

Emirates begin their Edinburgh to Dubai service

The first Emirates plane arrived in Edinburgh earlier today on the new route from Dubai which had been announced earlier in the year.

VIPs and media were on board the Boeing 777-300 ER which got the customary welcome from two fire appliances spraying jets of water over the aircraft on arrival at its stand.



The first Emirates flight from Dubai arrives to a water cannon salute

Emirates and Edinburgh Airport held a launch event hosted by Hubert Frach, Emirates Divisional Senior Vice President, Commercial Operations West, and Richard Jewsbury, Divisional Vice President, UK, alongside Gordon Dewar, Chief Executive of Edinburgh Airport.



Hubert Frach, Emirates Divisional Senior Vice President, Commercial Operations West

Mr Frach said : “Today’s flight marks the start of greater connectivity and more convenience for leisure and business travellers from the wider Edinburgh area and locations further afield, such as Aberdeen and Dundee, to destinations across Emirates’ global network via Dubai.

“While for inbound travellers, particularly from cities in

Asia and Australia, there is now a direct flight option to Scotland's most visited city by tourists.

"In addition to tourism, the new flight will also directly connect Edinburgh to new opportunities for business, trade and education across our network."



Gordon Dewar CEO of Edinburgh Airport taking questions from journalists

Gordon Dewar, Chief Executive, Edinburgh Airport, said: "This

is a great day for Scotland and Edinburgh. We know the power of connectivity – the more we can connect with cities and countries across the globe, the more opportunity for passengers. It makes our country stronger and culturally richer.

“Our partnership with a world class brand like Emirates strengthens and grows our country’s connectivity and we look forward to working with them to the benefit of passengers across the world. We’ve built our success on making Edinburgh where Scotland meets the world and today’s flight see us take a major step on that journey.”

There are three classes of accommodation from eight private suites in First Class to 304 Economy Class seats.



Sir John Elvidge Chairman of Edinburgh Airport gives Mr Frach a gift of crystal to mark the occasion

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