

**Press release** 

# FRENCH BEE RECEIVES ITS FIRST AIRBUS A350-1000 DESTINATION LA REUNION

Paris-Orly - December 17, 2021 - French bee, the leading French smart cost and longhaul airline, takes delivery today of its first Airbus A350-1000, registered F-HMIX. This latest generation aircraft will make its first commercial flight on Saturday, December 18, 2021 to Reunion's Roland-Garros airport.

#### The A350-1000, the most technologically advanced aircraft in the skies

The A350 family of wide-body aircraft is the most modern in the world and the leader in the long-haul market. The A350-1000's entirely new design incorporates advanced aerodynamics and technologies offering unprecedented levels of efficiency and comfort. French bee's new aircraft will seat 480 passengers in the following configuration

- Premium Blue: 40 seats: 8 seats in front 2 4 2
- Eco Blue: 440 seats: 10 seats in front 3 4 3

The most modern on-board technologies are at the service of passenger comfort: The A350-1000 of French bee offers:

- An internet connection with an operational speed of up to 20 megabytes.
- More than 150 hours of programs broadcast on extra-large HD screens

# The Airbus A350, more environmentally friendly aircraft

Combining next-generation engines, advanced aerodynamics and lightweight materials, the A350 offers a 25 percent reduction in fuel burn, operating costs and carbon dioxide (CO2) emissions compared to competing aircraft of the previous generation.

Its state-of-the-art aerodynamics are inspired by nature, including a unique wing shape change technology, ensuring continuous optimization of the airfoil to reduce drag and fuel consumption.

The Airbus A350-1000 is powered by the new Rolls-Royce Trent XWB engines, which are the most efficient wide-body engines in the world today, delivering 84,000 lbs of take-off thrust for the Airbus A350-900 and 97,000 lbs for the A350-1000.

The French bee fleet now consists of five aircrafts: four A350-900s and one A350-1000. An ultra-modern, high-performance and homogeneous fleet for the comfort and satisfaction of our customers and aircrew.





# A first A350-1000 dedicated to the Paris-Orly 4 - Reunion route

This winter, French bee is offering up to 10 weekly frequencies between Paris-Orly and Reunion Island at attractive fares: introductory price: €390 one-way.

French bee offers 4 types of fares on all its flights:

- "Basic", including the lowest-priced ticket and a 12-kilo carry-on bag.
- "Basic +", including the ticket, a 12 kilo hand luggage and a hot meal.
- "Smart", including the ticket, a 23 kilo hold bag and a hot meal.
- "Premium", including the ticket, the Premium class seat reservation, two pieces of checked luggage weighing 23 kilos each, a hot meal and a snack or breakfast.

Whatever the type of ticket, French bee passengers can enhance their trip as they wish, by choosing from the wide range of options offered by the airline: checked baggage, sports equipment, seats with a view, maxi leg seats, cozy cabin, priority baggage or boarding, meals, travel kit...

#### A comfortable cabin adapted to a long-haul flight

The quietest twin-aisle cabin: five decibels less than competing aircraft and up to nine decibels less at the front of the cabin, i.e. four times less noise pollution.

The Airbus A350 family offers clean air via High Efficiency Particulate Arrestor (HEPA) filters that remove 99.9 percent of particles in the air, down to the size of microscopic bacteria or viruses. All cabin air is completely renewed approximately every 2-3 minutes.

LED mood lighting: dynamic and customizable, it simulates different times of the day (such as sunrise and sunset) and thus reduces fatigue and the effects of jet lag after a long-haul flight.

**Marc Rochet, President of French bee**, said: "We are very proud to receive this superb aircraft today: it is proof of our desire to always provide the best for our customers. The arrival of this new aircraft also demonstrates our shareholder, the Dubreuil Group's confidencein our company. All the French bee teams are delighted that this new aircraft will mainly serve Reunion Island, a destination as beautiful as it is charming and where everything started for French bee!"

# Health and commercial measures

# A 100% flexible offer until June 30, 2022

For all travel between now and March 31, 2022, tickets are 100% modifiable and refundable for a purchase before January 31, 2022:





Tickets are changeable without penalty (a fare adjustment may apply if the original fare is not available).

Refunds: Refund requests must be made at least 7 days prior to the departure of the first flight. If the fare conditions of the ticket do not allow for a refund, the customer will receive a credit note valid for 1 year, which can be requested at any time within 1 year of its issue date.

The extension of the commercial measures allows you to plan your trip now with complete peace of mind.

#### About French bee

**France's leading long-haul airline, French bee (formerly French blue) is a subsidiary of the Dubreuil** Group. The company offers 10 flights per week to Reunion Island from Paris-Orly 4, and 3 flights per week to Tahiti, French Polynesia, and San Francisco in the United States. From July 14, 2021, French bee also connects Paris to New York. In April 2022, French bee will launch its third U.S. route from Los Angeles to Paris. French bee operates a fleet of four Airbus A350 aircrafts under the French flag. www.frenchbee.com

#### **About Dubreuil Group**

The Dubreuil Group is a family-owned holding company in Belleville sur Vie, France that operates airlines through its subsidiaries. French bee is a sister company of Air Caraïbes within the Dubreuil Group's airline division. The Dubreuil group forecasts consolidated revenues of 2.2 billion in 2021. Three guarters of the turnover is generated



by the Distribution business and the remaining quarter by the Airline business: Automotive (42% of turnover), Energy (8%), Public Works (12%), Agricultural Machinery (11%), Heavy Goods Vehicles (1.5%), Hotels and Real Estate (0.5%), and airlines divisions with Air Caraïbes and French bee (25%). <a href="https://www.groupedubreuil.com">www.groupedubreuil.com</a>

