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## **Denver International Airport and Edelweiss/SWISS Celebrate Inaugural Flight to Zurich, Switzerland**

**DENVER – June 4, 2018** – Today, Denver International Airport (DEN) welcomed a new foreign-flag carrier, Edelweiss/SWISS, by celebrating the inaugural nonstop flight between Denver and Zurich, Switzerland (ZRH). This flight is DEN's fourth new international airline and seventh new international destination since January 2017.

"Denver is experiencing tremendous international growth in both the number of destinations offered nonstop and the number of passengers served," said Denver Mayor Michael B. Hancock. "We are excited that Edelweiss is adding this direct connection to Zurich that will further strengthen our economy by creating nearly 200 new jobs and generating more than \$21 million in annual economic impact."

Edelweiss' new seasonal nonstop service will operate twice a week, on Mondays and Fridays, through September 21, using Airbus A330-300 aircraft with 315 seats. Edelweiss Business Class is equipped with 27 fully lie-flat seats and a state-of-the-art inflight entertainment system with HD touchscreens. Economy Max encompasses 56 comfortable seats with 6 inches more legroom, more recline and many other amenities. The 232 seats in Economy Class provide for a relaxing flight and offer an inflight entertainment system that also features HD touchscreens.

"We are happy to announce that Denver is now directly linked with Zurich," said Edelweiss CEO Bernd Bauer. "We are even more pleased that we can accompany many American guests on their holidays to Switzerland, and welcome them on board with excellent food and hospitality."

Nearly 35,000 passengers currently travel between Denver and Switzerland each year, with heavier traffic in the popular summer season. As well as opening Denver to Swiss and other European visitors, the new route offers a convenient nonstop flight for travellers from DEN to the heart of Europe, with many onward flight options from Zurich to other European cities through the network provided by Swiss International Air Lines.

"Zurich ranks as Denver's largest market in Switzerland, and nearly 100 people travel between Colorado and Switzerland every day," said DEN CEO Kim Day. "We are excited to add this cosmopolitan city to our growing international air service network portfolio, and are especially looking forward to welcoming Swiss visitors to explore all that the Mile High City and Centennial State have to offer."

With this flight, DEN now flies nonstop to more than 190 destinations worldwide, including 26 international destinations in 11 countries.

### **About Edelweiss**

Edelweiss is Switzerland's leading leisure travel airline and flies to the most beautiful destinations in the world. Its fleet encompasses ten aircraft with which flights are operated to 68 destinations in 33 countries. Every year, some 1.5 million passengers fly with Edelweiss to their holiday destination and enjoy a relaxing travel experience. This includes great service on board provided with the warmth, reliability and hospitality that Edelweiss is known for. Edelweiss is a sister company of Swiss International Air Lines and a member of the Lufthansa Group.

### **About The Lufthansa Group**

The Lufthansa Group is the world's biggest airline group in terms of revenue, and is also the market leader in Europe's airline sector. The Group strives to be the "First Choice in Aviation" for its customers, employees, shareholders and partners. And safety, quality, reliability and innovation are the prime credentials and priorities of all its business activities. The Lufthansa Group is divided into the three strategic areas of Hub Airlines, Point-to-Point Business and Service Companies. The Group's network carriers, with their premium brands of Lufthansa, SWISS and Austrian Airlines, serve its home market from their Frankfurt, Munich, Zurich and Vienna hubs. With its Eurowings brand, the Group also offers short- and long-haul point-to-point services in the growing private travel market. And with its service companies, which are all global market leaders in their individual industries, the Lufthansa Group has found success in further areas of the aviation business. The Lufthansa Group's airlines currently (Summer Schedule) serve 343 destinations in 103 countries on four continents and offer 15,415 weekly frequencies. The Group's total fleet comprises some 728 aircraft and its member airlines will be taking delivery of 180 new aircraft between now and 2025. In 2017, the Lufthansa Group employed around 130,000 personnel, welcomed 130 million passengers aboard its flights and generated sales of around EUR 35.6 billion. The Lufthansa

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Group is headed by its five-member Executive Board. Carsten Spohr is Chairman & CEO; Thorsten Dirks is in charge of Eurowings and aviation services; Harry Hohmeister bears responsibility for the commercial management of the Group's hub airlines and airports; Ulrik Svensson is head of finance and IT; and Dr. Bettina Volken is in charge of HR and legal affairs. For further information please visit [www.lufthansagroup.com](http://www.lufthansagroup.com).

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*Denver International Airport is the fifth-busiest airport in the United States. With more than 61 million passengers traveling through the airport each year, DEN is one of the busiest airline hubs in the world's largest aviation market. DEN is the primary economic engine for the state of Colorado, generating more than \$26 billion for the region annually. For more information visit [www.FlyDenver.com](http://www.FlyDenver.com), check us out on [YouTube](#), [Pinterest](#), and [Instagram](#), like us on [Facebook](#) and follow us on [Twitter](#).*

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