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Alaska Airlines and Finnair are teaming up to give members of their frequent flyer programs the opportunity to earn miles/points on each other as Finnair expands its wings with new flights from San Francisco.

"We're thrilled to be partnering with European-favorite Finnair, as they launch their first West Coast service from our San Francisco hub to Helsinki on June 1," said Andrew Harrison, Alaska Airlines executive vice president and chief commercial officer. "Our Mileage Plan members will be able to fly Finnair to over 60 destinations in Europe from San Francisco, Chicago and New York's JFK."

Alaska Airlines recently announced a major expansion of its San Francisco service. Alaska, along with Virgin America, now has 83 daily departures from San Francisco to 35 destinations.

Members of Alaska Mileage Plan can begin earning miles on Finnair starting today. Award redemption will commence later this year. Finnair Plus members can begin earning and redeeming points on Alaska Airlines starting today.

"We are very excited to collaborate with Alaska Airlines on this new frequent flyer partnership," said Juha Jarvinen, chief commercial officer at Finnair. "Our customers travelling to and from the U.S. will greatly benefit from the extensive network both airlines have to offer."

Known for its modern, Nordic-themed service, Finnair connects 18 cities in Asia and seven cities in North America to over 60 destinations in Europe. Finnair operates Airbus A330-300 aircraft on its U.S. routes.

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