomes first airline to offer live TV on European flights

▶24/11/2015

- Over 800 Ministers and senior officials from States, UN and international organizations have gathered at the Headquarters of the International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO) today, taking part in a series of landmark discussions on sustainable aviation development, tourism growth, and other critical air transport concerns at the first-ever ICAO World Aviation Forum ↓



Source: Vanda D'Alonzo

- Boeing [NYSE:BA] and EVA Airways today finalized a historic order for up to 24 787-10 Dreamliners and two 777-300ER
- Boeing, BOC Aviation announce order for 22 737s
- Etihad Airways celebrated the highly-anticipated arrival of its Airbus A380 service at New York's John F. Kennedy International Airport
- Airbus A320neo receives joint EASA and FAA Type Certification

▶25/11/2015

- Cebu Pacific Air is slated to launch a four times weekly service between Manila and Guam on March 15, 2016

▶30/11/2015

- easyJet becomes first airline in the world to introduce real time Flightradar24 tracking feature to its mobile app

The year ends with an unprecedented total number of passengers exceeding 7.6m or a 3.5% increase compared to last year's performance having recovered the losses from the closure of both Cyprus Airways as well as one of its most important customers, Transaero, within the year

DECEMBER

► 1/12/2015

- NTSC Final Investigation Report into Airbus 320-216 - PK-AXC involving Indonesia Air Asia Company Flight QZ-8501
- The U.S. Department of Transportation's Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) today announced that the Kingdom of Thailand does not comply with International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO) safety standards and has been assigned a Category 2 rating based on a reassessment of the country's civil aviation authority
- Turkish Airlines firms-up order for 20 additional A321neo aircraft

► 2/12/2015

- The Secretary General of the International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO), Dr. Fang Liu, announce the signing of a new agreement with the African Union (AU) to foster ongoing cooperation between the two organizations
- Boeing has completed detailed design for the 787-10 Dreamliner
- Malaysia Airlines and Emirates sign agreement to expand partnership

► 4/12/2015

- Pakistan International Airlines Corporation (PIAC) has been converted via Ordinance No.XVII from a statutory corporation to a company governed by the Companies Ordinance, 1984. The new entity is called Pakistan International Airlines Corporation Limited (PIACL)

► 7/12/2015

- Today the European Commission adopted an Aviation Strategy for Europe, a milestone initiative to boost Europe's economy, strengthen its industrial base and reinforce its global leadership position. These are three core priorities of President Jean-Claude Juncker, on which the Strategy will deliver, by ensuring that the European aviation sector remains competitive and reaps the benefits of a fast-changing and developing global economy. A strong and outward-looking aviation sector will not only benefit businesses, but also European citizens by offering more connections to the rest of the world at lower prices.
- Emirates has announced its fleet plans for 2016. In total, the airline will retire 26 aircraft, including 12 A330-200s, 4 A340-300s, 1 A340-500, 6 Boeing 777-200ERs, 2 Boeing 777-300s and 1 Boeing 777-300ER

► 8/12/2015

- Today, thousands of Boeing employees in Renton, Wash., celebrated the completion of final assembly of the first 737 MAX 8 ↓



Source: Boeing

► 9/12/2015

- Star Alliance launches Connecting Partner Model to expand network reach via Low-cost and Hybrid airlines ↓



Source: Aegean Airlines

► 10/12/2015

- The International Air Transport Association (IATA) announced its airline industry outlook for 2016 which sees an average net profit margin of 5.1% being generated with total net profits of \$36.3 billion
- The European Commission has today updated the EU Air Safety List, the list of airlines that are subject to an operating ban or operational restrictions within the European Union. The update clears Kazakh carrier Air Astana, but adds Iraqi Airways

► 12/12/2015

- An historic agreement to combat climate change and unleash actions and investment towards a low carbon, resilient and sustainable future was agreed by 195 nations in Paris today ↓



Source: UNFCCC



Source: UNFCCC

► **14/12/2015**

- Delta Air Lines and KLM Royal Dutch Airlines will launch a codeshare agreement with India's Jet Airways that brings convenient new travel options for customers flying from Europe and the United States via Amsterdam Airport Schiphol to India and beyond
- Fraport-Copelouzos Consortium signs contracts for managing 14 Greek airports

► **15/12/2015**

- The Council President of the International Civil Aviation Organization, Dr. Olumuyiwa Benard Aliu, expressed the UN civil aviation agency's deep satisfaction and profound hope following the landmark agreement forged at the COP21 in Paris last week

► **17/12/2015**

- Delta Air Lines will add up to 20 Embraer 190 and 20 new Boeing 737-900ER jets acquired through a new agreement
- Boeing is pleased that China Southern Airlines has announced a commitment to purchase 80 737s
- Sir Nigel Rudd to step down as Heathrow Chairman in 2016

► **18/12/2015**

- EASA paves the way for the safe use of drones in Europe
- Joint statement by Secretary Foxx and Secretary Kerry on the U.S.-Mexico Air Transport Agreement

► **23/12/2015**

- Air Lease Corporation announces the sale of its ATR Fleet to Nordic Aviation Capital

► **27/12/2015**

- ATL becomes first airport ever to serve 100 million passengers in a single year