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AIR ITALY REVEALS CHICAGO AS FOURTH NEW DESTINATION FOR 2019

Air Italy to launch only nonstop flight from Milan to Chicago starting May 14th 2019

O'Hare to become sixth North America airport served by Air Italy after New York, Miami, San Francisco, Los Angeles and Toronto

Latest announcement comes days after successful launch of Delhi and Mumbai

Olbia, December 18th, 2018 – Air Italy has revealed its fourth new destination for 2019 – Chicago O'Hare International Airport – with new direct flights scheduled to start on May 14th, 2019.

The new direct flight from Milan Malpensa to Chicago will enhance the new westward services already announced for 2019, which comprise of Los Angeles on April 3rd, San Francisco on April 10th and Toronto on May 6th.

Air Italy's new service between Milan and Chicago will be the only nonstop flight on this route and will become the sixth new North America airport served by the airline, adding to New York and Miami which the airline successfully launched in June 2018.

Operated three times weekly (Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday), the new Chicago service will depart from Milan Malpensa at 13:10 (arrival at 16:25) and from Chicago's O'Hare International Airport at 18:25 (arrival at 10:35 the next day).

The new service is part of Air Italy's rapid network expansion out of its Milan Malpensa hub, which the Airline established in March 2018, alongside its ambitious growth plan for the next three years.

Air Italy Chief Operating Officer, Rossen Dimitrov, said: "Our customers, especially those flying between Italy and the US, now have even more choices, and thanks to our new direct flight from Milan to Chicago, they will be able to experience our superb Italian hospitality and unique on-board service. Adding a direct nonstop route to and from Milan means we can now welcome more corporate customers, the large Italian community living in Chicago and Illinois, as well as tourists travelling to both the United States and Italy.

"Air Italy is growing rapidly and this latest announcement clearly reflects the importance of the North American market to us. Chicago is famous for music, art, architecture, business, food and sport, and we are extremely confident that it will quickly become a popular destination in our equally fast-growing network. Given the high number of Italians who have emigrated to this city over the years as well as ongoing strong educational and business connections, and the great connectivity to central and southern Italy, and the rest of our Africa and Asia network, particularly India, we look forward to a very strong route, and will be delighted to launch this new service in May next year."



Following today's announcement, Air Italy will connect with seven Italian cities (Rome, Naples, Palermo, Catania, Lamezia Terme, Olbia and Cagliari) from its Milan Malpensa hub, five cities in the USA (New York, Miami, Los Angeles, San Francisco and Chicago), two in India (Delhi and Mumbai), Toronto in Canada and Bangkok in Thailand.

All Air Italy's new services between Milan Malpensa and the USA, Canada, Thailand and India are being operated with Air Italy's new long-haul Airbus A330-200, which offers up to 24 seats in the exclusive Business Class cabin making it possible to fly with maximum comfort in fully lie-flat seats with signature Italian cuisine accompanied by a selection of champagnes and Italian fine wines, Wi-Fi service, an extensive inflight entertainment service and the personalised attention from its on-board staff.

The Economy Class cabin with 228 seats also provides Air Italy's guests with highly personalised service, Wi-Fi and a wide selection of entertainment.

On the new domestic flights from Malpensa, Air Italy offers in Business Class a welcome drink service, breakfast or snacks, and alcoholic and non-alcoholic beverages, and in Economy Class a snack with a choice of coffee, tea, soft drinks and fruit juices, all served by its highly attentive crew.

To find out further details simply visit www.airitaly.com, use the Air Italy App, or contact the Call Center +39 0789 52682 or your travel agent.

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About AIR ITALY

Air Italy is an Italian airline fully owned by AQA Holding (51% Alisarda and 49% Qatar Airways), with its headquarters in Olbia and main operating base in Milan Malpensa.

In March 2018 the Company started operation as Air Italy.

Beginning in May 2018, Air Italy added new domestic routes from Milan to Rome, Naples, Palermo, Catania, and Lamezia Terme, all scheduled for connection to its newest long-range destinations including New York, Miami (June 2018), Bangkok (September 2018) and Delhi and Mumbai (December 2018), Los Angeles and San Francisco (April 2019), Toronto and Chicago (May 2019).

Its network also includes direct international flights from Milan Malpensa to Accra, Cairo, Dakar, Lagos, Mombasa, and Zanzibar, and, from its Olbia Costa Smeralda hub, year-round scheduled services to Rome, Milan Linate, Milan Malpensa and Bologna and seasonal ones to a wide range of domestic and regional destinations.

Air Italy's fleet is currently comprised of three Boeing 737 MAX, seven Boeing 737 NG, five Airbus A330 and one Boeing 767-300.