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STAR ALLIANCE

Brussels Airlines has officially been accepted as a member of Star Alliance during a ceremony on 9 December at the 'Grand Place' in Brussels.

The **Chief Executive Board** and Alliance Management Board of Star Alliance have met on 9 and 10 December in Brussels. Part of the programme was organised in co-operation with Brussels Airport at the airport premises.

Brussels Airport welcomes Star Alliance. It puts Brussels on equal footing with the other main European gateways and offers Star Alliance carriers the opportunity to operate from and to one of the most dense and compact catchment areas in Europe.

Belgium counts almost 11 million residents, but the southern part of The Netherlands and the northern part of France offer another 8 million residents living close to Brussels Airport. Business travel, governmental/EU, leisure and VFR traffic all are large travel segments.

Star Alliance at Brussels counts 19 of its current 26 members, and one future member, Aegean Airlines. Two airlines only operate **cargo**: Asiana and Singapore Airlines.

During the meetings at the airport, Brussels Airport emphasised its attractive geographical location for local and transfer travel, and the current missing links by Star Alliance carriers to Asia and Latin America.

Star Alliance passenger airline activities in Brussels will **expand** significantly in 2010. Blue1 commences 2 daily flights from Helsinki. Air Canada starts a daily flight from Montreal in June. United Airlines will open a second daily route to Brussels in March when it commences daily Chicago serves next to its successful Washington operation.

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| Adria Airways | Ljubljana | 3 daily flights |
| Aegean Airlines * | Athens | 1 daily flight |
| Air Canada | Montreal – new S10 | 1 daily flight |
| Austrian Airlines | Vienna | 5 daily flights |
| Blue1 | Helsinki – new S10 | 2 daily flights |
| bmi | 3 cities UK | 9 daily flights |
| Brussels Airlines | 70 cities Europe/Africa | |
| Continental Airlines | Newark | 1 daily flight |
| Croatia Airlines | Zagreb | 1 daily flight |
| Egyptair | Cairo | 5 weekly flights |
| LOT Polish Airlines | Warsaw | 3 daily flights |
| Lufthansa | 5 cities Germany | 23 daily flights |
| SAS | 3 cities Nordic | 9 daily flights |
| Swiss | 2 cities Switzerland | 8 daily flights |
| TAP Portugal | 2 cities Portugal | 4 daily flights |
| Turkish Airlines | 3 cities Turkey | 4 daily flights |
| United Airlines | Washington | 1 daily flight |
| | Chicago – new S10 | 1 daily flight |
| US Airways | Philadelphia | 1 daily flight |



The Star Alliance traffic share at Brussels Airport is around 47% of all passengers. The contribution of Brussels Airlines to the Star Alliance share is 28%.

Oneworld and SkyTeam have 8% resp. 6% traffic share.

Non-aligned and leisure carriers fly around 39% of all passengers.

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