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Jamaica Expands Connections to Europe with commencement of service from Zurich, Switzerland.

Montego Bay, Jamaica, 05 July 2021 // Sangster International Airport (SIA), Jamaica's leading gateway to the world operated by MBJ Airports Limited, welcomed Edelweiss' once weekly scheduled service from Zurich, Switzerland. Edelweiss Air, an affiliate of Swiss International Airlines and member of the Lufthansa Group is operating from its hub in Zurich – the largest city in Switzerland which is also the global centre for banking and finance.

In addition to its existing holiday destinations, Edelweiss added Montego Bay, Jamaica to its six new destinations route network this summer. This new flight will further expand Edelweiss tourism offer in the Caribbean.

The inaugural flight WK028 operated using an airbus 330 aircraft, arrived at Sangster International Airport from Zurich, Switzerland via Punta Cana, Dominican Republic on Monday, July 5, 2021, at 7:25 p.m. carrying 98 passengers and 10 crew members. The once weekly service from Zurich will operate on Mondays.

The arriving flight landed to much fanfare with a spectacular water arch salute signaling the arrival of the inaugural service. Tourism dignitaries headed by Tourism Minister Hon. Edmund Bartlett, Director of Tourism Donovan White, and Deputy Mayor Montego Bay, Richard Vernon were among the officials and tourism partners on hand to greet the excited arriving passengers and airline crew. The Jamaica Tourist Board presented the crew with Jamaican memorabilia, while the sweet sounds of Jamaican Mento music performed live by a local Mento Band pulsed the background much to the delight of the passengers.

MBJ Airports Limited's Chief Executive Officer, Shane Munroe stated, "We welcome the addition of Edelweiss new route from Switzerland to Jamaica. This service demonstrates Jamaica's demand as a popular destination within Switzerland's Caribbean holiday market."

Audley Deidrick, Director and CEO of Airports Authority of Jamaica is also pleased with this addition stating, "The Airports Authority of Jamaica (AAJ) joins MBJ Airports Limited (MBJ) in welcoming Edelweiss as they introduce their weekly scheduled service from Switzerland to the Sangster International Airport (SIA). This is one more important addition to airlift capacity from Europe as we seek to accommodate and welcome the growing demand of travelers from this market to our beautiful Island destination."

About Edelweiss Airlines:

Edelweiss is Switzerland's leading leisure travel airline and flies to the most beautiful destinations in the world. The airline reliably ensures a pleasant and carefree travel time to the holiday destination and looks after the safety and well-being of its guests with commitment and cordiality. Edelweiss is a sister company of Swiss International Air Lines (SWISS) and a member of the Lufthansa Group.

About MBJ Airports:

MBJ Airports Limited, operator of Sangster International Airport, connects Jamaica to more than 60 international destinations. A record of 4.7m passengers used the airport in 2019. MBJ operates SIA under a 30-year concession awarded in 2003 and the airport provides employment to more than 7,500 persons. SIA has been named the Caribbean's Leading Airport by World Travel Awards for 13 years.



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