

## **News Releases** Air Canada Commends the Canadian and U.K. Governments for Negotiating a New Bilateral Air Services Agreement

## Agreement to ensure uninterrupted Canada-U.K. air services post-Brexit

MONTREAL, Dec. 1, 2018 /CNW Telbec/ - Air Canada said today that it welcomes a new air services agreement reached between Canada and the U.K. to provide for the uninterrupted continuation of air transport services after the U.K. leaves the European Union post-Brexit.

"The U.K. is Air Canada's largest single international market. This agreement is important as it provides our airline, and the 2 million Air Canada customers we carry each year between the two countries, certainty that our operations will be uninterrupted by Brexit. We applaud both governments for their foresight in making advance preparations to ensure the stability of this vital market," said Ferio Pugliese, Senior Vice President, Regional Markets and Government Relations at Air Canada.

The U.K. is Air Canada's largest international market and London Heathrow its largest international operation. For 2019, Air Canada and Air Canada Rouge will operate up to 91 round-trip flights weekly between Canada and the U.K., making it the largest carrier in the market. Services include year-round flights to London from seven Canadian gateways (Toronto, St. John's, Halifax, Montreal, Ottawa, Calgary and Vancouver) as well as summer seasonal service from Toronto to Edinburgh, Glasgow and Manchester.

## **About Air Canada**

Air Canada is Canada's largest domestic and international airline serving more than 200 airports on six continents. Canada's flag carrier is among the 20 largest airlines in the world and in 2017 served more than 48 million customers. Air Canada provides scheduled passenger service directly to 63 airports in Canada, 56 in the United States and 98 in Europe, the Middle East, Africa, Asia, Australia, the Caribbean, Mexico, Central America and South America. Air Canada is a founding member of Star Alliance, the world's most comprehensive air transportation network serving 1,317 airports in 193 countries. Air Canada is the only international network carrier in North America to receive a Four-Star ranking according to independent U.K. research firm Skytrax. In 2018 Canada was voted the Best Airline in North America in the Skytrax World Airline Awards and it was also named the Eco-Airline of the Year by Air Transport World. For more information, please visit: <u>aircanada.com/media</u>, follow @AirCanada on Twitter and join Air Canada on Facebook.

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