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# QATAR AIRWAYS VOTED BUSINESS AIRLINE OF THE YEAR FOR SECOND YEAR IN A ROW

Qatar Airways was last night awarded 'Business Airline of the Year' for the second consecutive year at the prestigious UK Business Travel Awards 2015 held in London at the Grosvenor House Hotel

The 20th annual Business Travel Awards, hosted by Buying Business Travel, celebrated the achievements of travel industry leaders. Over 70 companies, teams and individuals were shortlisted across 21 categories.

Richard Oliver, Country Manager, UK & Ireland, said; "It has been an incredible year for Qatar Airways, with not only a number of new routes but the expansion of our fleet to include the A350 and A380, both of which represent the latest in aviation engineering and technology. This award reiterates the quality of our renowned 5-star service and it is an honour to have been recognised in this category again."

Shortlisted for Business Airline of the year alongside Qatar Airways were Air France KLM, ANA, Delta Air Lines, Etihad Airways and Lufthansa German Airlines.

With a modern fleet of 146 aircraft, Qatar Airways connects businesses and travellers to more than 145 destinations across Europe, Middle East, Africa, Asia Pacific and The Americas. In the past 12 months Qatar Airways has welcomed its first A380 to its fleet, followed by its first A350 as the global launch customer and begun services between Heathrow and Doha on an all-business class A319 aircraft.

In May 2014 Qatar Airways became the first carrier to fly an all-Business Class service from London Heathrow. The daily Airbus A319 service to Doha is configured with a single aisle, 2-2 seating configuration offering 40 seats. The service departs from Terminal 4 at 21:55, arriving into Doha at 6.40am the following day. The A319 Business Class seat has one of the highest specifications for business class travel of any airline



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with wide seats that recline into fully flat beds.

In 2014 Qatar Airways also launched services to Sharjah International Airport, UAE, Al Maktoum International Airport, Dubai World Central, Philadelphia, USA, Larnaca, Cyprus, Sabiha, Istanbul, Edinburgh, Miami International Airport and Dallas Fort Worth, USA.

From May 2015 Qatar Airways will operate 63 direct services a week from the UK to Doha, with 42 from Heathrow, seven from Edinburgh and a further 14 departing from Manchester.

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#### **About Qatar Airways**

Qatar Airways, the national carrier of the State of Qatar, is one of the fastest growing airlines operating one of the youngest fleets in the world. Now in its 18th year of operations, Qatar Airways has a modern fleet of 146 aircraft flying to 146 key business and leisure destinations across six continents.

Qatar Airways celebrated its one year anniversary, in October 2014, of joining the oneworld global alliance. The award-winning alliance was named the World's Best Airline Alliance 2014 by Skytrax for the second year running.

Qatar Airways was the first Gulf carrier to join this global airline alliance, enabling its passengers to benefit from almost 1,000 airports in more than 150 countries, with 14,250 daily departures.

At the Farnborough Air Show, the airline placed an order for 100 Boeing 777X aircraft, taking Qatar Airways' orders to more than 340 aircraft with a value of US \$70 billion.