



## **New Airline with Long-Haul Connections from Vienna Airport: Starting today Ethiopian Airlines offers flights from Vienna to Addis Ababa**

Starting today, June 2, 2014, Vienna Airport is offering a new long-haul connection to the African continent. The first Boeing 767-300ER of the Star Alliance partner Ethiopian Airlines departing from Addis Ababa arrived at Vienna Airport this morning at 5:50 a.m. The plane was greeted by a water salute ceremony on the apron and a gala reception at the General Aviation Center. Guests of honor included Tewolde Gebremariam (CEO Ethiopian Airlines), Jaan Albrecht (CEO Austrian Airlines) and Julian Jäger (Member of the Management Board, Flughafen Wien AG).

"We are very happy to spread our wings to Vienna, which is one of the most popular convention and conference centers in Europe. In addition to serving the growing travel needs between Vienna and Africa, we will be able to offer efficient connections between Africa and Central/Eastern Europe in cooperation with our Star Alliance partner, Austrian Airlines. Europe, which is still the largest trading partner of Africa, is an important region for us", said Tewolde Gebremariam (CEO Ethiopian Airlines).

"Thanks to this new direct connection to the African continent, this economic market which is of international significance to Austria will be even more accessible. At the same time, the flight service to Addis Ababa opens up an important gateway for tourism and business, which the business and tourism regions in Austria, Eastern Europe and Africa will all benefit from", says Julian Jäger, Member of the Management Board of Flughafen Wien AG. "To attract new Star Alliance carriers to Vienna in cooperation with our partners is a major goal for us. We are pleased that this strategy has been successful."

"Two years ago we started together with Vienna Airport to enhance the promotion of our hub in Vienna. I am pleased that with Ethiopian Airlines another Star Alliance carrier follows our invitation. Austrian Airlines and Star Alliance customers gain a direct connection to Africa and vice versa, we offer passengers from the largest convention city in Africa, Addis Ababa, optimal connection flights ex Vienna, in particular to Eastern Europe", adds Jaan Albrecht, CEO of Austrian Airlines.

### **Four weekly flights to Addis Ababa**

The aircraft (flight number ET724) will depart Addis Ababa at 0:01 a.m. every Monday, Wednesday, Thursday and Saturday, and land in Vienna at 5:50 a.m. At 6:50 a.m. the aircraft will continue its journey to Stockholm, arriving there at 9:00 a.m. The aircraft will return to Vienna on the same day, departing Stockholm at 8 p.m. and landing in Vienna at 10:10 p.m. At 11:10 p.m. the plane (flight number ET725) will depart from Vienna and head towards Addis Ababa, arriving on the next morning at 7:05 a.m. Ethiopian Airlines will operate a Boeing 767-300 ER and Boeing 757 on the Vienna-Addis Ababa route.

### **Multiple award-winning Star Alliance partner with flights to 79 global destinations**

Ethiopian Airlines is one of the fastest growing carriers in Africa, and one of the leading airlines on the African continent. The multiple award-winning airline (named Africa's Best Business Class Airline 2013, African Airline of the Year Award 2013, Best Airline Staff Service in Africa from Skytrax and many more) has been a member of the Star Alliance since December 2011. 48 destinations in Africa are now easily accessible from Vienna thanks to the new direct connection to Addis Ababa. Ethiopian Airlines offers more than 200 daily



flights to 79 international destinations on five continents. More information and booking options are available at [www.ethiopianairlines.com](http://www.ethiopianairlines.com).

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