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PrivatAir takes delivery of first Airbus A319

Business aviation specialist PrivatAir has taken delivery of the first of two Airbus A319 aircraft which are being used to operate a Corporate Shuttle service for Airbus executives and employees between the group's European production sites.

Although this is its first Airbus, PrivatAir has been operating a fleet of large executive aircraft for over 15 years, including a VIP configured Boeing 757-200, three Boeing Business Jets and a Boeing 737-300.

Announcing the delivery, Greg Thomas, Chief Executive Officer of the PrivatAir Group, said "We are very pleased to be operating these new large capacity aircraft, which are a natural extension of PrivatAir's traditional VIP Private Travel and Corporate Shuttle product lines. They will enable a broader cross-section of travellers to experience the unique PrivatAir service".

Each Airbus A319, finished in the distinctive PrivatAir colour scheme, is configured in a single cabin with 126 identical leather seats throughout. The in-flight service will be all-business class, with 5 cabin attendants serving a superb choice of menus and beverages.

The second aircraft will be delivered on May 26th. Both will be based in Germany and will operate between Toulouse (France), Hamburg (Germany) and Filton /Broughton (United Kingdom) 5 days per week, Mondays to Fridays.

At weekends, they will be offered at very competitive rates for private charter to corporations, tour operators and other users. With their comfortable interiors and PrivatAir's exclusive in-flight service, these aircraft are expected to be especially attractive to incentive and leisure groups, as well as to sports teams.

Altogether, PrivatAir has recruited over 100 additional German based cockpit and cabin crew to operate these aircraft, along with two 48 seat Airbus A319 LRs which have also recently been ordered to operate two new transatlantic routes for Lufthansa following the unprecedented success of the PrivatAir / Lufthansa all-business-class Düsseldorf-Newark service.