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# Press Release

## The Easter Bunny brings the second Fokker 100 into the Carpatair fleet

Timisoara, 20 April 2006 – Only three days before the Easter Holidays, the apron of Timisoara Airport has been “baptized” by the champagne spilled near the second Fokker 100 that has joined the fleet of the Romanian airline Carpatair.

For the whole week, the whole Carpatair have been rumoring, “it's coming today”, “it's coming tomorrow”. Beyond the rumors, a few ambitious ones preferred to sleep at the office. Others kept their cellular phones on stand-by for the whole night, eager to receive the good news; until when, on the evening of 19 April, it was all stirred. They were all prepared with photo cameras and the telephone micro cameras to immortalize even the smallest detail of the moment, managers and “less” managers, everybody with what they had on hand, devices or distance glasses, all waiting for the key moment.

The airline staff have been eagerly waiting for the moment when the “Yankee Romeo – Foxtrot Kilo Alpha”, or in short, YR-FKA, the 16th member of Carpatair fleet first lands on the Timisoara Airport runway. On the same runway, there are other 15 Carpatair airplanes landing and taking off daily to more than 26 destinations. Once the engines were stopped, all the participants to this event on the apron of Timisoara Airport assisted to the champagne baptizing of the aircraft by Mr Nicolae Petrov, Carpatair President and CEO.

Thus, YR-FKA completes the airline fleet consisting of SAAB 2000 and SAAB 340 aircraft. It is a modern aircraft with a 105-seat capacity and equipped with Rolls Royce engines. It flies at a cruising altitude of over 10,000 m and an 850 km/h speed.

Last year Carpatair purchased 3 Fokker 100 aircraft. The first one joined Carpatair fleet on 24 December, being the best present that an airline could get for the Winter Holidays. The third Fokker 100 will arrive in Timisoara towards the end of May 2006.

Through the hub in Timisoara, Carpatair operates flights from 11 towns in Romania (Bucharest, Bacau, Constanta, Cluj, Oradea, Tirgu-Mures, Iasi, Sibiu, Suceava, Timisoara, and Satu Mare – from 27 May 2006) to a wide network of destinations in Italy (Venice, Verona, Bologna, Milan-Bergamo, Turin, Rome, Florence, Ancona, and Napoli), Germany (Munich, Dusseldorf, Stuttgart, and Frankfurt), Republic of Moldova (Chisinau), and Ukraine (Lviv).

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