Press Release

## Air Arabia starts direct flights between Milan and Alexandria

**Milan, Italy; 04 May 2018:** Air Arabia Egypt commenced direct flights between Italy and Egypt today; serving Milan twice a week from its hub in Alexandria, Egypt. The inaugural flight E5103 landed in Milan Bergamo International Airport today at 19:45 local time and was received by an Air Arabia delegation including the Group Chief Executive Officer Adel Al Ali along with Milan Bergamo International Airport general manager Emilio Bellingardi.

The direct flights operate on Fridays and Sundays under two different timings. On Fridays, the flights depart from Milan Bergamo International Airport at 20:30 hours, landing in Alexandria International Airport at 00:00 hours local time. The return flights depart from Alexandria at 16:10 hours, and arrive at Milan at 19:45 hours local time.

On Sundays, the flights depart from Milan Bergamo International Airport at 11:30, landing in Alexandria International Airport at 15:00 hours local time. The return flights from Alexandria depart at 07:10 hours, and arrive at Milan at 10:45 hours local time.

Adel Al Ali, Group Chief Executive Officer of Air Arabia said: "Adding Milan to the network of our rapidly expanding Egypt Hub forms an important part of Air Arabia's ongoing commitment to our passengers to access affordable and unique holiday destinations. Italy is an important market for Air Arabia and we are glad to serve Milan with direct flights from both our hubs in Morocco and Egypt. We strongly believe in the important role airlines play in connecting nations and cultures together. Egypt represents one of the world's unique cultural and holiday spot and we are glad to offer our customers in Milan with the opportunity to explore this exciting destination".

Emilio Bellingardi, general manager of Milan Bergamo Airport said: "We are pleased to celebrate the opening of the new route with Alexandria in Egypt, as part of a strategy

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to expand the Air Arabia network on Milan Bergamo Airport, which as a manager we have shared with the airline. We believe that the availability of direct flights with the second Egyptian city, pearl of the Mediterranean, and concentrated in culture and ancient history, development opportunities not only from the tourism point of view but it also marks the start of exchanges and prolific relations key to mutual collaboration between the two geographical and territorial realities. The hope is that the two initially scheduled weekly flights will welcome additional frequencies to enrich deals and mobility".

Alexandria, the second largest city in Egypt, is home to multiple ancient monuments and historic treasures and a popular touristic destination. From Pompey's Pillar to catacombs to beautifully preserved archeological sites, Alexandria is a historical gem.

Air Arabia currently operates flights to over 140 routes across the globe from four hubs located in the Middle East and North Africa.

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## About Air Arabia:

Air Arabia (PJSC), listed on the Dubai Financial Market, is the Middle East and North Africa's leading low-cost carrier (LCC). Air Arabia commenced operations in October 2003 and currently operates a fleet of 50 new Airbus A320 aircraft, serving over 150 routes from four hubs in the UAE (SHJ & RKT), Morocco and Egypt. Air Arabia is an award-winning airline that focuses on offering comfort, reliability and value-for-money air travel. For further information, please visit: <u>www.airarabia.com</u>.

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