



# SAS CEO Anko van der Werff receives the Aviation Award 2025

**The jury has unanimously selected Anko van der Werff, President & CEO of Scandinavian Airlines, as the recipient of the Danish Aviation Award 2025. He is recognized for his outstanding leadership in steering SAS through one of the most challenging financial periods in the airline's history and positioning the company for long-term growth.**

In its motivation, the jury emphasized SAS' vital role in Denmark and Danish aviation. As part of the Scandinavian DNA, the airline supports thousands of jobs nationwide and serves as a gateway to the world for business and industry. With SAS' expanding network, new global opportunities continue to open.

The jury also emphasized Van der Werff's leadership in successfully completing a complex restructuring, restoring profitability, and strengthening SAS' network by joining SkyTeam and expanding intercontinental services from its global hub in Copenhagen. At the same time, SAS has invested in a modern fleet, achieved world-class punctuality, and taken a role in shaping a more sustainable aviation industry.

*"This award is a testament to the hard work, dedication, and resilience of the entire SAS team," said Anko van der Werff, President & CEO of SAS. "Together, we have taken SAS through an extraordinary transformation, securing our future and building the foundation for long-term growth. I am very proud of what we have achieved so far and more determined than ever to seize the opportunities ahead, further strengthen our network, and deliver an exceptional experience for every SAS customer."*

## **About the award:**

The Luftfartsprisen ("Aviation Award") honors individuals who have made an outstanding contribution to the aviation industry in Denmark, Greenland or the Faroe Islands – either within the past year or over a longer career. The award is presented annually in connection with the Danish Travel Awards, and the jury consists of leading representatives from the Danish aviation and transport sector:

- Mathias Milling, Head of Secretariat, Danish Aviation Association | DI Transport
- Jesper Kronborg, Director, Danish Chamber of Commerce Transport
- Morten Balk, Board Member, Board of Airlines Representatives in Denmark
- Dan Banja, Secretary General, ES-DAA | Association of Business Aviation
- Ole Kirchert Christensen, Editor-in-Chief, CHECK-IN.dk

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*SAS, Scandinavia's leading airline since 1946, operates a global hub at Copenhagen Airport (CPH), complemented by hubs in Oslo (OSL) and Stockholm (ARN).*

*Our mission is to connect Scandinavia with the world and the world with Scandinavia. Each year, SAS serves more than 25 million passengers and transports 60,000 tons of cargo to 135 destinations across Europe, the USA, and Asia. With a relentless focus on operational excellence, SAS ranks as the most punctual airline in Europe and the*

*world. Together with a passionate workforce of over 10,000 colleagues, we collaborate with partners and customers to drive transformative changes in aviation. We are committed to achieving net-zero emissions by 2050, embodying the visionary spirit of our founders: "To move from the old to what is about to come, is the only tradition worth keeping." Innovation and societal progress are at the heart of everything we do.*

*SAS joined SkyTeam in September 2024, and together with our partner airlines, we offer a wide network worldwide. For more information, visit our website at [www.flysas.com](http://www.flysas.com) or follow us on social media for the latest updates and promotions.*