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NEIL MILLS APPOINTED AIR ITALY'S CHIEF OPERATIONS OFFICER

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Olbia, 18 April 2018 – Air Italy is pleased to announce the appointment of Neil Mills, an aviation professional with extensive knowledge and relationships across both full service and low-cost carriers, as Chief Operations Officer of the airline with immediate effect.

In the newly created position, Neil will report to the Deputy Executive Chairman and will have the role of coordinating and directing all the functions of the Company under the guidance of the Board. There are no changes in the responsibilities of the current Accountable manager of the Airline.

Air Italy's Deputy Executive Chairman Marco Rigotti said: "We warmly welcome Neil in our team. The new Air Italy project is quickly progressing and thanks to Neil we will optimize the commercial, operational and financial performance of the airline, always bearing in mind the long term strategic goals we want to achieve".

Neil Mills, a British South African, is a qualified accountant and has over 20 years' experience in the aviation industry. His aviation career started in 1997 with easyJet Limited based in the UK where he stayed for 12 years in progressively more senior roles and became the Procurement Director and part of the management board. In 2009 he moved to Dubai to be part of the startup management team for flydubai as the Chief Financial Officer (CFO) as it became one of the fastest growing airlines in the world. He then moved to Delhi as the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of SpiceJet Limited and lead the growth of that carrier by over 150% to 56 aircraft in 3 years. Neil then moved to Manila to lead the turnaround team as Chief Executive Advisor (CEA) of Philippine airlines Group, this was recognized by CAPA as the Asian airline turnaround of the year in 2015. His most recent role was the Chief Planning and Strategy Officer (CSPO) of Air Berlin since 2016, where he worked with the board and shareholders to restructure the company.

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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. The company was established with the name of Alisarda on 29 March 1963, with the aim of promoting tourism to Sardinia.

In 1991 the name was changed to Meridiana. Following a merger with charter carrier Eurofly and the acquisition of the charter company AIR ITALY the airline became the most important Italian player in international leisure flights.

In December 2017 growth towards new domestic, medium-haul and long-haul destinations from Milan Malpensa were announced; reflecting a major strategic shift for the Company.

In February 2018 a new corporate identity was presented and the Company was rebranded as AIR ITALY.

Beginning from May 2018, AIR ITALY will add new domestic routes from Milan to Rome, Naples, Palermo, Catania, Lamezia Terme scheduled for connection to its newest long-range destinations including New York, Miami and Bangkok and Mumbai.

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

AIR ITALY's fleet, currently comprising 8 Boeing 737 NG and 3 Boeing 767-300, will be progressively renewed with 8 new aircraft 3 brand new Boeing 737 MAX 8 and 5 Airbus A330-200 joining during 2018 and with the full retirement of the B767-300 by the end of 2018.