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## Norwegian named 'Airline of the Year' at 2017 CAPA Aviation Awards for Excellence

LONDON (OCTOBER 12, 2017) – Norwegian has been awarded 'Airline of the Year' at the 2017 CAPA Aviation Awards for Excellence during the CAPA Global Aviation & Corporate Travel Summit in London.

Norwegian was selected by the judging panel at the Centre for Aviation – CAPA for being at the forefront of low-cost long-haul travel, opening nearly 30 intercontinental routes in the past year between Europe, USA and Asia. CAPA also recognised Norwegian for its pioneering use of Boeing 737 MAX

aircraft on underserved transatlantic routes which is creating demand in new markets.

Norwegian CEO Bjørn Kjos, was presented with the 'Airline of the Year' award by CAPA Executive Chairman Peter Harbison during a gala dinner at the Sofitel London Heathrow.

"It's an honor to collect the award for CAPA Airline of the Year on behalf of Norwegian. This achievement underpins the hard-work and support of all my dedicated colleagues who have contributed to Norwegian receiving a prestigious industry recognition once again. In our 15<sup>th</sup> year, I'm proud to see Norwegian's combination of affordable fares, fuel-efficient aircraft and high-quality service recognized by our industry peers. This award motivates us even more to continue making affordable fares for everyone a reality as this is just the beginning of our global expansion," said Bjørn Kjos, CEO at Norwegian.

"Through a combination of new technology, regulatory change and applying innovative strategies, Norwegian has irreversibly reshaped the way airlines, low-cost and otherwise, look at their network opportunities. The number of airports that fight for each additional aircraft that joins its fleet show the value of the Norwegian model to the aviation sector for short and long-haul flying. The demand is there and hopefully profitability will follow as Norwegian truly develops from its roots as a European regional airline into a global airline and recognized brand across the world. These global ambitions are exemplified in recent route expansion to Singapore and into the Argentine domestic market," said Peter Harbison, Executive Chairman, CAPA – Centre for Aviation.

### **About CAPA and the CAPA Aviation Awards for Excellence**

Established in 1990, CAPA – Centre for Aviation is the leading provider of independent aviation market intelligence (publishing 500 stories every working day), analysis and data services, covering worldwide developments.

The CAPA Aviation Awards for Excellence have recognised strategic leadership in the aviation industry since 2002. Initially limited to Asia Pacific and the [Middle East](#), the awards were expanded by CAPA in 2012 to include all regions. This year the Aviation Awards of Excellence were presented at two gala dinners – one for the global industry in [Amsterdam](#) and one for Asia Pacific in Singapore. For more information on the CAPA Aviation Awards for

Excellence and CAPA Asia [Pacific Aviation](#) Awards for Excellence, including media queries, please contact [press@centreforaviation.com](mailto:press@centreforaviation.com).

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## About Norwegian

Norwegian is the world's sixth largest low-cost airline and carried 30 million passengers in 2016. The airline operates 450 routes to 150 destinations in Europe, North Africa, Middle East, Thailand, Caribbean and the U.S.

Norwegian has a fleet of 120 aircraft, with an average age of 3.6 years, making it one of the world's youngest fleets. Norwegian was named the [Most Fuel-Efficient Airline on Transatlantic Routes](#) by the International Council on Clean Transportation (ICCT). Norwegian was named the World's Best Low-Cost Long-Haul Airline by the renowned SkyTrax World Airline Awards in 2015 and 2016, and for the fourth consecutive year, named Europe's Best Low-Cost Airline. Norwegian employs 6,000 people. The airline offers 40 nonstop routes from the U.S. to London, Paris, Scandinavia and the Caribbean. Follow [@Fly\\_Norwegian](#) on Twitter, join the discussion on [Facebook](#) and keep up with our adventures on [Instagram](#). For more information on Norwegian and its network, visit [norwegian.com](http://norwegian.com).

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