

## Avianova contracts Sabena technics for a 5-year integrated services agreement for its A320 fleet

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Sabena technics, a leading MRO player, has signed a 5-year contract with Avianova, Russia's new low-cost carrier, to perform full support services on its A320 fleet.

Within the scope of this contract, Sabena technics will provide Avianova with aircraft maintenance services, including line maintenance at Moscow's Vnukovo airport, component support including repair and pool access, engineering and logistic support through its integrated services department, a specialized division in charge of full support contracts.

Sabena technics has been selected as Avianova's new maintenance partner and will accompany Avianova in its development, built to a fleet of 40 A320 aircraft over the next five years by offering ultra low fares in the domestic Russian market. Avianova aims to progressively operate in five years time 40 aircraft. The carrier has been launched by Russia's A1 investment company, Alfa, together with U.S. firm Indigo Partners as a response to market demands in Russia.

"We are honored to have been given the opportunity to accompany Avianova as its maintenance partner in the launch and development of its operations. I am confident that Sabena technics, through its experience and market-leading position in Airbus aircraft maintenance support as well as experience in supporting airlines in their development, will be able to bring value-added support to Avianova. We wish Avianova success in their operations," said Christophe Bernardini, CEO of Sabena technics Group.

"One of our fundamental principles is safety. We believe that choosing Sabena technics as a technology partner and signing of the long-term partnership agreement will help us to implement our business strategy as effective as possible," commented Vladimir Gorbunov, AVIANOVA General Manager.

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### **About Sabena technics ([www.sabenatechnics.com](http://www.sabenatechnics.com))**

Founded in 1968, Sabena technics is a leading independent MRO provider of maintenance services to civil and military aircraft operators. The group operates under the brands Sabena technics, Sabena technics training, Barfield and equally benefits from a joint venture specialized in hydraulic repair named Hydrep. Our group employs over 3,000 persons across its 15 sites worldwide. Our services are organized into five major activities: Airframe services, Component services, Integrated services, Military services and Training services, based on the basic principle of meeting our customers' requirements.

### **About AVIANOVA**

AVIANOVA is a new Russian low-cost airline. The ultimate shareholders are A1, Alfa group investment company, and American Investment Fund Indigo Partners. AVIANOVA is based at Vnukovo airport, the fleet consists of Airbus A320 aircrafts. AVIANOVA employs more than 100 employees.