

Qatar Airways sponsor St Andrew Square skating rink



Edinburgh's Christmas launches today with Light Night and in advance of that new sponsorship has just been announced for the skating in St Andrew Square.

Qatar Airways has been announced as the main sponsor of the new St Andrew Square Ice Rink at this year's event, further signalling Qatar Airways' commitment to Scotland following the launch six months ago of direct services between Edinburgh and Doha.

Qatar Airways has also recently announced that services between the two cities will be become daily from 1st May 2015 allowing even greater flexibility and travel options for customers. .

This brand new offering for 2014 will allow revellers to glide all the way round the Melville Monument in St Andrew Square during a 45-minute session. Edinburgh's Christmas is a six week long season of festive entertainment in the heart of the city which takes place in St Andrew Square and East Princes St Gardens.

For visitors who may be dreaming of warmer times there is also the chance to win flights to tropical destinations courtesy of Qatar Airways when they visit the Qatar Airways cabin which will be fitted out in a Balinese style with a thatched roof and situated by the entrance of the event. Visitors will be encouraged to enter the #WarmYourWinter competition using four iPads situated in the cabin.

UK and Ireland Country Manager, Richard Oliver, said: "Qatar Airways is proud to sponsor Edinburgh's Christmas event which

attracts millions of locals and tourists to Scotland's capital city. Qatar Airways began flying from Edinburgh in May 2014 and from May 2015 the service will become daily, this move further supports both local businesses and the needs of leisure passengers by offering convenient and direct flights to Doha and the 145 worldwide destinations that the airline serves."

From 1st December Qatar Airways will launch the highly anticipated A380 on the Doha to Bangkok route providing customers travelling from Edinburgh the perfect combination of travelling on two of the world's most modern aircraft with a convenient connection time of 2hrs and 15 minutes through Hamad International Airport.