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ALITALIA BEGINS NEW SERVICE TO BERLIN AND DUSSELDORF

THE COMPANY EXPANDS ITS INTERNATIONAL NETWORK WITH DAILY FLIGHTS FROM ROME, MILAN LINATE AND VENICE.

370,000 MORE SEATS BETWEEN ITALY AND GERMANY IN 2015 COMPARED TO 2014.

Rome, December 15, 2014 – Today Alitalia began new service from Rome Fiumicino, Milan Linate and Venice to Berlin and Dusseldorf. The first Alitalia flights to the two German cities took off from Milan Linate Airport this morning at 6.30 am (flight AZ418 to Dusseldorf) and 6:35 am (flight AZ406 to Berlin), while the new flights from Rome and Venice will depart later in the day.

The new daily service to Berlin and Dusseldorf will operate, for the winter season, with an Embraer 175 aircraft configured in two classes of service: "Ottima" – Alitalia's business class on international flights, and "Classica", the economy class. During the summer season, which will begin in March 2015, these routes will be operated with higher capacity aircraft.

The initial passenger booking figures for the new flights are very satisfactory: to date, more than 20,000 seats were booked with positive average occupancy rates on these routes.

The new service between Italy and Germany is very important for Alitalia from a strategic point of view. With the introduction of the new flights to Berlin and Dusseldorf, Alitalia will offer 370,000 more seats to Germany in 2015, an increase of +66%, compared to 2014, expanding its network, which was limited to flights from Rome to Munich and from Rome and Milan Linate to Frankfurt.

All new flights launched today are in codeshare with airberlin, the second largest German airline, in accordance with the codeshare agreement between the two companies launched on October 26, 2014.

According to this agreement, all Alitalia and airberlin weekly flights between Italy and Germany, Austria and Switzerland are operated as codeshared flights. As a result, customers of both companies will enjoy a greater number of direct flights between Italy and the German-speaking countries offering more choices and a greater combination of flights.

For information and reservations on Alitalia's new service to Germany, please visit alitalia.com, or contact the Alitalia Customer Care Centre at +39.06.65649 or via travel agents.

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