

Kingfisher takes to the skies

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Kingfisher Airlines, a new Indian airline owned by the UB Group, was formally launched yesterday at the 18th birthday party of the son of Vijay Mallya, the group chairman.

Service from Mumbai to Bangalore will begin today, with services between Bangalore and Delhi launching next month.

The airline will formally launch its services tomorrow between Mumbai and Bangalore. The services between Bangalore and Delhi would start from next month.

Kingfisher will operate 33 Airbus aircraft, including 10 A320s and three A319s, in one class and will offer personal inflight entertainment for every seat. Ground operations would be handled by Indian Airlines.

The Civil Aviation Ministry issued an operator's permit to Kingfisher Airlines on May 4. It is India's fourth privately-owned airline after Jet Airways, Sahara and Air Deccan.

Kingfisher is a wholly-owned subsidiary of United Breweries Holdings, the investment holding company of UB Group.

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