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## Ethiopian Airlines to Welcome Atlanta to its Network

Addis Ababa, 18 January 2023

Ethiopian Airlines, the largest network operator in Africa is pleased to announce that it has finalized all preparations to commence a new service between Addis Ababa, Ethiopia and Atlanta, USA. Ethiopian will operate a four times weekly flight to Atlanta (ATL) starting from 16 May 2023.

The four times weekly flight will be operated as per the below schedule.

Flight Number	Frequency	Departure Airport	Departure time	Arrival Airport	Arrival Time	Sub Fleet
ET 518	Tue, Thu, Sat, Sun	ADD	22:00	DUB	04:20	789
ET 518	Tue, Thu, Sat, Sun	DUB	05:10	ATL	09:00	789
ET 519	Mon, Wed, Fri, Sun	ATL	10:35	ADD	07:50	789

Commenting on the launch of the new flight, Ethiopian Airlines Group CEO Mr. Mesfin Tasew said, *“We are truly delighted to open our sixth gateway in North America with the new flight to Atlanta. We have been connecting the U.S. and Africa for 25 years now and the new service will help boost the investment, tourism, diplomatic and socioeconomic bonds between the two regions. As a pan-African carrier, we are committed to further expand our global network and connect Africa with the rest of the world. We are also keen to better serve the U.S. by increasing our destinations and flight frequencies.”*

*“Ethiopian Airlines’ new service to Hartsfield-Jackson Atlanta International Airport is yet another win for our City as we continue to develop and expand our air service to Africa,”* said Atlanta Mayor Andre Dickens. He further added *“As we celebrate the new connection of the rich and dynamic cities of Atlanta and Addis Ababa, we look forward to a strong and successful partnership with our new partners in Ethiopia.”*



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Hartsfield-Jackson Atlanta International Airport General Manager Balram “B” Bheodari said *“As the world’s busiest and most efficient airport, our mission is to deliver excellence while connecting our community to the world. This new partnership with Ethiopian Airlines expands that connectivity and access for our passengers and further solidifies our position as an industry leader. We are thrilled to welcome Ethiopian Airlines to ATL.”*

*“This announcement is truly significant with Ethiopian Airlines being the biggest African carrier to fly out of ATL. We are the gateway to the world and this collaboration with Ethiopian Airlines further illustrates our global commitment to our passengers and stakeholders,”* said Deputy General Manager and Chief Commercial Officer Jai Ferrell. *“We are looking forward to welcoming new and returning passengers to our world-class customer experience as they travel to and through ATL.”*

Ethiopian Airlines currently operates more than 130 international passenger and cargo destinations. Atlanta will be Ethiopian Airlines’ 5<sup>th</sup> passenger destination in the US following Chicago, Newark, New York and Washington.

## About Ethiopian

Ethiopian Airlines (Ethiopian) is the fastest growing Airline in Africa. In its seventy-six plus years of operation, Ethiopian has become one of the continent’s leading carriers, unrivalled in efficiency and operational success. In addition to its main hub in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, it is also pursuing its multi-hub strategy through a hub in Lomé, Togo with ASKY, in Lilongwe, Malawi with Malawi Airlines and in Lusaka, Zambia with Zambia Airways. Ethiopian commands the lion’s share of the Pan African passenger and cargo network operating the youngest and most modern fleet to more than 145 domestic and international passenger and cargo destinations across five continents. Ethiopian’s fleet consists of ultra-modern and environmentally friendly aircraft such as Boeing 737s, 767-300, 777s, 787s, Airbus A350-900 and DHC Dash 8-400 double cabin with an average fleet age of seven years. In fact, Ethiopian is the first airline in Africa to own and operate most of these aircraft. Upon early, successful achievement of its strategic plan (Vision 2025), Ethiopian is currently implementing a 15-year strategic plan called Vision 2035 that will see it become one of the top 20 most competitive and leading aviation group in the world by providing safe, secured, market driven and customer focused Passenger and Cargo Transport and Logistics Services, Aviation Training, Airport Management and



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Ground Services, MRO and Aerospace Manufacturing and Travel and Tourism Services. Ethiopian is a multi-award-winning airline including a Skytrax 'Best Airline in Africa Award' for five consecutive years. Ethiopian has been a Star Alliance member since 2011 and an Airline which has been registering more than threefold growth in the past 10 years. For additional information, please visit [www.ethiopianairlines.com](http://www.ethiopianairlines.com)

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## Hartsfield-Jackson Atlanta International Airport

ATL is the first airport in history to serve more than 100 million passengers in one year and continues to top passenger totals worldwide. In response to the pandemic, Hartsfield-Jackson pivoted to focus on implementing heightened safety protocols while maintaining efficiency and financial stability. The Airport boasts a direct economic impact of \$66 billion in the region. A frequent recipient of awards of excellence, ATL is recognized for its leadership in concessions, operations, sustainability, architectural engineering and construction. For more information, visit [www.atl.com](http://www.atl.com).