IndiGo takes delivery of its first ATR 72-600

The Indian carrier will use its new fleet of ATR -600s to substantially expand its regional network

Toulouse, November 17, 2017 – IndiGo, India’s largest airline by market share, today took delivery of its very first ATR 72-600. The airline and ATR announced earlier this year an agreement for the acquisition of 50 ATR 72-600s. Today’s delivery represents a major step in the airline’s ambitious plan to further develop its fleet with the introduction of fuel-efficient and cost-effective ATR 72-600s, thus expanding its regional footprint and bringing air connectivity to smaller Indian airports and communities.

The introduction of the new ATR fleet goes in line with the Indian government’s Regional Connectivity Scheme, which aims to boost economic development, employment and tourism by connecting small and remote cities. Under this scheme 100 new airports are expected to be created in the next three years.

The ATR 72-600 is the most popular regional aircraft in its category. Its unbeatable economics and operational versatility at small airfields makes it the perfect tool to support IndiGo’s plans to build its regional network in India. The ATR 72-600s feature seat and trip costs that are respectively 10% and 20% lower than those of other in-production turboprops. They also feature the most modern cabin interiors, specifically designed for ATR by the Italian firm Giugiaro, with thinner seats, larger overhead bins and LED lightening for an optimal passenger experience. With its new ATR 72-600s IndiGo will be able to offer their passengers affordable fares, while opening new routes throughout the country, thus contributing to developing local economies and strengthening social links.

Aditya Ghosh, President of IndiGo, said: “By taking delivery of this first ATR 72-600, we are now one step closer to the launch of our Turboprop operations by the end of this year. We are excited at the opportunity of once again being able to redefine air travel in India by bringing the reliability and efficiency of IndiGo’s operations to towns and regions in our country which so far have been devoid of reliable air service or have been subject to exorbitant air fares. My sincere thanks to the team at ATR. As we say at IndiGo, we are all set and TURBOCHARGED!”.

Christian Scherer, ATR’s Chief Executive Officer, stated: “IndiGo is a much respected airline which pays particular attention to every single detail relating to quality. Today’s delivery to such a renowned airline underlines the quality and the suitability of the ATR -600 and shows why it is unrivalled in the regional market. IndiGo’s choice highlights their commitment to offering passengers only the very best at the lowest cost possible. India’s rapidly expanding domestic market represented close to 100 million passengers last year, and has been steadily growing by more than 20% annually. As the country is expected to become the world’s third largest market by 2020, we are proud of playing a key role in such an expansion of the air connectivity”.

About the ATR 72-600:
Passenger capacity: 68-78 seats
Engines: Pratt & Whitney 127M
Maximum power at take-off: 2,750 horse power per engine
Maximum weight at take-off: 23,000 Kg
Maximum load: 7,500 Kg
Maximum range with full passenger load: 900 nautical miles (1,665 Km)
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About IndiGo:
IndiGo is India's largest airline with a market share of 38.2% as of September 2017. IndiGo is one of the fastest growing low cost carrier in the world (source: CAPA). IndiGo has a simple philosophy: offer fares that are always low, flights that are on time, and a travel experience that is courteous and hassle-free. IndiGo, with a Technical Dispatch Reliability of 99.85% (for quarter ended June 30, 2017) has one of the best On Time Performances in India. With its fleet of 143 Airbus A320 family aircraft, the airline operates over 900 daily flights connecting 46 destinations.

IndiGo is led by its President and Whole-time Director, Aditya Ghosh and is promoted by InterGlobe Enterprises and Mr. Rakesh Gangwal, an aviation industry veteran and entrepreneur. InterGlobe Enterprises is a leader in aviation, hospitality and travel related services, growing the market through innovation and service leadership. We build businesses and represent global brands that deliver quality and value. Established in 1989, with headquarters in Gurgaon, today InterGlobe has a network of 126 offices across 60 cities globally. InterGlobe employs more than 25,000 professionals across its businesses which include IndiGo Airlines (InterGlobe Aviation), InterGlobe Technologies, InterGlobe Hotels, InterGlobe Air Transport, InterGlobe Technology Quotient, CAE Simulation Training Private Limited (Advanced Pilot Training), InterGlobe Education (School for Aircraft Maintenance Engineering) and InterGlobe Real Estate (www.interglobe.com).

About ATR
Founded in 1981, ATR is the world leader in the market for below-90-seat regional aircraft. Since its creation, ATR has sold over 1,500 aircraft. ATR aircraft equip the fleets of some 200 airlines in nearly 100 countries. ATR is an equal partnership between two major European aeronautics players, Airbus and Leonardo. Based in Toulouse, France, ATR is well established worldwide with a large customer support and sales network, including Customer Service Centers, training centers and warehouses. For more information, please visit http://www.atr-aircraft.com

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