

## **MEDIA RELEASE**

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### **ETIHAD REGIONAL STRENGTHENS VERONA'S CONNECTIONS WITH THREE NEW ROUTES**

Verona is more connected than ever following the launch of three new routes by the steadily expanding Swiss-based airline, Etihad Regional.

Etihad Regional commenced daily flights between Verona and the Swiss cities of Zurich and Geneva on 1 June 2014. The airline is also operating a weekly seasonal service between Verona and Cambridge until 20 September 2014.

Etihad Regional will operate the newly rebranded Saab 2000 aircraft offering a total of 50 seats in a two-class configuration, with five Premium Economy seats and 45 Economy Class seats.

Chief Executive Officer of Etihad Regional, Maurizio Merlo, said: "With these new routes to Verona in the important Veneto region, we are demonstrating our commitment to expand the network of Etihad Regional and to bring choice and convenience to European travellers.

"We are expanding our brand and our presence in the Italian market, where we already operate to Rome, Florence, Turin and Bolzano. Our brand signals quality, hospitality and convenience, and our product is equally suited to leisure and business travellers.

"The newly launched daily direct flight between Zurich and Abu Dhabi by network partner Etihad Airways, enables Etihad Regional passengers to connect to destinations in the Middle East and beyond."

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Paolo Arena, Chief Executive Officer of Catullo Spa, which manages Verona and Brescia airports, said: "The start of Catullo's Etihad Regional operations, marks the beginning of an important new partnership with our airport. We are confident that these operations will be consolidated over time with further new projects.

"Verona saw the opening of 19 new flights in the summer season. Overall, Verona airport is now connected with 57 airports: 9 domestic destinations, 34 in the European Union and 14 outside of the European Union," Mr Paolo said.

General Director of Catullo Spa, Carmine Bassetti, said: "We are delighted to welcome Etihad Regional to Verona as the airline expands its regional network across Europe.

"We look forward to extending our warm hospitality and professionalism in service to support its operations at Verona airport."

### Verona - Geneva

Flight #	Departs	Arrives	Departure time	Arrival time	Frequency	Aircraft
F70161	Verona (VRN)	Geneva (GVA)	13:25	14:25	Daily	Saab 2000
F70160	Geneva (GVA)	Verona (VRN)	20:50	21:55	Daily	Saab 2000

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### Verona - Zurich

Flight #	Departs	Arrives	Departure time	Arrival time	Frequency	Aircraft
F70165	Verona (VRN)	Zurich (ZHR)	06:05	07:05	Daily	Saab 2000
F70164	Zurich (ZHR)	Verona (VRN)	11:35	12:35	Daily	Saab 2000

### Verona - Cambridge

Flight #	Departs	Arrives	Departure time	Arrival time	Frequency	Aircraft
F70167	Verona (VRN)	Cambridge (CBG)	13:30	14:35	Saturday	Saab 2000
F70166	Cambridge (CBG)	Verona (VRN)	15:05	18:15	Saturday	Saab 2000

Note: All in local time. Flight times are subject to change.

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### **About Etihad Regional, Operated by Darwin Airline**

Etihad Regional is the new European brand operated by Swiss-based regional carrier, Darwin Airline, founded in 2003. It serves a range of key secondary markets in Europe and offers long-haul and international destinations across Europe, Australia, Asia, Middle East, Africa and the Americas through its future 33.3 per cent shareholding equity and codeshare partner, Etihad Airways. The airline currently operates two-class flights with a fleet of eight 50-seat Saab 2000 turboprop aircraft and three 68-seat ATR 72-500 - the fourth ATR will be introduced in June - to a network stretching from southern Italy to the UK. The airline's major hub is the Swiss city of Geneva. For more information, please visit [www.etihadregional.com](http://www.etihadregional.com)

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