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Press Release

Carpatair increases its fleet with 3 Fokker 70 aircraft as part of medium-term development strategy.

Configured in 72-seat capacity, the new aircraft will operate both from the airline's hub in Timisoara but also on direct flights from Bucharest and other Romanian airports. The addition of the new type of aircraft to the fleet allows Carpatair to access new markets and routes starting with next spring.

Timisoara, November 18, 2009: Carpatair, the full-service air carrier based in Timisoara, signed the contract for the acquisition of 3 Fokker 70 aircraft with a 72 seat configuration.

The acquisition of the three airplanes is part of Carpatair medium-term strategy, which targets fleet modernization and facilitates access to new routes and markets. The newly acquired aircraft will be used both on domestic and international destinations from Carpatair hub in Timisoara and on direct flights from Bucharest and other airports in Romania.

The first airplane will join Carpatair fleet in December 2009, the other two being scheduled for February and March 2010. The cabin layout is in 72 seats - 12 Business Class (C) and 60 Economy (Y). The largest operators of Fokker 70 in Europe are KLM Royal Dutch Airlines and Austrian Airlines.

"The acquisition of Fokker 70 aircraft enables us to access new markets and routes where the capacity of larger Fokker 100 is too big. Additionally, Fokker 70 allows for reduction of operating costs of up to 20% on certain routes. During the 2009 Winter flight program the aircraft will operate on the existing routes network while starting with March-April 2010 we will be launching new services which will be served exclusively by the Fokker 70 aircraft", states Nicolae Petrov, Carpatair President & CEO.

About Carpatair

Carpatair is the largest regional airline in South East Europe (serving mainly regional niche markets). Carpatair developed at Timisoara the best air transport hub within Romania having successfully implemented the "hub&spoke" concept, (an air transport hub is an airline operation concept designed to offer passengers streamlined connections on the entire routes network). Currently, Carpatair operates over 250 scheduled flights per week to 30 destinations in 6 countries. Carpatair is the largest air operator on the Romania - Italy air transport market connecting the largest number of destinations in the two countries, 10+10, and operating the largest number of frequencies – 94 per week.

Carpatair has a fleet of 15 Saab 2000 (50 seats) and Fokker 100 (105 seats) aircraft, to which the 3 Fokker 70 (72 seats) acquired now have to be added. Since October 2009, Carpatair has extended its offer from Bucharest to Italy by launching two new point-to-point flights: Bari and Ancona. Another new direct service will be added from December 07, 2009, with the inauguration of Venice-Budapest direct flights in code share partnership with Malev Hungarian Airlines.

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