



Anko van der Werff to leave SAS at the beginning of 2027

The Board of Directors of SAS today announces that President & CEO Anko van der Werff has informed the Board that he will leave SAS at the beginning of 2027 to take up the position of Chief Executive Officer of Air Canada.

Van der Werff will remain in his current role until departure, ensuring stability and continuity as SAS continues to execute its strategic priorities and deliver reliable operations and a high-quality experience for customers, colleagues and stakeholders. SAS will continue operating according to its established plan, with full focus on ongoing delivery and strategic progress. The Board will now initiate the process of appointing his successor.

Since Anko van der Werff joined SAS in 2021, SAS has undergone a significant transformation, completed a comprehensive restructuring and substantially strengthened both its financial and operational position. The relentless focus on operational performance and reliability has positioned SAS as the most punctual airline in the world.

Customer experience has been enhanced across service delivery and onboard experience, supported by continued investment in products, connectivity and fleet, including the recently announced record order of up to 40 Airbus widebody aircraft, the largest fleet investment in SAS' history, reinforcing long-term operational excellence and reliability.

During this period, SAS has joined SkyTeam, strengthening its position within a leading global airline alliance and opening a new chapter for the company through broader international connectivity and closer cooperation with partner airlines.

Looking ahead, SAS remains fully focused on executing its strategy and building on the progress achieved in recent years. Key priorities include deepening cooperation with SkyTeam partners, further strengthening operational excellence and reliability, and delivering a consistent and high-quality travel experience for customers across its network.

2026 also marks SAS' 80th anniversary, reflecting eight decades of connecting Scandinavia with the world and the world with Scandinavia.

Comment from Kåre Schultz, Chairman of the Board of SAS

“On behalf of the Board, I would like to thank Anko for his strong leadership and commitment during a highly demanding transformation period. He has played a central role in building a stronger and more competitive SAS with a clear direction and important opportunities ahead.

We respect his decision, while naturally regretting his departure.

Importantly, he will remain in his role until the beginning of 2027, ensuring stability and continuity as SAS continues to execute its strategy.”

Comment from Anko van der Werff, President & CEO of SAS

"This has not been an easy decision. I have greatly valued my time at SAS and the opportunity to work alongside so many dedicated colleagues.

Over the past years, we have navigated a highly demanding period together and made substantial progress in strengthening the company. Many of the key building blocks are now in place, and SAS is well positioned for the next phase of its development.

Until I leave at the beginning of 2027, my focus remains on SAS. There are important priorities ahead, and I remain fully committed to delivering reliable operations and a high-quality experience for customers, colleagues and stakeholders every day."