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## Norwegian's new base in Madrid opened today

**Norwegian, along with representatives from Norwegian and Spanish authorities, today marked the opening of its newest base in Spain. It is strategically important for Norwegian to have a base in the Spanish capital in light of its presence in the Spanish market, as well as in terms of Norwegian's international expansion.**

Madrid is Norwegian's sixth base in Spain, along with Barcelona, Alicante, Malaga, Las Palmas and Tenerife. Norwegian also has bases in Norway, Sweden, Denmark, Finland, as well as in England, the US and Thailand.

"We are very pleased that our base in Madrid is now operational. There is a great demand for direct flights between the Spanish capital and major cities in Europe. There is also a major passenger potential from the main airport in Madrid," says Norwegian's CEO Bjørn Kjos.

### **Creating new jobs locally**

Two Boeing 737-800 aircraft will be based in Madrid and around 75 pilots and cabin crew have already been recruited to the base. Norwegian currently offers 64 weekly flights and eight routes from Madrid (Copenhagen, London, Helsinki, Oslo, Malta, Hamburg, Warsaw and Stockholm). In total, Norwegian's Spanish bases operate 116 routes to and from Spain.

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Norwegian Air Shuttle ASA, commercially branded “Norwegian”, is a low-cost airline listed on the Oslo Stock Exchange. Norwegian is the second largest airline in Scandinavia and third largest low cost carrier in Europe. More than 20 million passengers fly on its network per year. Norwegian has a route portfolio that stretches across Europe into North Africa and the Middle East, as well as long-haul flights to the US and Southeast Asia. The company has a total of 416 routes to 126 destinations and employs approximately 4,500 people in Norway, Sweden, Denmark, Finland, Estonia, UK, Spain and Thailand. The company has 258 undelivered aircraft on firm order. Norwegian was founded in 1993 and its headquarter is in Fornebu, Norway. In 2013, Norwegian was voted Europe’s best low-cost carrier of the year by the renowned SkyTrax World Airline Awards. Norwegian offers better leg room than most competitors, in-flight WiFi, world-class punctuality and a fleet of 94 aircraft with an average age of only 4.8 years.

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