



## **Major order: MAN buses in Riyadh for the first time**

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**SAPTCO and RATP Dev order 242 city buses from MAN Truck & Bus for new routes in the Saudi Arabian capital Riyadh.**

- **Contract signed for order of 242 MAN Lion's City M for the expanding public transport network in Riyadh**
- **Delivery of the vehicles is planned for 2018 and 2019**
- **Exterior and interior are especially designed for the customer's requirements**

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At this year's UITP Global Public Transport Summit the Saudi Arabian bus operator SAPTCO (Saudi Public Transport Company) and the French public transport company RATP Dev (Régie Autonome des Transports Parisiens) signed a contract for 242 MAN Lion's City M city buses. Scheduled for delivery in 2018 and 2019 these will be the first MAN buses on the roads of the Saudi Arabian capital Riyadh. MAN Truck & Bus is official partner in Saudi Arabia, the importer Haji Husein Alireza & Co. Ltd. (HHA) will manage the delivery of these buses and work closely with the customer ensuring the highest standards in quality and safety are met.

SAPTCO und RATP Dev have worked together as the joint-venture Public Transport Company (PTC) since 2014 and are in charge of building up a public transport network in Saudi-Arabia from scratch. The Paris-based RATP Dev is responsible for operations, while SAPTCO takes over the fleet management. In total, they plan to build up 100 routes with 1,000 vehicles.

MAN Lion's City M buses are designed to make travel enjoyable and efficient at the same time. The 242 low floor city buses will be 10.5 metres long and feature Euro 5 engines with 290 horse power (213 kW). To meet the demanding requirements of transportation in Riyadh, the bus offers generous space and boasts 29 comfort seats with ample legroom, tinted

MAN Truck & Bus is one of Europe's leading commercial vehicle manufacturers and transport solution providers, with an annual revenue of some 9 billion euros (2016). The company's product portfolio includes vans, trucks, buses/coaches and diesel and gas engines along with services related to passenger and cargo transport. MAN Truck & Bus is a company of Volkswagen Truck & Bus GmbH and employs more than 35,000 people worldwide.

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windows and high-performance air conditioning. Like the interior, the exterior has been especially designed to meet the customer's requirements, including creating a unified identity for the new public transport network.

“We are excited to contribute to Saudi's transport landscape with our state-of-the-art MAN Lion's City buses connecting its people and cities”, says Franz von Redwitz, Managing Director MAN Truck & Bus Middle East. “And we are confident that we will be able to take our partnership to even greater success in the years to come.”