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Emirates, flydubai join forces with new agreement

Partnership includes codeshare agreement, network synergies and combined fleet

Emirates and flydubai on Monday announced a significant partnership agreement that will see the two airlines join forces for the first time.

Under the partnership, the Dubai-based carriers will operate an “expansive” codeshare agreement, as well as increased schedule alignment and network optimisation to more than 200 destinations. The two airlines’ combined network is expected to cover 240 destinations by 2020, served by a combined fleet of 380 aircraft.

The agreement will also see alignment of frequent flyer loyalty programmes, providing benefits to customers of both airlines. However, both airlines will continue to be managed independently with no plans for a full merger.

Commenting on the merger, flydubai’s Chairman, His Highness Sheikh Ahmed bin Saeed Al Maktoum said ‘Together, we are working to optimise the networks and schedules of both airlines to open up new city-pair connections offering consumers greater choice. Additionally, this will also help both airlines feed more traffic into each other’s complementary networks. We expect that by 2022, the combined network of Emirates and flydubai will reach 240 destinations, served by a combined fleet of over 380 aircraft.

This is a significant and exciting step for both Emirates and flydubai. I’m confident this will fuel the continued growth of both airlines, as well as Dubai’s development as a hub for global aviation. ‘