



# AIRBALTIC REACHES 1 500 EMPLOYEE MARK

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Latvian airline *airBaltic* welcomed its 1 500th employee. The newest member of the *airBaltic* team will be working as a technician taking care of aircraft technical maintenance.

**Martin Gauss, Chief Executive Officer of *airBaltic*:** "We are delighted to announce that we have reached our highest employee mark in the 23-year history of the airline. I am proud to work with a strong, dedicated team of 1 500 professionals."

"*airBaltic* is already among the largest and most coveted employers in Latvia. With the fleet modernization and further growth under the business plan *Destination 2025* our operations will grow and naturally we will continue to seek more talented and motivated individuals for our team," Martin Gauss adds.

The Latvian airline *airBaltic* is planning to recruit over 1 000 highly educated professionals over the next few years, especially those working as cabin crew, pilots and technicians. In 2017 alone *airBaltic* employed 400 new professionals.

*airBaltic* has been consistently ranked among the best employers in various nationwide studies and surveys since 2007: (1st in TOP Employer in transport and logistics sector in 2017, 2016, 2015, 2014, 2013 and 2012, 1st in TOP Employer in 2011, 2nd in TOP Employer and Most Coveted Employer in 2010, 3rd in TOP Employer in 2008 and 2007).

*airBaltic* serves over 70 destinations from Riga, Tallinn and Vilnius, offering the largest variety of destinations and convenient connections via Riga to its network spanning Europe, Scandinavia, the CIS and the Middle East. For summer 2018, *airBaltic* introduced eight new destinations from Riga to Malaga, Lisbon, Split, Bordeaux, Gdansk, Almaty as well as Sochi and Kaliningrad. In addition, *airBaltic* launched a new direct route connecting Tallinn and London.

*airBaltic* (AIR BALTIC CORPORATION) is the world's most punctual airline connecting the Baltic region with 70 destinations in Europe, the Middle East, and the CIS. *airBaltic* is a joint stock company that was established in 1995. Its primary shareholder is the Latvian state, which holds 80.05% of the stock, while Lars Thuesen holds around 20% through his fully-owned Aircraft Leasing 1 SIA. The *airBaltic* fleet consists of 33 aircraft – 10 *Airbus A220-300s*, 11 *Boeing 737s* and 12 *Bombardier Q400 Next Gen* aircraft. *airBaltic* has received numerous international awards for excellence, innovative services, and achievements in reshaping its business. In 2012, *airBaltic* was ranked by *Airlinetrends* among the Top 10 airlines globally for innovations. In 2017, the airline received the CAPA Regional Airline of the Year awards, while in 2018 *airBaltic* received the ATW Airline Industry Achievement Award as the Market Leader of the Year. *airBaltic* achieved the best on-time performance globally in 2014, 2015, 2016 and 2017.

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