Abra Group and Etihad Airways establish strategic partnership to strengthen connectivity between Latin America, the Middle East and key global markets

- *Memorandum of Understanding creates a framework for long-term collaboration across Abra´s airlines Avianca, GOL and Wamos Air, connecting Latin America, the Middle East and Asia through complementary networks.*
- *Partnership includes immediate initiatives spanning network development, loyalty programs, aircraft leasing and ACMI operations, reflecting Abra's strategy of leveraging its multi-brand platform to unlock new growth opportunities.*

Farnborough, July 21, 2026. Etihad Airways and Abra Group have signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) establishing a strategic partnership aimed at strengthening connectivity between Latin America, the Middle East and Asia through the combined networks of Etihad and Abra's airlines: Avianca, GOL and Wamos Air.

The agreement reflects Abra's strategy of leveraging the complementary strengths of its airline portfolio to create new growth opportunities, expand connectivity for customers and develop innovative commercial partnerships with leading global carriers. It also reflects Etihad's strategy of strengthening Abu Dhabi's connectivity by working with leading airlines in complementary markets. Through this collaboration, Abra and Etihad will explore opportunities across network development, loyalty programmes, aircraft leasing arrangements, ACMI services and broader commercial cooperation.

The partnership contemplates expanded cooperation between Etihad, Avianca, and GOL through reciprocal loyalty benefits, commercial collaboration, and codeshare agreements, with plans to launch these initiatives in 2026.

A key objective of the partnership is to create a new bridge, opening new horizons for Abra´s travelers through Etihad's network across the Middle East, Asia, the Indian Subcontinent and Australia, while providing Etihad customers with increased access to destinations throughout Latin America.

Beyond passenger connectivity, the collaboration highlights the strategic role of Abra's multi-brand platform in delivering tangible benefits to travelers. GOL and Etihad intend to evaluate a potential dry lease of an Airbus A330-900, with a target start date of November 2026, while Wamos Air is expected to support Etihad's expansion plans. These initiatives demonstrate how Abra can leverage the complementary capabilities of its multiple operations to support partners' growth while creating additional value for customers and stakeholders across the group.

Adrian Neuhauser, Chief Executive Officer of Abra Group, said: "This partnership reflects Abra's strategy of leveraging the complementary strengths of Avianca, GOL and Wamos Air to expand connectivity and unlock new commercial opportunities.

Together with Etihad, we are building a new bridge between Latin America and the Middle East, while exploring innovative ways to bring our brands and operations together across network development, loyalty and fleet cooperation. It is an honor for our teams at Avianca to work alongside Etihad — from South America to the United Arab Emirates, this joint effort reflects our shared commitment to outstanding service, offering our customers the best of both worlds. This is an important step in advancing Abra's vision of a more connected and competitive airline."

Antonoaldo Neves, Chief Executive Officer of Etihad Airways, said: "Latin America is an increasingly important market for Etihad, and this partnership creates a powerful platform to connect more travelers with Abu Dhabi and destinations across our expanding global network.

"This partnership brings together two complementary airline groups to create stronger connections between our regions. Together, we are creating stronger links between Latin America, Abu Dhabi and destinations across our global network, expanding opportunities for our guests while supporting Abu Dhabi's continued growth as a destination and hub."

The parties will continue working toward definitive agreements governing the proposed initiatives, subject to regulatory approvals, commercial agreements and operational feasibility assessments.

About Abra Group

Abra is a leading air transportation company across Latin America that brings together the iconic Avianca and GOL airline brands, along with a strategic investment in Wamos Air, on a unified, pan-Latin American platform. The Company also encompasses leading loyalty programs (LifeMiles and Smiles) and robust cargo operations. In addition, Abra holds convertible debt representing a minority ownership interest in Sky Airline. Avianca, the second-oldest airline in the world, operates a fleet primarily comprised of A320 and B787 passenger aircraft, as well as cargo aircraft. GOL, one of Brazil's leading airlines, operates a fleet largely composed of B737 passenger aircraft. Wamos Air is a leading European provider of wide-body Aircraft, Crew, Maintenance and Insurance (ACMI) services, operating A330 passenger aircraft. Abra has approximately 30,000 employees and operates a fleet of more than 300 aircraft, with scheduled flights serving more than 25 countries and over 145 destinations. For more information, visit www.abragroup.net

About Etihad Airways

Etihad Airways, the national airline of the UAE, was formed in 2003 and quickly went on to become one of the world's leading airlines. From its home in Abu Dhabi, Etihad flies to passenger and cargo destinations in the Middle East, Africa, Europe, Asia, Australia, and North America. Together with Etihad's codeshare partners, Etihad's network offers access to hundreds of international destinations. In recent years, Etihad has received numerous awards for its superior service and products, cargo offering, loyalty programme and more. To learn more, visit etihad.com.

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