



## **EuroAtlantic airways' tourist operator 'Sonhando' signs agreement with multinational**

### **InterGlobe Air Transport to bring United Arab Emirate luxury tourism to Portugal**

**Tourist Operator 'Sonhando'**, part of the **euroAtlantic Airways (EAA)** group, which is owned by **Tomaz Metello**, has signed an agreement with **InterGlobe Air Transport (IGAT)**, a multinational based in India. **IGAT** has a network of **126 offices** in **60 cities** around the world and employs more than **23,000 people**. The agreement counted on the economic diplomatic assistance from the **Portuguese Embassy in India**. One of **IGAT's** businesses is **The Navigator Tourism and Travel (LLC)**, the counterpart of **Sonhando**, one of the parties to this agreement and relatively new airline **IndiGo (2006)**, which has been proven to be dynamic and is growing quickly.

The **euroAtlantic airways** operator has appointed **Inter Globe Air Transport** as its exclusive representative for **Sonhando** in the United Arab Emirates as of **1 October 2017** to develop and promote luxury tourism from the UAE to Portugal. Apart from this agreement, **EAA** has significant presence in that part of the Middle East, particularly in operations related with pilgrimage flights to the Hajj, including some from India.

**Sonhando** is the export market leader in Portugal in its business segment. **Tomaz Metello's** company intends to expand its cooperation with **InterGlobe Air Transport** through its counterpart **IndoGo**, pursuing Portuguese external diplomacy objectives as stated by the Portuguese prime minister, António Costa, during his journey to India at the beginning of the year, when he said "the historical ties between Portugal and India can be a basis to create a great partnership for the 21<sup>st</sup> century. India is unquestionably one of the great powers of the 21st century", India is the world's **10<sup>th</sup> largest economy** and is experiencing the **second highest level of growth**.

#### **About euroAtlantic airways (EAA);**

**EAA** was founded by its current **Chairman, Tomaz Metello**, with **Grupo Pestana** (in the top **100** hotel companies worldwide) being a shareholder.

**EAA (2000)** was the pioneer of intercontinental tourist flights to Brazil, Northeast.

**EAA** holds a global record of being present at **546 airports** in **164 countries**, out of a total of **194 known states (83%)**.

**EAA** has already made eleven (**11**) Air Cruises around the World.

**EAA (2013)**, as a result of service excellence, was nominated for the **WTA - World Travel Awards** in the category "**Best Charter Airline in the World**", being one of three finalist companies.

The **EAA** fleet is of American origin; one **Boeing B777-200ER (Triple Seven)**, six **Boeing 767-300ER** passenger planes, one **B767-ER BDSF (BedeK Special Freighter)** and one **Boeing 737-800**.

**EAA** owns **Operador Turístico Sonhando (100%** controlled by **EAA**) and is the majority shareholder of **STP AIRWAYS**, the management body of the flag carrier airline of São Tomé and Príncipe.

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