

c2c SIGNS DEAL FOR 60 AVENTRA CARRIAGES FROM 2021

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c2c passengers will benefit from thousands of extra seats within the next four years thanks to a £100m+ deal for new trains signed by Trenitalia c2c, Bombardier and Porterbrook and agreed with the Department for Transport.

The deal will see 60 Bombardier Aventra carriages delivered to c2c from summer 2021 – up to three years earlier than previously planned. The new fleet will add nearly 20% more seats and capacity for over 5,000 more passengers to c2c’s current fleet and meet the expected future local passenger growth across south Essex and east London.

The Aventra is one of the fastest-selling trains in the UK rail industry, and these new trains will be manufactured at Bombardier’s factory in Derby. Each new train will operate in a fixed set of 10-carriages, and will include over 900 seats, plus air-conditioning, Wi-Fi, plug sockets and three toilets onboard. Each new Aventra carriage will be five metres longer than c2c’s current Class 357 Electrostars, and each 10-carriage Aventra set will provide capacity for 15% more passengers onboard compared to a 12-carriage 357.

The delivery programme for new trains has been accelerated by c2c following its acquisition by Italian rail giants Trenitalia earlier this year. The entire new fleet is scheduled to be delivered from summer 2021, instead of c2c’s original franchise plan which included a phased delivery until 2024.

Trenitalia UK Managing Director Ernesto Sicilia said: *“We are delighted to announce this deal, which demonstrates our focus on long-term investments in the UK market and our desire to constantly improve the standing of our trains and to deliver visible and valuable improvements on our services. Since our entrance in the UK market the original new trains’ investment plan, which included a phased delivery until 2024, has been accelerated overall and we are extremely proud that the new fleet will start to be delivered from summer 2021, 3 years earlier than what was originally planned.”*

Rail Minister Paul Maynard said: *“We are making the biggest investment in the railways since Victorian times to meet the growing demand for rail travel and improve both journey times and passenger comfort.”*

“These British-built Bombardier trains, which are coming into service earlier than planned, will provide much needed extra capacity for thousands of passengers across London and Essex, and also come with facilities such as Wi-Fi, air-conditioning and plug sockets.”

Richard Hunter, UK Managing Director, Bombardier Transportation, said: *“Our modern Aventra trains are proving ever more popular and this order will help transform the travel experience for c2c passengers and deliver 20% more seats to c2c’s fleet. This important contract win demonstrates Bombardier is the first choice when it comes to delivering high quality, transportation products and services, and value-adding long-term solutions for our customers. It’s yet another endorsement of our workforce and the quality of the products we design, engineer, manufacture and service in the UK.”*

Mary Grant, CEO for Porterbrook, said: *“We are delighted that, through the supply of these new Bombardier Aventra vehicles, Porterbrook will be contributing to an improved service and experience for c2c passengers. This demonstrates Porterbrook’s ongoing commitment to the UK rail industry and our customer Trenitalia. We look forward to supporting our industry partners and continuing to make further significant investments.”*

This is the latest in a series of improvements c2c has made to meet growing passenger demand, including new trains and new timetables. Last year c2c introduced 24 new Class 387 carriages on a short-term contract, and these units will now be extended until the Aventura fleet arrives. c2c remains in discussions for leasing additional carriages from December 2019 until the arrival of the Aventura fleet, with an update expected next year.

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About us:

c2c is the award-winning train operator running services between Fenchurch Street and Shoeburyness, serving 26 stations in East London and South Essex. Owned by Trenitalia, c2c is one of the UK's most punctual and popular train operators and over 46m journeys are made on our services every year.

Trenitalia, the passenger rail transportation company of FS Italiane Group, is a major industrial player with an increasing international presence and revenues of over 5 billion euros. Trenitalia runs 7,000 trains a day, serving more than 500 million passengers over a national rail network covering 24,000 kilometres. FS Italiane Group's objective is to develop a large-scale mobility and logistics project capable of contributing to the country's economic growth. The holding company, FS Italiane, controls companies active in specific core businesses – all of which, in terms of safety levels and technological standards, are European leaders. Trenitalia is one of Europe's top railway operators and manages passenger transport with its long haul connections, both on high speed (*Frecciarossa*) and conventional lines in full commercial autonomy, as well as universal public services that are defined and funded through specific Service Contracts with the State, Regions and Autonomous Provinces. On February 13 2017, Trenitalia completed the acquisition of the c2c franchise from National Express. Other major subsidiaries belonging to the FS Italiane Group in Italy include: RFI, Italferr, Mercitalia, Busitalia, Italcertifer; in Germany, Netinera Deutschland and TX Logistik; in France Thello; in Greece Trainose; and Qbuzz in the Netherlands.

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Porterbrook Leasing Company Limited ("Porterbrook") is a leading participant in the rail leasing market and has a rolling stock fleet of around 6,000 vehicles on lease or on order, which includes over 4,000 passenger vehicles. Since privatisation, Porterbrook has invested in over 2,300 new passenger vehicles and more than 2,000 freight locomotives and wagons, and in the refurbishment of much of its in-fleet equipment. The company also provides ongoing train maintenance services. In October 2014 the Porterbrook Group of companies was acquired by a consortium of investors including Alberta Investment Management Corporation ("AIMCo"), Allianz Capital Partners ("ACP") on behalf of certain insurance companies of the Allianz Group, EDF Invest and Hastings Funds Management.