

AIRBALTIC TRAINING PILOT ACADEMY OPENS APPLICATION PROCESS

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The Latvian airline *airBaltic* today, on December 11, 2017, opens application process for candidates to the airline's newly established *Pilot Academy* at *airBalticTraining*. Persons selected will be the first class of students of the professional airline pilot training programme and will become *airBaltic* pilots upon completion of the programme in about two years from now.

Martin Gauss, Chief Executive Officer of *airBaltic*: “*airBaltic* is growing rapidly and over the next five years we are planning to recruit over 1 000 highly educated professionals. Now we are taking one step further by introducing a new education programme for our future commercial pilots. It is not only one of the most fascinating professions in the world, but highly sought after one as well.”

Pauls Cielis, *airBaltic* SVP Flight Operations: “Over the years *airBalticTraining* has gained significant experience in training aviation professionals. Now we are expanding our capabilities to offer the most modern and professional training programme for new pilots. *Pilot Academy* is the only programme to offer high calibre pilot training, which will lead to employment as an *airBaltic* pilot. We are proud to create this unique opportunity for Latvians and our Baltic neighbours to become *airBaltic* pilots of the future.”

The application process for the first academic year will end on January 8, 2018. At the beginning *airBaltic* is planning to educate 20 pilots per year. *airBalticTraining Pilot Academy* is planning to start the first academic year in March, 2018 with the theoretical training courses. For more information and applications, please visit: <http://airbaltictraining.com/pilotacademy/en/> .

airBaltic serves over 60 destinations from its home base in Riga, Latvia. From every one of these locations, *airBaltic* offers convenient connections via Riga to its network spanning Europe, Scandinavia, the CIS and the Middle East. In addition, *airBaltic* also offers direct flights from Tallinn and Vilnius.

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