

Media release

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Product

SWISS introduces new Premium Economy Class

SWISS will introduce a new Premium Economy Class on its long-haul aircraft fleet in spring 2021, to further strengthen its position as a premium air carrier. Initially, the additional travel class will be available in a 24-seat section on its Boeing 777-300ER aircraft. Moving forward, the new travel product will be extended to the entire SWISS long-haul fleet. For Economy Class travelers seeking more inflight comfort, the new product will offer a totally new air travel experience. SWISS will be investing some CHF 40 million (39 million USD) installing the new seating class on its Boeing 777 fleet.

Swiss International Air Lines (SWISS) plans to further strengthen its positioning as a premium air carrier by introducing a new Premium Economy Class on its long-haul aircraft fleet. The additional class of travel will supplement the three existing classes – First, Business and Economy – from spring 2021. The new product will initially be available on the company's Boeing 777-300ERs, with each aircraft offering 24 Premium Economy seats. In the later phase, the new product will be extended to the entire SWISS long-haul fleet.

Substantially more personal space

For Economy Class travelers seeking more inflight comfort, Premium Economy will offer a totally new air travel experience. The travel class will feature a newly developed seat providing extensive legroom and movement. "All in all, our Premium Economy Class travelers will enjoy a substantially stronger sense of personal space," confirmed Tamur Goudarzi Pour, SWISS's Chief Commercial Officer.

By introducing the new travel class, SWISS is responding to a growing demand for an air travel product between Economy and Business Class. The decision to offer the new seating class was also encouraged by the positive experiences with a similar product on Lufthansa and Austrian Airlines, SWISS's sister companies within the Lufthansa Group.

Introduction in spring 2021

SWISS will embark on the cabin conversion work required in winter 2020/21, and the new Premium Economy Class product will be available from spring 2021. SWISS will invest a total of some CHF 40 million (39 million USD) installing the new seating class on its Boeing 777 fleet.

Swiss International Air Lines (SWISS) is The Airline of Switzerland, serving over 100 destinations in 44 countries worldwide from Zurich, Geneva and Lugano and carrying some 18 million passengers a year with its fleet of around 90 aircraft. The company's Swiss WorldCargo division provides a comprehensive range of airport-to-airport airfreight services for high-value and care-intensive consignments to around 175 destinations in more than 80 countries.

As The Airline of Switzerland, SWISS embodies its home country's traditional values, and is committed to delivering the highest product and service quality. With its workforce of some 9,000 personnel, SWISS generated total revenues of over CHF 5 billion in 2018. SWISS is part of the Lufthansa Group, and is also a member of Star Alliance, the world's biggest airline network.

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