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## Ethiopian Inaugural Flight Lands at New Nekemte Gudina Tumsa Airport

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Ethiopian Airlines Group, the largest airline group in Africa, and one of the fastest-growing airline brands globally, launches its thrice weekly flights to Nekemte, Gudina Tumsa Airport while simultaneously inaugurating the completion of airport airfield and passenger access projects in the airport.

Ethiopian Airlines new flights to Gudina Tumsa Airport will be operated per the schedule below.

Addis Ababa (ADD) to Nekemte (NEK) on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Saturdays with flights from Nekemte (NEK) departing on the same days.

Regarding the inaugural, Ethiopian Airlines Group Chief Executive Officer, Mr. Mesfin Tasew said, *"Our joy is doubled as we celebrate the completion of the new Gudina Tumsa Airport project and the commencement of a new service. This project is part of our vision to expand our domestic destinations nationwide with a firm determination to strengthen regional connectivity. And we are truly pleased to witness the completion of yet another aviation facility project and service commencement."*

The Gudina Tumsa Airport project that cost 1.1 billion ETB, avails a new airfield, access road to the airport, watch towers, temporary terminal, and other facilities with the construction of the permanent terminal to commence on the coming budget year. The

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runway is designed for Boeing 737-800 Max aircraft type, while the apron can park two B737-800 Max or four Q-400 aircrafts at a time.

Realizing its vision to expand its domestic networks to 31 from the current 23 by 2035, Ethiopian has already begun constructing and upgrading domestic airports and aviation facilities to offer more extended and advanced flight services in the country.

The newly completed airport facility is part of Ethiopian Airlines goal in advancing the socio-economic and cultural interrelation between Ethiopian cities and beyond.

Addis Ababa Bole International Airport Terminal I, Axum Yohannes IV Airport, Jinka Airport Terminal, and Gode Ugaas Miraad Airport, are some of the projects inaugurated in recent past with more others set to be completed soon.

## About Ethiopian

[Ethiopian Airlines Group \(Ethiopian\)](#) is one of the fastest-growing airlines brand globally and the continent's largest airline brand. In its seventy-eight years of successful operations, Ethiopian has become one of the continent's leading carriers, unrivalled in efficiency and operational success. Ethiopian commands the lion's share of the African passenger and cargo network operating the youngest and most modern fleet to more than 150 domestic and international passenger and cargo [destinations](#) across five continents. Ethiopian's fleet category consists of ultra-modern and environmentally friendly [aircraft](#) such as Boeing 737s, 777s, 787s, Airbus A350-900 and De Havilland Q400.

Ethiopian is also pursuing multi-hub strategy through hubs in Lomé, Togo with ASKY, in Lilongwe, Malawi with Malawi Airlines and in Lusaka, Zambia with Zambia Airways. Having achieved its strategic plan (Vision 2025) ahead of time, Ethiopian is currently implementing a 15-year strategic plan Vision 2035 that will see it become one of the top 20 most competitive and leading aviation groups in the world. Ethiopian has been champion in various coveted awards including Skytrax's 'Best Airline in Africa Award' for six consecutive years among others. The airline has been a Star Alliance member since 2011 and has been registering more than threefold growth in the past 10 years.

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