

## Press-release

### Domodedovo and Meridiana start roundtrips from Moscow to Milan

**22 March 2017, Domodedovo, Moscow region.** Domodedovo Moscow Airport, named the best airport in Russia, and Meridiana together launch a **new route from Milan Malpensa to Moscow** and back. Meridiana accomplished its first flight from Milan to Moscow today at 22 March, 2017.

Upcoming flights are scheduled for Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays on a weekly basis and from May, 7, a fourth frequency will be added on Sundays. The flights will take off from Moscow at 12.10 and from Milan Malpensa at 06.55; the flight time is about 3 hours and half. The route will be operated by a Boeing 737 - 800 with a dual configuration of 168 seats in economy and 14 in Electa, Meridiana's business class. Promotional fares are available on meridiana.com and at travel agencies.

Moreover, in summer 2017, from June, Meridiana is to start again regular roundtrips from Olbia Costa Smeralda to Moscow, Domodedovo.

Commenting on the news **Alexey Rayevsky, Deputy Director for Commerce of Domodedovo Moscow Airport** said: *«We are happy to welcome Meridiana in Moscow Domodedovo Airport. I believe that together with our partner we will continue to develop the route network to Italy. This country remains one of the most popular destinations among Russian citizens - more than 300 000 travelers used Domodedovo services to visit Italy in 2016».*

*“We are delighted to launch nonstop service to Moscow Domodedovo from Milan Malpensa and we are very proud to be the new Italian player in this important market”* said **Andrea Andorno, Chief Commercial Officer of Meridiana**. *“Both Milan and Moscow are among the world's most cosmopolitan cities, with a unique and rich history, beautiful architecture and world-class museums. Our new 4 times weekly nonstop service makes it easy to fly in both cities for long or short leisure stays and the flights are timed to allow businessmen to arrive first in Moscow from Milan.”*

Milan became the eleventh Italian destination in the route network of Domodedovo Moscow Airport. Airport's partnering airlines also perform regular flights to Verona, Genoa, Pisa, Naples, Venice, Olbia, Rimini, Turin, Catania, Lamezia. In 2016 the passenger traffic of Domodedovo, Moscow from and to Italy grew by 22% comparing to traffic in 2015.

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*Domodedovo Moscow Airport is one of the largest Russian airports and named the best Russian airport according to the Air Gates of Russia Award. In 2016 the airport served 28.5 mln people. Domodedovo Moscow Airport is chosen by members of leading international aviation alliances – Star Alliance and **oneworld** for flights to Moscow. Moscow Domodedovo Airport is a single Russian airport which serves Airbus A380, Airbus A350-900 and Boeing 787 Dreamliner on a regular basis.*

***Meridiana** is an Italian airline controlled by AKFED (Aga Khan Fund for Economic Development) ,with its headquarters in Olbia.*

*The company was set up with the name of Alisarda on 29 March 1963, with the aim of promoting tourism in Sardinia. In 1991 the name was changed to Meridiana. Thanks to the merger with charter carrier Eurofly and to the acquisition of the charter company Air Italy, during last five years, Meridiana has become one of the most important player in international leisure flights and its growth towards new medium and long haul destinations is still ongoing.*

*The Company connects the main Italian airports with Sardinia, Sicily and Naples as well as with Mediterranean or Egyptian destinations, like Canary and Balearic islands, Greece and Red Sea. The principal long range destinations are USA (New York from Naples and Palermo), Moscow, Maldives, Mauritius, Kenya, Zanzibar, Madagascar, Cabo Verde, Senegal, Nigeria, Ghana, Santo Domingo, Cuba and Brazil, mainly serviced from Milan Malpensa and/or Rome Fiumicino.*

*Meridiana's fleet consists of Boeing 737, Boeing 767 and McDonnell Douglas MD82.*