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## **Kenya Airways and Alitalia start codeshare agreement More choice and benefits for both airlines' travelers on Europe- Africa routes**

Rome, Nairobi, 18 March 2019 –Kenya Airways and Alitalia, partner airlines in the SkyTeam alliance, have signed a broad codeshare agreement connecting the networks of the two companies. This new commercial partnership is bound to boost business travel and tourism between Italy and Kenya, giving tourists and businessmen more travel options and better flight schedules also when travelling to central and southern Africa and to Europe through the two airlines' hubs in Rome and Nairobi.

The new codeshare flights are available for sale through the airlines' reservation systems and in travel agencies from 14 March 2019, for travels from 12 June 2019 when Kenya Airways will inaugurate its four-weekly service between Jomo Kenyatta International Airport in Nairobi and Leonardo da Vinci International Airport in Fiumicino, Rome.

Thanks to the codeshare agreement, Alitalia will apply its 'AZ' code on many services operated by Kenya Airways beyond Nairobi to Mombasa and Kisumu in Kenya, as well as to a further 19 African destinations, such as: Abidjan (Ivory Coast); Accra (Ghana); Addis Ababa (Ethiopia); Antananarivo (Madagascar); Brazzaville (Congo); Dar Es Salaam, Kilimanjaro and Zanzibar (Tanzania); Douala (Cameroon); Johannesburg (South Africa); Kigali (Rwanda); Khartoum (Sudan); Kinshasa and Lubumbashi (Democratic Republic of Congo); Lagos (Nigeria); Maputo and Nampula (Mozambique); Moroni-Hahaya (Comoros); Seychelles.

Alitalia is also widening its network in Africa, where the Italian airline now operates direct services to Johannesburg, Casablanca, Algeri, Tunis and Cairo, by placing its "AZ" flight code on Kenya Airways' new service between Rome and Nairobi.

Similarly, Kenya Airways will expand its offer to Italy and Europe by placing its 'KQ' flight code on Alitalia's services from Rome to 16 Italian domestic destinations (Brindisi, Bologna, Bari, Catania, Florence, Genoa, Lamezia Terme, Milan Malpensa, Naples, Palermo, Pisa, Reggio Calabria, Turin, Trieste, Venice and Verona) and to 9 international destinations (Athens, Barcelona, Casablanca, Geneva, Larnaca, Madrid, Malaga, Malta and Valencia).

Thanks to the codeshare agreement, customers can fly seamlessly to their desired destination with a single 'unique' ticket, checking-in at the airport of departure, and collecting their checked-through baggage at the end of their trip in the arrival airport.

Besides the new codeshare services and more convenient flight connections, Kenya Airways and Alitalia customers will have the opportunity to earn and redeem miles on the entire network operated by both airlines.

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#### **About Kenya Airways**

Kenya Airways, a member of the Sky Team Alliance, is a leading African airline flying to 53 destinations worldwide, 43 of which are in Africa and carries over four million passengers annually. It continues to modernize its fleet with its 32 aircraft being some of the youngest in Africa. This includes its flagship B787 Dreamliner aircraft. The on-board service is renowned and the lie-flat business class seat on the wide-body aircraft is consistently voted among the world's top 10. Kenya Airways takes pride for being in the forefront of connecting Africa to the World and the World to Africa through its hub at the new ultra-modern Terminal 1A at the Jomo Kenyatta International Airport in Nairobi. Kenya Airways celebrated 40 years of operations in January 2017 and was named Africa Leading Airline 2017 by the World Travel Awards. For more information, please visit [www.kenyaairways.com](http://www.kenyaairways.com) or call our 24HR Contact Center: +254 20 327 4747, Twitter: @KenyaAirways, Facebook: KenyaAirways, Instagram: @OfficialKenyaAirways

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#### **About Alitalia**

Alitalia - Società Aerea Italiana ([alitalia.com](http://alitalia.com)) is the Italian largest airline. As part of its 2018/2019 winter schedule, Alitalia flies to 77 destinations, including 22 Italian and 55 international destinations, with over 3,600 weekly flights and 102 routes. Alitalia boasts one of the most modern and efficient fleets in the world. It is a member of the SkyTeam alliance and is part of the Transatlantic Joint Venture alongside Air France-KLM and Delta Air Lines.

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