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## ETIHAD REGIONAL ANNOUNCES DOUBLE DAILY ZURICH-LUGANO SERVICES

Etihad Regional, operated by Darwin Airline, today announced the launch of a double daily service between the two important Swiss cities of Zurich and Lugano.

The new route, which will commence on 1 November 2014, will be operated with a two-class Saab 2000 turboprop aircraft, offering a total of five seats in Premium Economy Class and 45 seats in Economy Class.

Etihad Regional has been operating the route since 2005 under an operational agreement (ACMI) with Swiss International Air Lines. Following the discontinuation of the agreement in October 2014, Etihad Regional will include the new route in its winter 2014 schedule. The move takes into consideration the strategic importance of this route for the airline, the country and more importantly for its guests.

Maurizio Merlo, Chief Executive Officer of Etihad Regional, said: "We are a Swiss airline, based in Ticino, and which remains our home base. The new double daily service demonstrates our firm commitment to Swiss aviation, and the business and tourism market. As we continue to expand our operations regionally, we will never lose focus on the domestic market and what it means for our guests.

"We have extensive experience in operating this route, having received excellent feedback on the services we have offered, and we will continue to meet our guests' expectations.

"The new route will not only open great opportunities for inbound tourism into Lugano but also provide additional choice for business and leisure travellers flying to Zurich. Beyond

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Zurich, our guests will be able to connect easily onto the global network of our partner airlines, Etihad Airways and airberlin.”

Etihad Airways offers daily flights between Zurich and Abu Dhabi. Flights beyond Abu Dhabi, offered by the UAE flag carrier and its equity partners, Jet Airways and Virgin Australia connect well with destinations in the Middle East, Indian subcontinent, Asia and Australia.

## Etihad Regional schedule for Zurich - Lugano flights, effective 1 November 2014:

Flight No.	Origin	Departs	Destination	Arrives	Frequency	Aircraft
F7 0051	Zurich (ZRH)	07:30	Lugano (LUG)	08:15	Daily	Saab 2000
F7 0052	Lugano (LUG)	08:45	Zurich (ZRH)	09:35	Daily	Saab 2000
F7 0055	Zurich (ZRH)	16:40	Lugano (LUG)	17:25	Daily	Saab 2000
F7 0056	Lugano (LUG)	17:55	Zurich (ZRH)	18:40	Daily	Saab 2000

Note: All departures and arrivals are listed in local time.

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### About Etihad Regional, Operated by Darwin Airline

Etihad Regional is the new European brand operated by Switzerland’s leading regional carrier, Darwin Airline, founded in 2003. Etihad Regional, a full service airline, currently operates two-class flights with a fleet of eight 50-seat Saab 2000 turboprop aircraft and four 68-seat ATR 72-500s, serving over 30 destinations in nine European countries: Switzerland, Germany, France, Italy, Spain, Austria, Serbia, Netherlands and the UK. Besides serving a range of key secondary cities in Europe, Etihad Regional also offers international destinations around the world through its future 33.3 per cent shareholding equity and codeshare partner, Etihad

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Airways. The airline's head office is located in Lugano with major operational hubs in Zurich and Geneva. For more information, please visit [www.etihadregional.com](http://www.etihadregional.com).

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