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ETIHAD REGIONAL CONNECTS LUGANO AND ROME-FIUMICINO

Etihad Regional - operated by Darwin Airline - is flying from its home base in Lugano to Rome Fiumicino all-year as of September 1st

The leading Swiss regional airline has announced that it will be offering year-round flights from its home base Lugano to Rome Fiumicino offering onward code-share connections with Alitalia to Naples and destinations in Sicily

The news was announced by the company's CEO, Maurizio Merlo: "We are very pleased that we can connect our home base Lugano with the Italian capital. Our flights on Monday, Friday and Sunday offer convenient connections for business and leisure travellers. Rome is an extremely important destination for travellers from our home region Ticino and Italian cities like Como and Varese. The potential in the market for our flights is very attractive. Thanks to our business model and fleet, we can offer the fastest, most reliable and the most comfortable travel option between Lugano and Rome. Due to our partnership with Alitalia we can also provide seamless connections to key destinations in the South of Italy like Catania, Naples, Lamezia Terme and Bari. We are extremely proud to connect our hometown with the eternal city, and we will be celebrating the opening of the route on September 1st with an event at Lugano Agno airport."

Alessandro Sozzi CEO of Lugano Airport SA said: "Lugano Airport is very pleased that Etihad Regional reintroduces the route Lugano - Rome Fiumicino. We worked side by side with Etihad Regional, and we strongly believe that the reactivation of this route is an important event for the airport and for the whole region. We expect a very positive response from our market to this additional offer for business or leisure trips."



Operated by Darwin Airline

The new connection will operate with a 50-seat SAAB 2000 aircraft on Friday, Sunday and Monday all year round according to the following schedule:

Lugano-Rome

Monday and Friday

LUG-FCO (F7 156) Departure: 10:00 - Arrival: 11:20

FCO-LUG (F7 157) Departure: 14:45 - Arrival: 16:10

Sunday

LUG-FCO (F7 156) Departure: 16:15 - Arrival: 17:35

FCO-LUG (F7 157) Departure: 18:15 - Arrival: 19:40

One way prices from Lugano to Rome start at CHF 74.

Flights can be booked directly on www.etihadregional.com, at travel agencies and by calling the Etihad Regional call centre on the following telephone numbers:

From Switzerland: +41 (0) 91 208 70 80 (Italian), +41 (0) 44 508 72 90 (German) +41 (0) 22 508 72 80 (French)

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Info on Etihad Regional, operated by Darwin Airline

Etihad Regional is the new European brand operated by Darwin Airline, Switzerland's leading regional carrier, founded in 2003. Etihad Regional, a full service airline, currently operates with a fleet of six 50-seat Saab 2000 turboprop aircraft and four 68-seat ATR 72-500s, serving various destinations in four European countries: Switzerland, France, Italy and Spain.

Besides serving niche European markets, Etihad Regional also offers international destinations around the world through its 33.3% shareholding equity and code-share partner Etihad Airways.

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