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The AIR FRANCE summer schedule

For its summer schedule, Air France is adapting to changing market conditions and is offering stable capacity* (+0.1%) compared with summer 2011, excluding the development of the provincial bases and +1.7% including the bases.

After significantly modifying capacity to destinations affected by geological or political crises in 2011 (Japan, Ivory Coast, Egypt, Tunisia), Air France has adjusted its schedule to reflect recent developments in the demand for these destinations.

In Africa, Air France plans to launch a new route to Port Gentil**in Gabon and will be resuming service to Abuja** (Nigeria), previously operated by KLM. Air France will continue to increase capacity* to Abidjan, Lomé, Malabo and N'Djamena. To these last two destinations, the daily flights operated by Airbus A319 Dedicate will be replaced by three weekly flights by Airbus A330.

The long-haul fleet

To provide a more homogeneous product on predominantly leisure destinations, 12 Boeing B777-300s will be equipped in June 2012 with Premium Voyageur seats instead of Alizé seats. These aircraft will then be able to serve indifferently all predominantly leisure destinations worldwide.

IN AFRICA, Air France is posting increased capacity of +4.9%.

Air France intends to launch services to Port Gentil* and is resuming a daily flight to Abuja which up to now was operated by KLM, with a daily leg on to Port Harcourt. As in winter, Air France will be operating a daily service to Abidjan, and will continue to increase capacity to Lomé with 5 weekly frequencies this summer compared with 4 last summer.

As from mid April 2012, seat capacity is being significantly increased to Malabo and N'Djamena, with the replacement of a daily frequency operated by A319 Dedicate by 3 weekly frequencies operated by A330.

In the same way, Air France is adjusting capacity by using a more adapted aircraft to Douala (A340) and a smaller aircraft to Cairo (A330), where demand remains low.



The KLM summer schedule

Within this carefully balanced capacity policy, KLM intends to consolidate its growth in Central

and South America, two new destinations will be introduced in Africa (Luanda and Lusaka) and the total capacity deployed in North America and Asia will remain virtually the same.

AFRICA, NEW DESTINATIONS

The oil destination of Luanda (Angola) will be added to the KLM network as of 27 March. Flights will run to this destination on Tuesdays and Fridays on a night/night schedule, so as to complement the flight schedule operated by Air France.

What is more, Lusaka (Zambia) will be added to the network with three weekly flights starting from 15 May. Zambia has witnessed considerable economic growth as a result of the mining industry. In terms of tourism, Zambia also offers a range of different options, primarily concentrated in the area around the city of Livingstone, near the Victoria Falls.

The number of flights to Entebbe (Uganda) and Kigali (Rwanda) has been increased to six per week. The new Airbus A330-300 will be deployed in the West-African destinations of Lagos (Nigeria) and Accra (Ghana).

KLM will serve Cairo (Egypt) with flights on a Boeing 777-200 three times per week this summer. KLM intends to resume flights to Tripoli (Libya) with effect from May 2012.