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Congratulations to Finnair on their 90th anniversary

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On March 20, 1924, Finnair's first flight transported 357 pounds of mail from Katajanokka in Helsinki to Tallinn, Estonia aboard a Junkers F13 D-335 seaplane. Finnair, originally called Aero Oy, still keeps the AY designator based on the original name.



Nine decades later, Finnair currently operates 43 aircraft traveling to more than 60 destinations around the world and employs nearly six thousand people. Last year, the company transported 9.3 million passengers, which represents 60 percent of all passengers that passed through Helsinki Airport. Air traffic plays a central role in Finnish business and the national economy, directly and indirectly employing over 120,000 people in Finland.

"Our operations have expanded substantially since our modest beginnings. Over time, we have also increased cooperation with partners such as Flybe. Finnair has become a network airline known to all Finns, with operations recognized as world-class," says Finnair's Chief Operating Officer Ville Iho.

Later this year Finnair will enter a joint business on EU-Japan traffic with fellow oneworld partners British Airways and Japan Airlines. Furthermore, Finnair will continue the retrofit of its widebody fleet with seats in Business Class that convert to full-flat beds. In 2015 Finnair will become the first European airline to operate the next-generation Airbus A350 XWB aircraft.

For all of you #avgeek(s), Twitter is abuzz with great photographs, historical facts and other quirky data under the hashtag #Finnair90.

Happy anniversary Finnair! Business Travelers wishes you another 90 great years.

By Elizabeth Atkinson



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