

Finnair Retro Plane named Silver Bird

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The Finnair retro Airbus A319 aircraft, which will be launched at the end of July to celebrate Finnair's 85 years of flying, will be named Silver Bird. Finnair held a competition asking the public to name the aircraft, receiving thousands of suggestions.

Finnair is painting one of its Airbus A319 in the livery of a Convair aircraft, which Finnair flew under its original name Aero in the 1950s. The name Silver Bird will be painted underneath the cockpit window.

"The name is international and stylish, it fits the times and has a touch of the grey panther about it," said Finnair's SVP Commercial Division Mika Perho.

Other popular suggestions included names from the Finnish epic Kalevala, names of Finnish Presidents and cities as well as birds and flowers beginning with blue.

From the times of Aero, a predominantly Finnish airline, Finnair has grown in to one of the largest European airlines carrying passengers between Europe and Asia, via Helsinki. Finnair flies to 11 destinations in Asia, the newest being Seoul in South Korea where Finnair launched flights at the beginning of the month.