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Norwegian to Increase Low-Cost USA Flights By Over 50% Next Summer

Low-cost airline Norwegian is expanding its award-winning low-cost long-haul network with a 55 per cent increase in the number of flights to the US from next summer. Brits will have more affordable choices to visit the US with a sharp increase in the number of flights from 22 to 34 flights per week on Norwegian's popular long-haul routes from Gatwick Airport.

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Qatar Airways Announces Eight



Ryanair November Traffic

New Destinations for 2017-18

Qatar Airways, the award-winning and fastest growing airline in the world, announced eight more destinations for 2017-18, in addition to seven previously announced new cities for a total of 15 new gateways.

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Air Belgium is Closer to Its Launch: Hiring Pilots and Cabin Crew

Air Belgium seems to be one step closer to its launch, on its website you can now find 2 new career options: cabin crew and cockpit crew.

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Grows 15% to 8.8 Million Customers

Ryanair released November traffic statistics as follows: traffic grew 15% to 8.8m customers, load factor rose 2% points to 95%, rolling annual traffic to Nov grew 16% to 115.5m customers.

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Air Canada Expands US Transborder Network

Air Canada plans to expand its US transborder network when it starts its spring schedule in May 2017, adding three new destinations.

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REGULATIONS & SAFETY



Australia Signs Open a Skies Agreement with China

Chinese airlines will have unrestricted capacity into Australia after the federal government announced it had reached an agreement with China for an "open aviation market".



Another Strong Year for Airline Profits in 2017

The International Air Transport Association (IATA) announced that it expects the global airline industry to make a net profit in 2017 of \$29.8 billion.

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DOT: Airlines Should Notify Fliers if They Allow Voice Calls in Flight

The U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT) announced its proposal to require airlines and ticket agents to disclose in advance to consumers if the carrier operating their flight allows passengers to make voice calls using mobile wireless devices.

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EU Removes All Kazakh Airlines from EU Air Safety List

The European Commission updated the EU Air Safety List, the list of airlines that do not meet international safety standards, and are therefore subject to an operating ban or operational restrictions within the European Union.

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EDITOR'S REVIEW



Chengdu J-20: A Game Changer or A Cheap Copy?

By revealing the Chengdu J-20 to the public, Chinese decision-makers has emphasized their determination to overtake the US, the largest player in the aviation market, and showed the willingness to strengthen the country's air defence ties. Obviously, the government of China strives to take up a better position among the countries that are

capable of producing fight jets of such type.

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Boeing Forecasts Increased Demand for Airline Pilots, Technicians in Asia-Pacific

Boeing unveiled its 2016 Boeing Pilot & Technician Outlook for the Asia-Pacific region, projecting that more than 500,000 new pilots and technicians will be needed to support the expanding demand for new airplane deliveries over the next two decades.

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Embraer Delivers Its 1,300th E-Jet to Tianjin Airlines

Embraer reached another milestone with its E-Jets program - the delivery of the 1,300th aircraft. The E-Jet, an E195, was handed over to China's Tianjin Airlines in a ceremony at the factory in São José dos Campos.



Boeing Statement on Air Force One

Boeing issued the following statement regarding the Air Force One program. Boeing looks forward to working with the U.S. Air Force on subsequent phases of the program allowing to deliver the best planes for the President at the best value

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Boeing and Iran Air Announce Agreement for 80 Airplanes 2016-12-12

Boeing and Iran Air announced an agreement for 80 aircraft that includes 50 737 MAX 8s, 15 777-300ERs and 15 777-9s, valued at \$16.6 billion at list prices.

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for the American taxpayer.

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Airbus Books \$1.6 Billion in Commercial Aircraft Orders in November

Airbus reported firm orders for 14 commercial aircraft in November, valued at \$1.6 billion at list prices, from two airlines and one undisclosed customer.

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UPDATED: Pakistan Airlines Plane Crashed Near Abbottabad With 47 On Board

Pakistan International Airlines ATR-42-500, flight PK-661 from Chitral to Islamabad (Pakistan) with 47 people on board, declared emergency reporting problems with the left engine, shortly afterwards radio and radar contact was lost with the aircraft.

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American Fighter Jet Goes Down Off Coast of Southern Japan

The F/A-18 Hornet was stationed at the Iwakuni base in the Yamaguchi prefecture and is understood to have gone down at 6pm local time off the southern Kochi Prefecture. Initial reports from the Japanese Defence Ministry said the lone pilot and ejected from the fighter jet and survived the crash.

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HELICOPTERS



Canada Selects Airbus C295W for Fixed-Wing Search and Rescue

The Government of Canada announced that it had selected the Airbus C295W for its Fixed-Wing Search and Rescue Program. As part of the FWSAR program, the Royal Canadian Air Force will purchase 16 C295Ws.

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German Federal Police to Receive Three H215 Helicopters

The German federal police (Bundespolizei) has signed a contract with Airbus Helicopters for the purchase of three H215 multi-role rotorcraft via the purchasing administration of the German Federal Ministry of Interior.

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Irkut MC-21's PD-14 Engine Begins Second Stage of Testing

Russia's United Engine Corp. (UEC) has started the second stage of PD-14 engine testing for the Irkut MC-21 aircraft. The tests are conducted at Flight Research Institute at Zhukovsky near Moscow.

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EASA Certifies GE H Series Electronic Engine and Propeller Control

GE Aviation's Electronic Engine and Propeller Control system for its H Series turboprop engine has received type certification from the European Aviation Safety Agency (EASA).

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