

THE COMPLETE RESOURCE FOR THE CARGO INDUSTRY
CARGO AIRPORTS | AIRLINES | FREIGHT FORWARDERS | SHIPPERS | TECHNOLOGY | BUSINESS

CARGO

Volume 15 | Issue 12 | September 2025 | ₹500 / \$10 US
A Profiles Media Network Publication

NEWSWIRE

www.cargonewswire.com

Healthc'Air
Redefining
Pharmaceutical Air
Cargo with Purpose,
Precision, and
Partnership

Turkish Airlines
Expands U.S. Cargo
Handling with WFS at
Miami and JFK

Strong H1 2025
for Etihad Cargo as
Premium Services
and Alliances Boost
Performance

HACTL
Pioneers Next-Gen
Cargo with 5G
Technology, Artificial
Intelligence, and
Green Solutions

*Mr. Wilson Kwong,
Chief Executive, HACTL*

**Cover Story
on Page 14**



Register Now!

November 11-13, 2025
Miami Beach Convention Center
Florida, USA





Membership | Advocacy | Partnership
Knowledge | Sustainability | Events & Outreach

Join TIACA now to connect with industry leaders
across the globe.



Join Industry Leaders making Air Cargo more sustainable
with the BlueSky Sustainability Verification Program.

For more information, visit [TIACA.org](https://www.tiaca.org)

CARGO

NEWSWIRE

Volume 15 | Issue 12 | September 2025

DEVENDER GROVER

Editor in Chief & Publisher

GAURA G BAHL

Group Editor

SAURAV CHUGH

Feature Editor

JASMINE GROVER CHUGH

Associate Editor

JITESH GANDHI

Graphic Designer & Creative Director

ANURADHA M

International Sales Director

RASIKA MATHUR

Events Coordinator

RAJESH MAURYA

Head of Finance

Address changes and subscription order to
cargonewswire@gmail.com

PUBLISHED MONTHLY BY

Profiles Media Network Pvt Ltd.
C-59, Defence Colony, Chetna Marg,
New Delhi 110024, India
Tel - +91 (124) 4111182
Mob- +91 99999 97607
Website : www.cargonewswire.com

PRINTED BY

STUDIO 9 PRODUCTIONS
C-59, Defence Colony, Chetna Marg,
New Delhi 110024, India

Volume 15, Issue 12, September 2025

Content July not be reproduced in any format without written
permission from **Profiles Media Network Pvt Ltd.**

RNI No. DELENG/2011/38982

Cargo Newswire is Printed Published Edited and Owned
by **Devender Grover**. Printed at G S Graphic Arts, A-18,
Naraina Industrial Area, New Delhi - 110028.

Scan the QR code below
to subscribe



CARGO

NEWSWIRE

www.cargonewswire.com



AIR CARGO FORUM

Abu Dhabi, UAE | November 3-6, 2025

WELCOME TO
Miami



MESSE
MÜNCHEN

Register Now!

November 11-13, 2025
Miami Beach Convention Center
Florida, USA



ti-americas.org
aircargoamericas.com

ti projectcargo
AMERICAS

ti transport
logistic
AMERICAS

ti air cargo
AMERICAS
since 1991 in Miami



DEVENDER GROVER

cargonewswire@profilesmedianetwork.com

EDITOR'S NOTES

Etihad Cargo reports strong H1 2025 performance driven by premium products, agile network, and strengthened partnerships

- Strong performance achieved across all regions, led by the Central Region and the UAE market.
- Cargo revenue up 9% year-on-year, supported by capacity and yield growth.
- Premium products, agile network planning, and strategic partnerships delivered solid outcomes.
- Flexible e-commerce strategy empowered SMEs and local businesses.
- Delivered As Promised rate improved 89.6% year-on-year.
- Fleet strengthened with the addition of a Boeing 777 freighter operated by Atlas Air.

Etihad Cargo, the logistics arm of Etihad Airways, has reported strong performance across all markets in the first half of 2025, reinforcing the airline's agility and resilience in a dynamic global landscape.

Positive performance was achieved across all regions year-on-year, with the overall cargo revenue increasing 9% year-on-year, reflecting growth in both capacity and yield.

Stanislas Brun, Chief Cargo Officer, Etihad Airways, said: "These results demonstrate that Etihad Cargo



Revenue
Growth (YOY)

+9%

Delivered
as Promised

89.6%

PharmaLife
(Tonnes)*

+10%

AirMail
(Tonnes)*

+42%

LiveAnimals
& FlightValet*

+65%



* Chargeable weight

is delivering sustainable performance by focusing on premium products, agile network planning, and close partnerships with our customers. Adaptability and customer-centricity remain central to our success."

Etihad Cargo's flexible e-commerce strategy empowered SMEs and local businesses, strengthening Abu Dhabi's role as a regional hub for logistics and digital commerce.

Fleet Expansion & Strategic Partnerships

To meet rising demand, Etihad Cargo strengthened its fleet with the recent delivery of an additional Boeing 777 freighter from Atlas Air, further

enhancing capacity and flexibility across its network.

The airline also deepened its strategic partnership with China's SF Airlines, establishing a metal-neutral Joint Business Agreement that integrates operations and capacity across key trade corridors. This has introduced a weekly Shenzhen–Abu Dhabi freighter service and expanded frequencies on the Abu Dhabi–Ezhou route, raising weekly capacity between the carriers to approximately 630 tonnes.

Etihad Cargo achieved an 89.6% year-on-year improvement in its Delivered As Promised rate through continuous service reliability.

Network Expansion

Global capacity rose 8% year-on-year, supported by additional belly-hold and freighter operations, including new routes and redeployed capacity in high-demand markets. Abu Dhabi's Zayed International Airport continued to serve as a strategic hub, reinforcing the UAE's position as a global gateway for express cargo and e-commerce flows.

We are on



CONTENTS



- 10** Healthc'Air Redefining Pharmaceutical Air Cargo with Purpose, Precision, and Partnership
- 13** SHEIN and Lufthansa Cargo sign MoU to explore initiatives to promote more sustainable air transportation
- 14** Hactl Pioneering Smart Cargo with 5G, AI, and Green Innovation to Shape the Future of Global Logistics
- 22** July Air Cargo Up 5.5%: IATA
- 24** Nippon Cargo Airlines Returns to Frankfurt After 15 Years, Strengthening Asia–Europe Cargo Connectivity
- 26** Icelandair Cargo Enters Turkish Market with Strategic Globe Air Cargo Turkiye Partnership
- 29** time:matters expands global courier terminal network with operations in Mexico
- 30** CMA CGM Steps in as Launch Customer for Airbus A350 Freighter Amid Market Shifts



CONTENTS



- | | | |
|---|---|---|
| 32 Embraer to Offer Starlink Connectivity as Aftermarket Solution for Praetor Jets | 44 Glasgow Prestwick Airport Launches Dedicated Seafood Export Route to China | 52 Global tonnage slows further as rates gradually increase |
| 34 Turkish Airlines Expands U.S. Cargo Handling with WFS at Miami and JFK | 45 Vienna Airport Reports 9% Growth in Cargo Volumes for First Half of 2025 | 54 Caspian Air Cargo Summit 2025: Connecting Continents and Shaping the Future of Global Logistics |
| 36 Qatar Airways Cargo and Airlink: Committed to providing humanitarian aid and supporting communities in crisis | 46 TIACA Expands Regional Presence in China | 56 Awery Strengthens Partnership with RDC Aviation Through En-Route Charges Data Integration |
| 37 Etihad Cargo Strengthens Connectivity with Expanded Winter Belly-Hold Capacity | 47 Airforwarders Association warns freight slowdown to highlight wider problems | 60 Korean Air partners with Swissport on air cargo at New York JFK |
| 38 IAG Cargo Posts €629 Million in H1 2025 Revenues, Driven by Volume Growth and Digital Transformation | 49 ASL Aviation Holdings Confirms Refinancing of Credit Facility | 63 Parata Air partners with Jettainer for ULD management |
| 42 Air Seychelles has elevated its global customs compliance with an expanded CHAMP Cargosystems partnership | 50 DoKaSch Temperature Solutions Expands U.S. Presence with New Service Station in Atlanta | 64 Group Concorde Strengthens Leadership with Senior Appointments to Drive Global Growth |
| | 51 Kuehne+Nagel expands partnership with MTU Maintenance Lease Services through new fulfilment centre in China | 65 dnata announces senior leadership appointments in APAC, MEA, and UK |



Healthc'Air

Redefining Pharmaceutical Air Cargo with Purpose, Precision, and Partnership

As the pharmaceutical air cargo industry navigates increasing regulatory pressure, evolving patient needs, and rising demand for transparency and quality, a bold new player has emerged with a laser-sharp mission: to close the operational and compliance gaps still plaguing global air freight for life-saving medicines.

Founded to address the fragmented and inconsistent service standards that continue to challenge the industry in 2025, **Healthc’Air** positions itself not as a traditional logistics provider, but as a strategic partner to airlines and GSAs seeking to build, manage, and scale truly pharma-centric products. At the heart of this vision is **Yulia Celeteria**, Global Director Pharma, whose extensive experience in pharmaceutical air cargo—including leadership roles at AirBridgeCargo—has shaped Healthc’Air’s unique, operationally grounded approach.

In this exclusive feature with Devender Grover, Editor in Chief, Cargo Newswire, Celeteria offers insights into the company’s founding purpose, modular service model, commitment to quality, and ambition to raise the bar well beyond compliance—ensuring that every shipment of life-saving medicine travels with the care, confidence, and integrity it deserves.

1. Launch Intent and Industry Gaps

Q *What key challenges in the pharmaceutical air cargo industry inspired the creation of Healthc’Air, and how does the company aim to address them?*

We are in 2025 but pharmaceutical air cargo industry is still facing fragmentation, inconsistent service standards and quite often- lack of pharma-centric solutions within airline networks. Healthc’Air was born from the need to bridge these gaps- not as a forwarder, but as a partner to airlines and GSAs.

2. Raising Industry Standards

Q *Healthc’Air aims to “go beyond current industry standards.” How is the company defining this*

ambition in practice, and what does it mean for service delivery?

‘Going beyond’ means embedding a pharmaceutical mindset into every layer of airline operations- from route design to training and quality systems.

At my previous role in the airline, AirBridgeCargo, we implemented pharma training even for non operations functions- from pilots to HR, procurement and legal teams- at varying level of depth. That experience proved that true pharma readiness requires cross-functional alignment, not just warehouse compliance. Healthc’Air carries that philosophy forward, ensuring that pharma becomes part of the organization DNA.

There is a very simple standard behind- **if a life-saving medicine was transported by your airline- every employee should feel confident giving it to a family member or friend.** That level of trust means the process worked, the chain was protected, and the patient comes first.

3. Early Industry Recognition

Q *With ECS Group and GLOBAL GSA coming on board as initial clients, what does this early trust signify about Healthc’Air’s positioning and value proposition?*

The first steps of any commercial project or a startup are the hardest. Your vision gets a reality check – and that’s when true reaffirmation matters most. Having ECS group and Global GSA come on board from day one provided exactly that:

- Strategic validation
- Critical momentum
- Reaffirmed mission

4. Modular Service Offering

Q *Healthc’Air provides a multi-tiered model—Launch, Advanced, and Trust. How does this structure allow clients to customize their engagement and scale as needed?*

Coming from an airline background., one thing was always clear to me- standardization and compliance are critical- but no two airlines are the same. Every carrier builds its product

based on unique capabilities, network strategy, fleet, investment budget, and commercial priorities. Pharma, while regulated, can’t be a one-size-fits-all.

That’s why we developed Healthc’Air’s modular, scalable model:

- **Launch**- for carriers entering the pharma space and requiring SOP alignment, foundational training, and fast-track audits
- **Advanced**- for those expanding their offers with enhanced route planning, risk analysis, fleet mapping, and advanced team development
- **Trust**- for mature players striving for continuous improvement, certification support, performance KPIs, and tailored consulting

This structure gives the necessary flexibility to build a pharma product that is compliant yet personalized.

5. Specialized Pharma Expertise

Q *In what ways does Healthc’Air’s team of pharma logistics experts differentiate itself in terms of technical knowledge, compliance expertise, and real-world experience?*

What sets Healthc’Air apart is the unique combination of cargo airline expertise and understanding of pharmaceutical shipper expectations. The dual perspective creates a well-rounded, pragmatic approach to pharma logistics. This combination allows us to bridge gaps, align expectations and build strong but realistic solutions that are both operationally feasible and pharmaceutically sound.

6. Driving Digital Innovation

Q *How is Healthc’Air integrating digital tools and AI-based systems into its service offering to modernize pharmaceutical cargo handling?*

One thing is very clear to everyone- excel based Control Towers and WhatsApp follow-ups are no longer acceptable, paper-only check lists are longer good enough. Yet, Endless dashboards and disconnected platforms can be just overwhelming. The main

focus of Healthc'Air is the well balanced, pragmatic approach to digitalization. Our priority is not just adding more tools, but integrating the right ones.

7. Certification and Quality Assurance

Q *How does Healthc'Air support clients in achieving and maintaining international certifications and quality standards within a highly regulated environment?*

Healthc'Air supports customers in meeting and maintaining international quality standards by embedding compliance

into every layer of their operation. It includes pre-certification audits and gap analysis, hands-on preparation for assessments, on-site and virtual training tailored to operational and non-operational roles. Our approach goes beyond ticking boxes- it builds internal ownership and audit readiness across the organization.

8. Market Fit and Service Adaptability

Q *Several service models are being tested throughout 2025. What has the response been so far, and how is client feedback being incorporated into future development?*

Throughout 2025, we are piloting and refining our modular service tiers with customers of different sizes, regions, fleet types, and maturity and market recognition levels.

The response has been overwhelmingly positive. Customers appreciate the flexibility to scale up or down, and the ability to start from their current baseline- rather than being forced into a rigid model.

In some cases, we also had to shift the mindset- particularly with carriers used to prioritizing revenue streams upfront. With pharma, operational excellence must come first. Compliance, training, SOP alignment, and temperature integrity are non-negotiable foundations. Once these are in place, sustainable revenue and

regular business will follow. Pharma equals customer trust.

9. Commitment to Sustainability

Q *Sustainability is central to Healthc'Air's mission. What concrete steps is the company taking to help reduce the environmental impact of pharma air logistics?*

There are a few simple steps we are committed to:

- Route optimization whenever possible
- Favor re-usable packaging solutions, minimizing waste and energy
- Partner with carriers and handlers exploring SAF and green warehouse operations.

And while none of this is rocket science or groundbreaking steps-it requires action. Sustainability goals only work when they move beyond PowerPoint presentations and get implemented on the ground.

10. Supporting End-to-End Compliance

Q *How does Healthc'Air help ensure compliance and process integrity across all phases of pharmaceutical cargo—from origin to destination?*

Main elements include:

- End-to-end SOP development and alignment across all stakeholders
- Route risk assessment, including transit times, temperature exposure, and contingency planning
- Qualified handling procedures at every touchpoint: warehouse, build-up area, ramp, customs.
- Live dashboards and exception alerts to detect and respond to deviations in real-time

But true compliance doesn't happen by applying generic templates across the entire network. It requires a lane-by-lane approach- evaluating each route based on its unique risk profile, infrastructure, seasonality, and handling conditions.

Trying to treat the whole network as "pharma-ready by default" is unrealistic and dangerous. You have to go step by step, lane by lane- there is no shortcut.

11. Strategic Growth and Partnerships

Q *With multiple new partnerships under discussion, how does Healthc'Air approach collaboration with airlines and GSAs, and what qualities does it look for in a strategic partner?*

Although we are all part of commercial organizations, partnerships should not be purely transactional, but seen as long-term, value-driven growth together. When considering a strategic partner, we look for:

- Shared compliance mindset
- Commitment to transparency and data sharing. No quality information input creates no quality information output. As easy as it is.
- Willingness to co-invest in continuous improvement
- Cultural fit and a pharma-forward mindset

12. Vision for the Future

Q *Looking ahead, what are the long-term objectives for Healthc'Air, and how does the company plan to continuously evolve in a fast-changing pharma logistics landscape?*

Healthc'Air's long-term vision is to become a go-to partner for building, managing, and scaling pharmaceutical air logistics products worldwide.

We aim to:

- Expand our global footprint
- Deepen digital capabilities, including predictive analytics and integrated quality dashboards
- Support underserved markets- bringing pharma compliance to regions where infrastructure exists, but know-how or process alignment is missing.
- At the same time, expand our customer portfolio beyond GSAs and airlines by engaging with airport communities, ground handling agents, tech partners, shippers, and NGO stakeholders.

These are our first steps, but our vision is bold. We are building for the long term, and we are very ambitious about the role Healthc'Air can play in shaping the future of pharmaceutical air logistics.

SHEIN and Lufthansa Cargo sign MoU to explore initiatives to promote more sustainable air transportation

- The MoU includes a program to scale up the use of sustainable aviation fuel on Lufthansa Cargo flights for SHEIN deliveries
- The MoU calls for concrete actions to be concluded within the next six months

SAF use and fleet efficiency measures and process quality form the basis of this collaboration

"Lufthansa Cargo has extensive experience in driving the adoption of SAF and will provide SHEIN with opportunities to adopt lower-carbon air cargo options," said **Ethan Shen, SHEIN's General Manager of Global Fulfillment**. "Through this partnership, we aim to pilot and gradually expand the use of SAF where feasible, while continuing to explore additional ways to reduce the carbon footprint across our delivery network. While the use of SAF is one step towards reducing our transportation and distribution emissions, we recognize it as part of a broader decarbonization strategy that should also include optimizing logistics, fleet efficiency, and exploring other low-carbon solutions."

"Signing this memorandum with SHEIN represents Lufthansa Cargo's commitment to implementing high-performance logistics solutions responsibly and with operational excellence. It demonstrates the importance of concrete measures and reliable implementation in the international air freight business. Together with all stakeholders within the supply chain, we are driving the development of more sustainable global supply chains in line with our purpose: *Enabling Global Business*," said **Ashwin Bhat, CEO of Lufthansa Cargo**.

Additionally, the two signatories are exploring further areas of cooperation, such as knowledge exchanges and approaches to strengthen traceability and reporting of operational and environmental data. The MoU marks the beginning of a long-term collaboration between the two companies.



The global online fashion and lifestyle retailer, SHEIN, and the leading air cargo airline, Lufthansa Cargo, have signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) to explore a range of initiatives to drive the adoption of sustainable solutions for air freight. In the MoU signed on August 19, 2025, the two companies confirmed their intention to finalise the adoption of sustainable aviation fuel (SAF) offsetting solutions for SHEIN deliveries within the next six months, as well as a range of other initiatives

to promote the transition to renewable and lower-carbon energy sources for air transport operations.

The initiative is aligned with SHEIN's commitment to addressing its carbon footprint from transportation. As part of this initiative, Lufthansa Cargo will provide high-quality "Proof of Sustainability" certificates for the used SAF quantities. These certificates are based on externally verified standards and document emission reductions, compared to conventional jet fuel, in a traceable manner.



Hactl

Pioneering Smart Cargo with 5G, AI, and Green Innovation to Shape the Future of Global Logistics

“As e-commerce booms and trade lanes evolve, Hong Kong’s SuperTerminal 1 leverages digitalisation, automation and sustainability to stay ahead of global demand.”

.....
*Devender Grover Editor in Chief Cargo Newswire in conversation with
Mr. Wilson Kwong Chief Executive, Hong Kong Air Cargo Terminals Limited (HACTL)*



Mr. Wilson Kwong

Hactl Cargo Handling

Hong Kong Air Cargo Terminals Limited (Hactl) is a leading independent air cargo terminal operator in Hong Kong, established in 1976. It operates SuperTerminal 1, the world's single largest multi-level air cargo terminal, with a capacity of 3.5 million tonnes annually. Hactl provides comprehensive cargo handling services for over 100 airlines and 1,000 freight forwarders, including documentation, ramp handling, and terminal services.

Q *Mr. Kwong, can you please shed light on Hactl, which is known for its innovative approach to cargo handling, including the use of new technologies and digital processes? Hactl and HKT to launch Hong Kong's first 5G smart cargo terminal, and the Intelligent cargo detection system, phase one and two, are being rolled out.*

A. As you know, Hactl launched in 1976 with the ambition of becoming

a world-class cargo hub. Over the decades we are proud of the investment, innovation, experience and best practice we have introduced over that time and we continue to develop and innovate almost five decades later. One of our most recent advances sees the launch of our 5G private network – we are Hong Kong's first air cargo terminal equipped with such infrastructure.

This sees Hactl and HKT collaborating to bring next-generation connectivity to the global leading air cargo facility that is our SuperTerminal 1.

The new 5G private network enables real-time data transmission, machine-to-machine communication, and uninterrupted connectivity across Hactl's complex and massive terminal warehouse environments—including the basement and plant rooms where traditional mobile and wireless coverage is limited. This paves the way for the future adoption of new



Hactl iHCC origin

AI-powered technologies for enhanced productivity.

Q *Hactl handles up to 3.5 million tonnes of cargo annually. How is the company evolving its operations to meet the rising global demand in cross-border e-commerce logistics?*

A. Our wholly-owned subsidiary Hactis is the key here. It provides a comprehensive one-stop shop for value-added logistics alongside ecommerce fulfilment services to

both airlines and freight forwarders. It can provide off the shelf or bespoke services including collection, delivery, re-packing/labelling, simple assembly and fulfilment.

Hactis supports its e-commerce service development by supplementing the capabilities of operators across the chain, and leveraging economies of scale. It offers all this as a neutral all-in-one service proposition. And of course, being a part of Hactl all that is provided with a seamless flow of data through our automated systems.



Hactl's Security Patrol Robot

Q *As e-commerce continues to reshape global trade lanes, how is Hactl strategically integrating digital infrastructure to offer end-to-end visibility, speed, and efficiency to stakeholders?*

A. eCommerce is the dominant focus of trade as a whole right now and is likely to continue to be so in the foreseeable future. Hactis eCommerce Fulfilment Centre provides solutions for both Hong Kong-based and overseas customers. There they can meet the demands of shippers with every kind of commodity including those requiring a controlled climate for which they provide a Cool Zone.

In terms of Hactl's own digital infrastructure, our iHCC (Integrated Hactl Control Centre) is the nerve centre of what we do. We use cutting edge technology to centralise our operations, systems and maintenance control under one umbrella for the first time. This means our duty managers can monitor every aspect of our vast operation and forecast possible problems and cope with them; and all in real time.

Q *HACTL has been a pioneer in the adoption of technology within air cargo terminals.*

Can you elaborate on how COSAC-Plus is redefining cargo handling processes and data exchange in today's interconnected ecosystem?

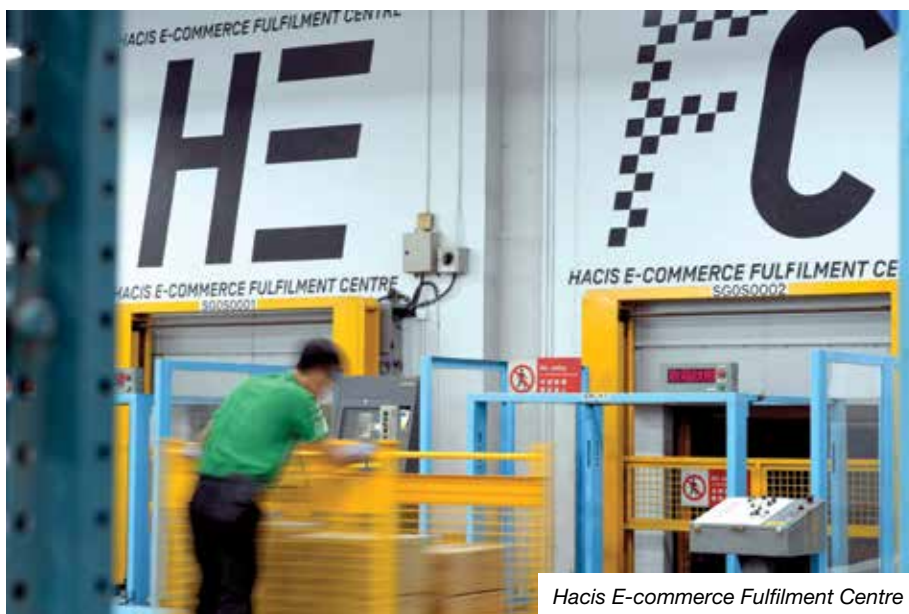
A. COSAC-Plus is the heart of Hactl's operations. It is a unique and powerful in-house-designed air cargo management system that collects and processes cargo data, shares it digitally with all relevant stakeholders, drives our automated systems and provides big data for analytics. But it's not just COSAC-Plus where we believe we are redefining those things, it's about a holistic view of each process and how they work individually and as part of the whole. Plus of course, COSAC was the first air cargo management system to connect to airlines and that was back in 1977. It is constantly upgraded.

The most recent cutting edge technology development in optimising handling processes and data exchange is our Integrated Hactl Control Centre (iHCC) which centralises management and monitoring of entire Hactl operation, and enhances our business resilience.

Q *With increasing talk around artificial intelligence and robotics, what are the latest AI-driven or automated innovations Hactl has implemented to enhance efficiency, accuracy, and customer experience?*

A. At Hactl we are constantly driving to improve processes, achieve ever-lower downtime and reduce our maintenance and manpower costs so all these topics are always high on our ongoing improvements list. Most recently, Hactl and HKT collaborated to establish Hong Kong's first 5G private network which will enhance our operational efficiency by using secure and seamless connectivity.

Hactl's operational efficiency will be driven through a number of key enhancements including Autonomous Electric Tractor (AET) operations. The 5G private network will enable our



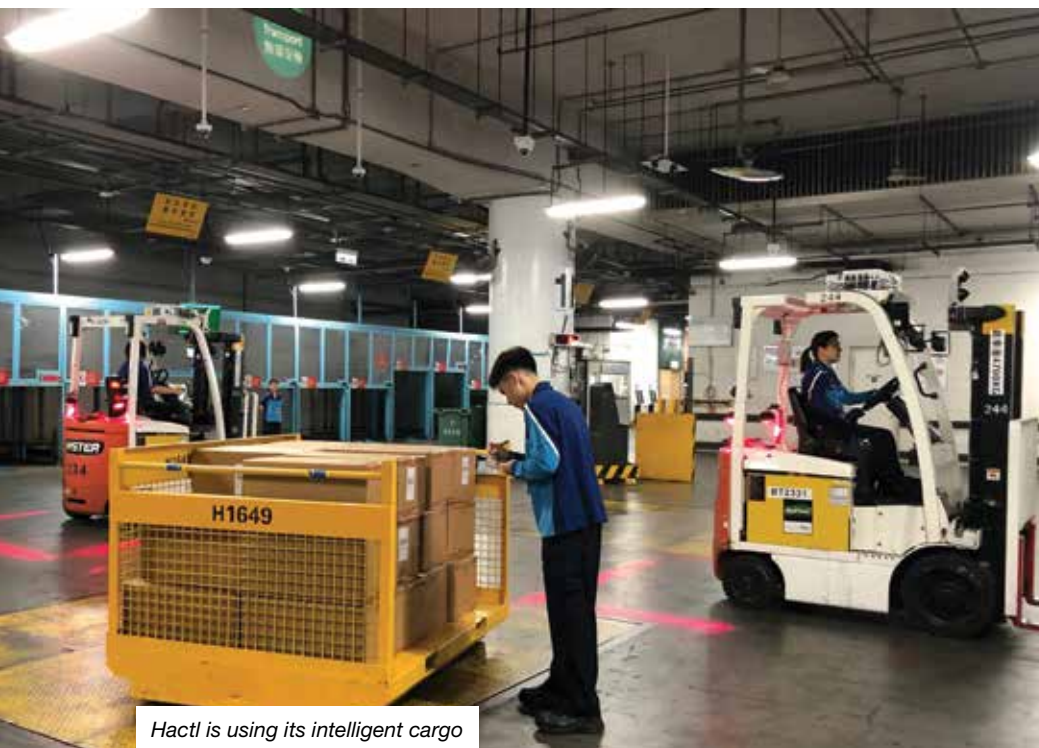
Hactl E-commerce Fulfilment Centre



Hactl_iHCC



Hactl Think Park Corridor



Hactl is using its intelligent cargo



Hactl is committed to enabling an environmentally conscious



Hactl Cool Chain Complex

AETs to efficiently transport cargo with real time coordination and then dynamically adapt to traffic and safety protocols, reducing the need for human intervention.

We have introduced enhanced security with patrol robots which are equipped with AI-powered video analytics. They will continuously patrol

cargo areas and transmit live footage to Hactl's Security Control Centre over a dedicated, secure 5G mobile channel for real time surveillance and instant threat detection and response.

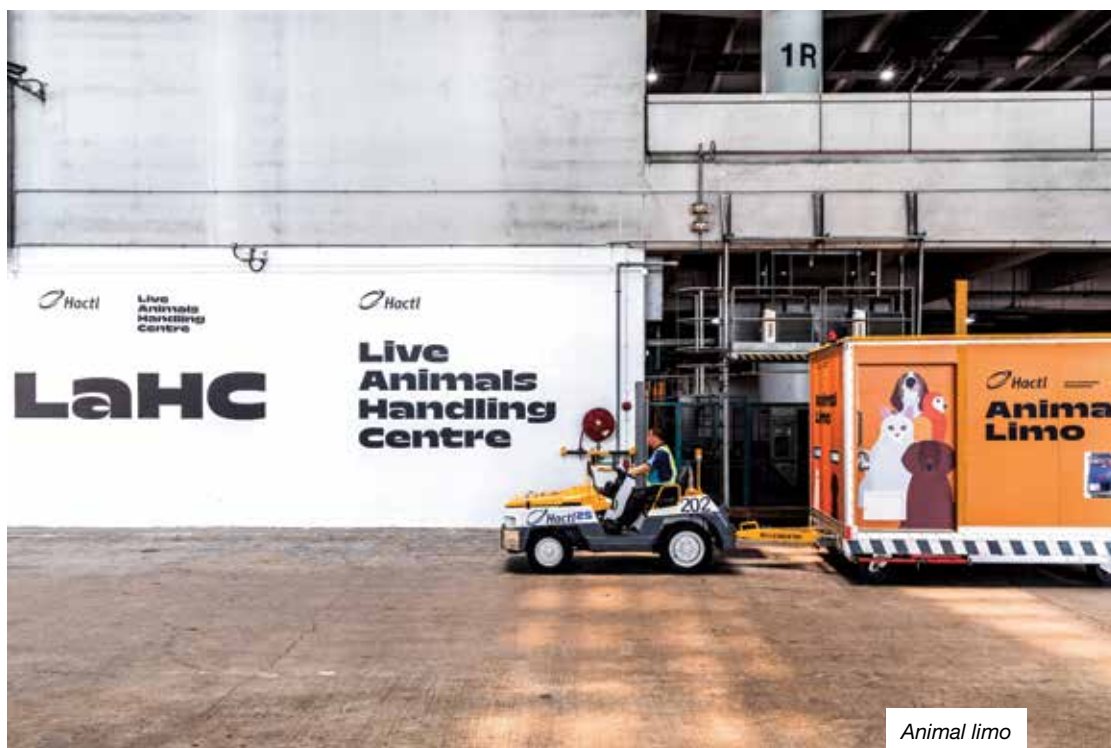
And then there is smart warehouse automation, Hactl's 5G-connected Smart Cargo Locating system which streamlines warehouse logistics

by utilising real-time positioning and automated cargo tracking. Smart forklifts for cargo racking will communicate with one another and the central operations system to optimise workflow and minimise manual errors.

Q SuperTerminal 1 is the world's largest single air cargo terminal. How does Hactl maintain its world-class service levels while balancing sustainability, operational throughput, and regulatory compliance?

A. In 2024, Hactl managed more than 40% of the approximately 4.9 million tonnes of cargo handled by Hong Kong International Airport which is the world's busiest international cargo airport.

Hactl maintains its world-class services through continual reviewing of its processes and services. We don't accept the status quo, and we are always looking for ways to improve our operational efficiency and the services we offer while continuing to promote sustainability. Hactl has a near 50-year history of innovation and investment



Animal limo

and maintains its service levels by never accepting the status quo.

Q *HACTL has long invested in specialized handling, from perishables and pharmaceuticals to live animals and aero engines. What kind of infrastructure and training is required to meet such diverse standards consistently?*

And

Q *How is Hactl's Cool Chain and Perishable Cargo Handling Centre addressing the increased demand for temperature-sensitive logistics post-pandemic, especially for pharma and F&B?*

A. I'm going to answer questions 7 and 8 together. Our Cool Chain Complex (CCC) launched in 2024 is the largest at Hong Kong International Airport (HKIA), and the first to include a dedicated climate-controlled facility for storing dangerous substances.

In addition to the standard climate-controlled capabilities the centre enables dangerous pharmaceuticals and biological shipments to be stored under tightly-regulated thermal

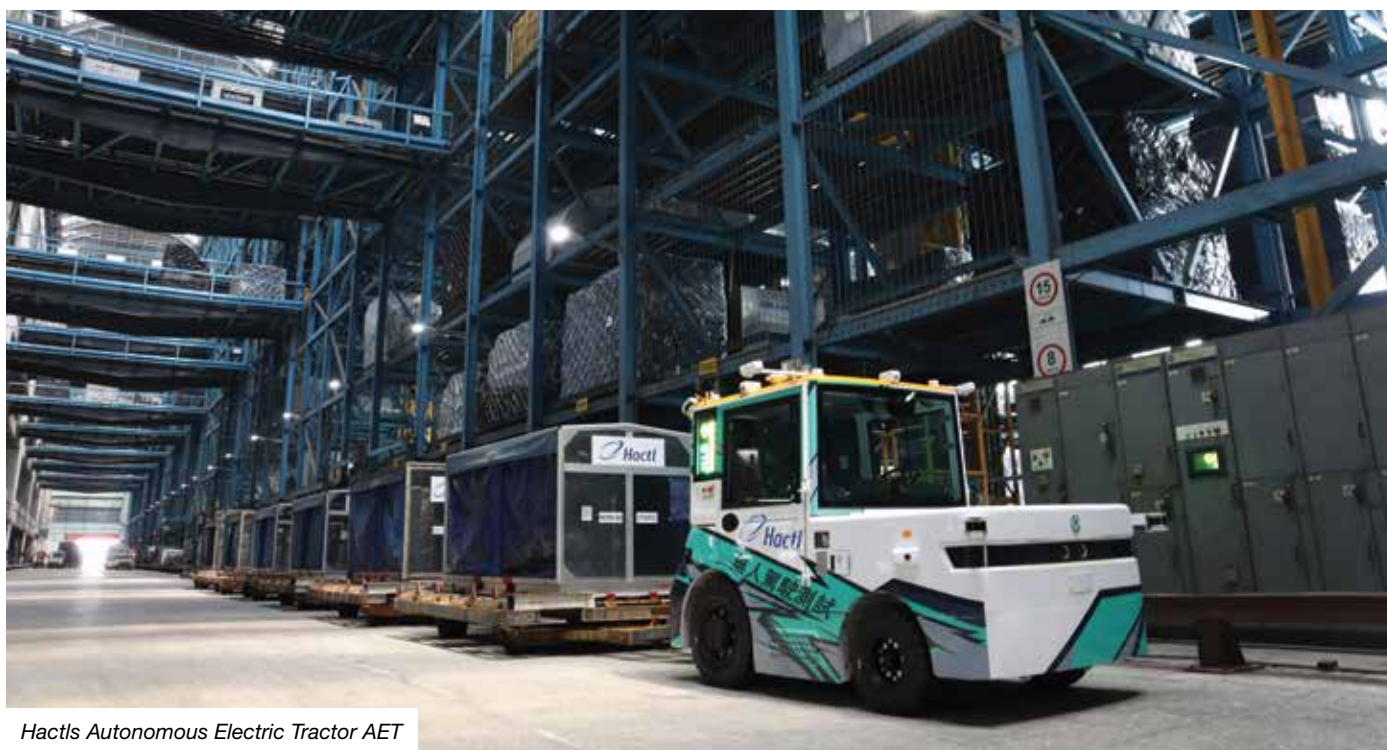


Hactl's new TSCE helps streamline export cargo acceptance

conditions and security, achieving total safety and preserving product efficacy.

The same kind of specialist handling and processes are in place for live animals, li-batt cargo and aero engines to enable us to deliver first class services whatever the customer requirement.

Q *From automated container storage to bonded box systems, Hactl's facilities are known for scale and precision. How do you manage capacity optimization during peak cargo seasons or unexpected global disruptions?*



Hactl's Autonomous Electric Tractor AET

A. One word is key here, reliability. The customers who rely on us receive a service they can depend on. If they can depend on us, then they will keep coming back whether that is in the peak season or at other times of the year.

We may be a large-scale operation – up to 3.5 million tonnes per annum and 10,000 box storage positions – but that's why it is even more important to have the tightest possible controls over our entire estate to ensure every area works to its full potential. Sustained investment in bespoke, hi-tech solutions underpins our constant quest for smarter working and enables Hactl to optimize capacity and also respond to any unexpected global – or local – disruptions.

Q *The aviation industry is placing security and resilience front and center. What does it mean for Hactl to be one of the first two handlers in Asia to receive IATA's SeMS Certification, and how does it strengthen your position?*

A. SeMS is the new IATA

certification focuses on six key components. Security is multi-faceted, highly-demanding and must keep pace with the ever-changing shape of our industry and its threats.

So, by subjecting ourselves to the thorough examination required to obtain this certification we can be certain that our business, staff and customers are fully-protected from the many potential threats that exist in our business today.

Obtaining the SeMS certification strengthens our position because it demonstrates our commitment as a company to aviation security excellence.

Q *Environmental leadership is integral to Hactl's vision. What measurable progress has been achieved under the "Green Terminal" initiative, and what are your targets for reducing Scope 1, 2, and 3 emissions by 2030?*

A. We launched the Green Terminal campaign back in 2018 with the aim of becoming the operator of a world-class sustainable air cargo terminal, and helping to make Hong Kong

International Airport one of the world's greenest airports.

In 2022, we established our Sustainability Strategy Framework. Built on four pillars – People, Partner, Planet and Governance – the framework integrates sustainability into all our decisions and operations.

Hactl has had its targets for science-based greenhouse gas emissions reductions approved by the Science Based Targets initiative (SBTi), and is now committed to reduce absolute scope 1 and 2 GHG (greenhouse gas) emissions by 50.4% by 2030, from a 2018 base line. The company also commits to reduce absolute scope 3 GHG emissions from purchased goods and services, fuel- and energy-related activities, waste generated in operations, employee commuting and downstream leased assets by 50.4% within the same timeframe.

Q *Given your extensive investments in training, upskilling, and retention, how does Hactl continue to maintain one of the most experienced and loyal*

workforces in the air cargo sector?

A. Staff development, delivering opportunities and providing a career path are all important components in maintaining the Hactl workforce.

One of the brand new ways we are doing that is the launch of the Hactl Think Park a total re-imagining of Hactl's well-established former Training Centre. Fully-aligning with Hactl's sustainability principles, degradable materials have been used throughout to minimise impact on the environment. Hactl Think Park is more than a venue for skill development and knowledge acquisition: it also serves as a platform to promote Hactl's vision and culture to visitors and students. Hactl Think Park features "The Lab" - a multifunctional space for workshops and seminars; "The Space" - a high-tech area providing comprehensive information and resources; and multiple classrooms accommodate training sessions and events. These classrooms are suited to traditional teaching methods, but are also equipped with innovative educational tools. For instance, participants may learn how to drive a forklift using VR forklift simulators, while another classroom features a full-size ULD, enabling participants to learn how to handle cargo correctly using actual handling equipment.

Engagement drives an enthusiastic workforce and we believe that is delivered in the new Think Park.

Q *With mainland China playing a pivotal role in global trade, how is Hactl enhancing intermodal and bonded logistics connectivity between Hong Kong and the Greater Bay Area to support cross-border e-commerce growth?*

A. Seamless is one of the watch-words of our fully-owned subsidiary Hactis which provides a one-stop-shop for value-added logistics services – these are primarily eCommerce.

Earlier this year it launched its Airport Transit Hub services at SuperTerminal 1 (ST1), enhancing cargo consolidation and transportation for the Greater Bay Area (GBA) and beyond.

At the heart of the concept, our e-commerce Express Lane enabled the transit hub at the prime location in ST1, offering solutions including barcode screening for shipment visibility, x-ray scanning and well as the instant consolidation. It's optimizing time and handling diverse commodities including Alternative Smoking Products (ASP) while the featured intermodal transportation services ensure secure, seamless cargo flow connecting to GBA through Hong Kong.

Q *In your view, how are ongoing socio-political and trade realignments globally – from geopolitical shifts to sustainability-likely to shape the future of air freight and logistics?*

A. It's not for me to comment on geo-politics on any level. All Hactl can be is prepared and flexible so that the team is ready for any eventuality which comes our way. The global outlook for freighters from Boeing says that the freighter market will grow by some 67% between now and 2044. That suggests there may well be a greater reliance on freighters, but in which markets and in what numbers, that's not easy to predict.

Q *As one of the most advanced terminals globally, what new digital, operational, or infrastructure projects is Hactl planning to launch in 2025 to further elevate safety, transparency, and client service?*

A. We have of course already made announcements in 2024 which are coming to fruition in 2025 such as using renewable diesel, the 5G enabled private network-enabled air cargo terminal and our work with robotics and AI.

We never stand still at Hactl and there are plenty of new initiatives in the pipeline but I cannot talk about them right now – you'll have to watch this space for announcements.

Q *Finally, as an industry thought leader, how do you see the role of air cargo evolving over the next decade, and what role will Hactl play in shaping its trajectory – both regionally and globally?*

A. Well, it's a little tricky to bring out a crystal ball which covers the whole industry for the next decade. But in respect of Hactl it's much easier to offer that future-looking perspective. More industry-leading initiatives, a continuing focus on sustainability and a determination to keep setting new standards in air cargo handling. I hope that where we lead others will want to follow.



Hactl's 5G connected Smart Cargo Locating system

July Air Cargo Up 5.5%: IATA



The International Air Transport Association (IATA) released data for July 2025 global air cargo markets showing:

- Total demand, measured in cargo tonne-kilometers (CTK), rose by 5.5% compared to July 2024 levels (+6.0% for international operations).
 - Capacity, measured in available cargo tonne-kilometers (ACTK), increased by 3.9% compared to July 2024 (+4.5% for international operations).
- “Air cargo demand grew 5.5%

in July, a strong result. Most major trade lanes reported growth, with one significant exception: Asia–North America, where demand was down 1.0% year-on-year.

A sharp decline in e-commerce, as the US de minimis exemptions on small shipments expired, was likely offset by shippers frontloading goods in advance of rising tariffs for imports to the US. August will likely reveal more clearly the impact of shifting US trade policies. While much attention is rightly being focused on

developments in markets connected to the US, it is important to keep a broad perspective on the global network. A fifth of air cargo travels on the Europe–Asia trade lane, which marked 29 months of consecutive expansion with 13.5% year-on-year growth in July,” said Willie Walsh, IATA’s Director General.

Several factors in the operating environment should be noted:

- The global goods trade grew by 3.1% year-on-year in June.

- The July jet fuel price was 9.1% lower year-on-year and has remained below 2024 levels so far this year, easing airlines' operating costs.

However, it was 4.3% higher than in June.

- Global manufacturing contracted in July with the PMI falling to 49.66, the second dip below the 50-mark growth threshold since January. New export orders also remained negative at 48.2 for the fourth month, reflecting waning confidence amid US trade policy uncertainty.

July Regional Performance

Asia-Pacific airlines saw an

11.1% year-on-year growth in air cargo demand in July, the strongest rise of all regions. Capacity increased by 7.3% year-on-year.

North American carriers saw a 0.7% year-on-year increase in growth for air cargo in July, the slowest growth of all regions. Capacity decreased by 0.6% year-on-year.

European carriers saw a 4.1% year-on-year increase in demand for air cargo in July. Capacity increased 4.0% year-on-year.

Middle Eastern carriers saw a 2.6% year-on-year increase in demand for air cargo in July. Capacity increased by 5.9% year-on-year.

Latin American carriers saw a 2.4% year-on-year increase in demand for air cargo in July. Capacity increased by 3.8% year-on-year.

African airlines saw a 9.4% year-on-year increase in demand for air cargo in July. Capacity decreased by 0.1% year-on-year.

Trade Lane Growth

Air freight volumes in July 2025 increased significantly across all major trade corridors, with the exception of Middle East-Europe, which recorded only a marginal rise, and Asia-North America, which has seen three consecutive months of decline.

Air Cargo Market in Detail

JULY 2025 (%YEAR-ON-YEAR)	WORLD SHARE *1	CTK	ACTK	CLF (%-PT) *2	CLF (LEVEL) *3
Total Market	100%	5.5%	3.9%	0.7%	45.1%
Africa	2.0%	9.4%	-0.1%	4.1%	46.8%
Asia Pacific	34.2%	11.1%	7.3%	1.7%	49.3%
Europe	21.5%	4.1%	4.0%	0.0%	49.5%
Latin America and the Caribbean	2.9%	2.4%	3.8%	-0.4%	33.6%
Middle East	13.6%	2.6%	5.9%	-1.4%	44.6%
North America	25.8%	0.7%	-0.6%	0.5%	39.0%

(*1) % of industry CTKs in 2024 (*2) Year-on-year change in load factor (*3) Load factor level

TRADE LANE	YOY GROWTH	NOTES	MARKET SHARE OF INDUSTRY*
Asia-North America	-1.0%	3 consecutive months of decline	24.4%
Europe-Asia	+13.5%	29 consecutive months of growth	20.5%
Middle East-Europe	+0.3%		5.7%
Middle East-Asia	+8.5%	5 consecutive months of growth	7.4%
Within Asia	+10.3%	21 consecutive months of growth	7.0%
Within Europe	+4.0%		2.0%
North America-Europe	+9.6%	18 consecutive months of growth	13.3%
Africa-Asia	+12.1%		1.4%

*Share is based on full-year 2024 CTKs.

Nippon Cargo Airlines Returns to Frankfurt After 15 Years, Strengthening Asia–Europe Cargo Connectivity

Japanese freighter specialist **Nippon Cargo Airlines (NCA)** will restart operations at **Frankfurt Airport** from **4 September**, re-establishing its presence in Germany after a 15-year hiatus. The return underscores the strategic importance of Frankfurt as a European cargo hub and highlights the renewed ambitions of NCA under its new parent company, **ANA Holdings**.

Twice-Weekly Boeing 747-8F Services

NCA will deploy its **Boeing 747-8 freighters** on two weekly rotations. The first service will operate **Narita–Anchorage–Amsterdam Schiphol–Frankfurt–Narita**, while the second will follow a **Narita–Anchorage–Frankfurt–Narita** routing.

The airline confirmed that the new operations remain subject to regulatory approval from Japan's **Ministry of Land, Infrastructure, Transport and Tourism (MLIT)** and German aviation authorities.

NCA last served Frankfurt in 2009, before consolidating its network during a period of restructuring. Its return reaffirms the carrier's commitment to strengthening its European network, where it currently serves **Amsterdam Schiphol** and **Milan Malpensa**, in addition to a **codeshare agreement with Luxembourg**.

Boost for Frankfurt Airport

The move comes at a pivotal time for **Frankfurt Airport**, which has seen sluggish cargo performance this year. Through the first seven months of 2025, volumes rose by just **1.4% year on year** to **1.2 million tonnes**. However, in **July**, the hub posted a stronger **3.7% increase**, benefiting



from front-loading of shipments ahead of new US tariffs.

NCA's renewed presence is expected to enhance Frankfurt's connectivity with Japan and wider Asia, offering shippers additional options in a period of fluctuating trade flows.

A spokesperson for Frankfurt Airport said: *"The return of Nippon Cargo Airlines after more than a decade underscores the enduring importance of Frankfurt as a gateway for Asia–Europe trade. This strengthens our hub offering for industries reliant on reliable long-haul cargo connections."*

First Network Adjustment Under ANA Holdings

The Frankfurt relaunch is the **first network adjustment** announced since NCA's acquisition by **ANA Holdings** in early August. The integration created **Japan's largest**

combination carrier, combining ANA's passenger bellyhold operations with NCA's all-cargo expertise.

The merged cargo fleet includes:

- **Six Boeing 767 freighters**
- **Two Boeing 777 freighters**
- **Eight Boeing 747-8 freighters**

(operated by NCA)

In addition, NCA owns **seven Boeing 747-400Fs**, which are leased out to other operators.

An ANA Holdings executive commented: *"By aligning NCA's freighter strength with ANA's global passenger network, we can offer shippers a more comprehensive and resilient service. Frankfurt is a natural choice as one of Europe's key cargo gateways."*

Competitive Landscape at Frankfurt

NCA's decision to reinstate Frankfurt flights brings it back into direct competition with major Asian and

European freighter operators serving the hub. **Korean Air Cargo, Cathay Pacific Cargo, Cargolux, Singapore Airlines Cargo, and China Airlines Cargo** all maintain strong presences at Frankfurt, capitalising on its role as a key distribution centre for European exports and imports.

Industry analysts note that while **Amsterdam Schiphol and Paris CDG** have grown in prominence, Frankfurt remains a preferred hub for Asian carriers thanks to its extensive trucking network, central location in Europe's industrial heartland, and long-standing ties with automotive and pharmaceutical supply chains.

By returning to Frankfurt, NCA is positioning itself to capture demand from sectors that value high-frequency, high-capacity services—particularly as supply chains diversify and shippers seek alternatives amid geopolitical uncertainty.

Strategic Outlook

The relaunch of Frankfurt services signals a broader strategic intent by ANA Holdings to strengthen Japan's role in global air cargo. By leveraging NCA's fleet of long-range 747-8Fs, the group aims to expand transpacific and Asia–Europe connectivity while maintaining flexibility to adapt to shifting trade patterns.

For Frankfurt, the return of NCA represents not only added capacity but also a reinforcement of its status as Europe's primary hub for Asian freighter operations.

A cargo industry consultant told Cargo Magazine: *"This is a well-timed move. With global demand stabilising after the post-pandemic correction, Frankfurt's role as a bridge between Europe and Asia remains critical. NCA's return adds to the hub's resilience and provides shippers with much-needed capacity diversity."*

As air cargo markets continue to evolve, NCA's relaunch of Frankfurt operations is both a symbolic return and a practical expansion—demonstrating how strategic partnerships, fleet strength, and hub connectivity can reshape the competitive landscape.





Icelandair Cargo Enters Turkish Market with Strategic Globe Air Cargo Turkiye Partnership

Icelandair Cargo has taken a decisive step in its international expansion by launching dedicated cargo services in Turkey. The new venture, powered by Globe Air Cargo Turkiye—a subsidiary of ECS Group—brings together

local expertise and global reach, opening fresh opportunities for Turkish exporters and importers at a pivotal moment for the air freight industry.

Direct Istanbul–Keflavik Flights Set to Drive Trade Growth

From **5 September 2025**, Icelandair will operate **four weekly Boeing 737 MAX flights** linking **Istanbul Airport (IST)** with **Keflavik (KEF)**. The route will serve as a gateway to Icelandair’s transatlantic network, offering streamlined cargo connections to major markets in **North America and Europe**.

The new flights are designed to meet growing demand in sectors where Turkey plays a leading role, including **textiles, automotive components, and industrial machinery**. For shippers, the development presents an alternative logistics channel at a time when diversified supply chains and reliable air freight options are increasingly critical.

Strategic Alliance: Local Knowledge Meets Global Innovation

For Icelandair Cargo, entering

Turkey represents more than a new destination—it signals a carefully structured partnership.

“This is a major milestone for us as we expand into the Turkish market for the first time,” said **Einar Már Guðmundsson, Managing Director at Icelandair Cargo**. “The expertise of Globe Air Cargo Turkiye, combined with ECS Group’s digital resources, ensures our customers will experience world-class service and efficiency from the very beginning.”

ECS Group, one of the world’s largest GSSAs, views the partnership as a model for connecting international carriers with regional markets. **Jean Ceccaldi, CEO of ECS Group**, explained: “This partnership is a perfect expression of our vision: linking the global ambitions of our airline partners with strong local expertise. The Globe Air Cargo Turkiye teams have a deep understanding of the Turkish market, and their commitment—combined with ECS Group’s innovation—will enable Icelandair Cargo to quickly establish itself as a key player along this new corridor.”

For **Globe Air Cargo Turkiye**, which represents multiple carriers in the region, the tie-up underscores its

role as a critical enabler for foreign airlines entering Turkey's competitive market. "We are proud to represent Icelandair Cargo in this exciting launch," said **Ersun Guven, Managing Director of Globe Air Cargo Turkiye**. "Our knowledge of the local market and commitment to excellence make us the ideal partner to support their growth."

Market Context: Turkey's Rising Role in Global Air Freight

Turkey's strategic location—bridging Europe, Asia, and the Middle East—has long positioned it as a logistics powerhouse. Istanbul Airport has emerged as a central hub for passenger

and cargo operations, with its state-of-the-art infrastructure attracting both global carriers and regional players.

Industry analysts note that the introduction of Icelandair Cargo's services adds a fresh dimension to the market. With Keflavik acting as a transatlantic connector, Turkish exporters now gain access to faster, more direct cargo routes to the United States and key European cities. For importers, Icelandair's network promises efficient inbound flows of machinery, technology, and consumer goods.

A Foundation for Future Growth

Beyond immediate trade benefits, the Icelandair-Globe Air Cargo Turkiye

alliance signals a longer-term strategy to strengthen cargo flows between Turkey and the wider world. The integration of ECS Group's digital platforms—covering booking, visibility, and data management—also reflects a growing emphasis on digitalization in the air freight industry.

With the inaugural flights set to take off in early September, the partnership establishes a new air bridge that blends **local market expertise, global network access, and digital innovation**. For Turkish shippers, it represents not just a new service but an expanded set of choices in navigating today's complex global trade environment.

ATSG Delivers Second A330 Converted Freighter to ULS Airlines Cargo

Air Transport Services Group, Inc., a leading provider of cargo aircraft leasing, air cargo transportation, and related services, has announced the delivery of its second Airbus A330 passenger-to-freighter (P2F) conversion to ULS Airlines Cargo, a cargo carrier based in Istanbul, Türkiye.

The A330-300P2F is a versatile widebody freighter offering a gross payload capacity of approximately 62 tons and a cargo volume of over 526 cubic meters. The aircraft was converted from passenger to freighter configuration by Turkish Technic in Istanbul, in collaboration with Elbe Flugzeugwerke GmbH (EFW), the joint venture of Airbus and ST Engineering that holds the Supplemental Type Certificate (STC) for the A330P2F program.

"ATSG's A330P2F program continues to deliver modern, fuel-efficient freighter capacity to meet the growing demands of global air cargo," said **Todd France, Chief Commercial Officer of ATSG**.



"The delivery of this second aircraft to ULS reflects our shared commitment to fleet modernization, operational reliability, and long-term partnership."

ULS Airlines Cargo operates a network spanning Europe, the Middle East, and Asia, specializing in scheduled and charter cargo services. The addition of a second A330P2F strengthens its capacity to serve high-volume and long-haul markets,

complementing its existing fleet and supporting its strategic growth plans.

"Expanding our A330P2F fleet enhances our ability to meet customer demand while improving efficiency and reliability," said **Yasin Ata, Managing Director of ULS Airlines Cargo**.

"We value ATSG's expertise in providing dependable aircraft solutions and look forward to continuing this partnership as we grow our cargo network."

IAI First in the World to Convert Boeing 777 Aircraft into a Freighter

Israel Aerospace Industries (IAI), a global leader in aircraft passenger-to-freighter (P2F) conversions, announced today following rigorous efforts over the past year, a landmark achievement in aviation history with the successful completion of the **Boeing B777-300ERSF** conversion from a passenger aircraft into a freighter, and the receipt of the industry's first Supplemental Type Certificate (STC) certificate from both the U.S. Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) and the Civil Aviation Authority of Israel (CAAI). As one of the world's largest cargo aircraft, the newly certified B777-300ERSF will significantly increase global shipping capacity, speed and efficiency. This is a significant breakthrough in aviation, and IAI is the first company in the world to convert an aircraft of this magnitude.

The Boeing 777 is poised to redefine the future of air freight with an impressive capacity of 100 tons and the ability to significantly reduce operating costs. This innovation positions the aircraft as a game-changer in the evolving global freighter market.

AerCap is the launch customer of the B777-300ERSF conversion program, while Kalitta will serve as the launch operator.

Boaz Levy, President and CEO of Israel Aerospace Industries: «IAI is a global leader in passenger-to-freighter aircraft conversions, standing at the forefront of aeronautical technology and building on its extensive capabilities as Israel's largest aerospace company. The company takes great pride in being the first in the world to convert a Boeing 777 into a freighter. Receiving certification from aviation authorities highlights IAI's technological, engineering, and operational expertise and positions the company as a pioneer in this field. This remarkable

Supplemental Type Certificate received from U.S. FAA & Israeli CAAI to convert B777, an aircraft able to carry 100 tons - poised to redefine the future air freighter market



capability is the result of the company's professionalism and determination, paving the way for a broad expansion of our business activities with leading customers worldwide, and strengthening global e-commerce through advanced freighter aircraft solutions.»

Yaacov Berkovitz, Executive VP and General Manager of IAI's Aviation Group: "After years of dedicated effort, especially during the past year, we are excited to receive the STC certificate for the P2F conversion of Boeing 777 aircraft from both the FAA and CAAI – a breakthrough that reflects our commitment to innovation, engineering excellence, and global leadership in aircraft conversions. This milestone sets a new standard in air cargo, delivering a unique combination of high payload capacity, volume, and operational efficiency. The Boeing 777 was developed to meet the evolving needs of the cargo industry, and we believe it will become the preferred choice for international operators. I want to thank the aviation authorities and our

team at IAI for their unwavering tenacity in bringing this transformative product to market."

IAI is a world leader in passenger-to-freighter aircraft conversions, trusted by industry leaders such as Amazon, Gulfstream, DHL, and others. Following the increasingly growing demand for freighter aircraft globally, the Company is expanding its global footprint of conversion facilities for the Boeing 777 aircraft.

For over 45 years, IAI has been a pioneer in the field of passenger-to-freighter conversions, delivering comprehensive solutions across all segments of the global aviation market. The company is recognized as the world's leading conversion house, with unmatched expertise spanning a wide range of aircraft models and operations. Its broad portfolio includes passenger-to-cargo aircraft conversions, Maintenance, Repair, and Overhaul (MRO) services, business jet customization, aerostructures, aircraft upgrades, and more.

time:matters expands global courier terminal network with operations in Mexico



- New courier terminals at Mexico City International Airport (MEX) and Felipe Ángeles International Airport (NLU) strengthen time:matters' global presence.
- Partnership with Lufthansa Cargo Servicios Logísticos de México (LCSLM) enables faster and more controlled handling of time-critical shipments.
- Expansion enhances connectivity between Latin America, Europe, and Asia for key industries such as automotive, semiconductors, and life sciences.

time:matters, the expert in global high-performance logistics, is expanding its international network with the opening of two courier terminals in Mexico. Located at Mexico City International Airport Benito Juárez (MEX) and Felipe Ángeles International Airport (NLU), the new facilities mark a significant step in strengthening the company's presence in one of Latin America's key logistics hubs. The terminals were realized in partnership with Lufthansa Cargo Servicios Logísticos de México (LCSLM).

The new facilities draw on two decades of experience in time-critical, high-performance logistics. The courier terminals in Mexico are based on the operational excellence of the three existing terminals in Frankfurt, Munich, and Shanghai. Together they provide premium handling services for highly flexible transport solutions tailored to sensitive and urgent shipments.

Dedicated processes and qualified staff reduce handling times for import and export shipments from six to three hours, ensuring greater speed and control. Services include dedicated handling, personalized data flows to customs brokers and consignees, and 24/7 operational availability.

Bernhard zur Strassen, CEO of time:matters, explains: "We are not just opening two new facilities; we are extending our premium logistics DNA to Mexico. By combining local presence with global expertise, we deliver what customers need most: speed, reliability, and flexibility across their supply chains."

The terminals are tailored to the needs of industries such as automotive, semiconductors, and life sciences, handling spare and service parts, medical equipment, high-value goods, and hazardous materials. The facilities provide dedicated documentary and

physical handling processes for export and import shipments to ensure operational reliability.

Stefan Fölsing, Managing Director of time:matters Courier Terminals, adds: "The new terminals in Mexico add a strategically important hub to our network in Latin America. With dedicated handling processes and personalized control, we ensure faster and more reliable handling for key industries."

Frank Nozinsky, Managing Director Lufthansa Cargo Servicios Logísticos de México, states: "We are excited to partner with time:matters to offer even faster handling services for time-critical and sensitive shipments at MEX and NLU for our valued customers."

With the addition of Mexico, time:matters now operates courier terminals strategically located across Europe, Asia, and Latin America, further enhancing global connectivity for reliable cross-continental transport performance.

Mexico Courier Terminals: Technical Specifications at a Glance

Service Scope

- Industries served: Automotive, high-tech & semiconductors, life sciences
- Shipment types: Spare and service parts, medical supplies, high-value goods, hazardous commodities

Operational Features

- Coordinated processes and qualified personnel
- Reduced handling time from 6 hours to 3 hours
- Dedicated documentary and physical handling
- Personalized data flows to customs brokers and consignees
- 24/7 operational availability

Network Integration

- Seamless link to Courier Terminals in Frankfurt, Munich, Shanghai
- Strengthened connectivity between North & South America, Europe, and Asia
- Supports resilient supply chains for ad hoc or backup transport solutions.



CMA CGM

Steps in as Launch Customer for Airbus A350 Freighter Amid Market Shifts



French shipping and logistics powerhouse **CMA CGM** has secured its position as the **launch customer** for Airbus' new-generation **A350 freighter (A350F)**, after US-based lessor **Air Lease Corporation (ALC)** cancelled its initial order. The move underscores CMA CGM's ambition to accelerate its expansion in air cargo while reflecting shifting market

dynamics around the much-anticipated programme.

CMA CGM's Long-Term Bet on Air Cargo

CMA CGM confirmed the development in a LinkedIn announcement, stating that its airline subsidiary, **CMA CGM Air Cargo**, will be the launch operator of the A350F. The carrier, established in 2021, has quickly built a presence in the global airfreight market, operating a fleet of Airbus A330Fs and Boeing 777Fs while leveraging the parent group's vast shipping and logistics network.

The French group was an early supporter of the A350F programme. In **November 2021**, it signed a memorandum of understanding (MoU) for four A350Fs, later firming up the order. By **April 2023**, following the termination of its alliance with Air France-KLM, CMA CGM expanded its commitment to **eight aircraft**—a clear signal of intent to grow its standalone cargo airline.

Air Lease Bows Out

In contrast, ALC, which placed an order for seven A350Fs in November 2021 and thereby became Airbus' original launch customer, has now withdrawn. Last month, Airbus removed the order from its backlog after the lessor pointed to **uncertainty in cargo markets and delays to the A350F programme**.

The decision reflects a broader sense of caution among some operators. While demand for air cargo surged during the pandemic, easing market conditions and fleet modernisation timelines have prompted carriers and lessors to reassess new widebody freighter commitments.

Air France-KLM Also Scales Back

CMA CGM's move comes as **Air France-KLM Group** trims its own exposure to the programme. The Franco-Dutch airline group had originally ordered eight A350Fs—split between Air France and subsidiary Martinair—but earlier this year, confirmed it would reduce its backlog

to six units. Both carriers have since adjusted their allocations to three each. The group cited **production delays** and **fleet portfolio optimisation** as key factors in its decision.

Airbus Navigates Programme Delays

For Airbus, the A350F represents its most serious challenge yet to Boeing's long-held dominance in the large freighter segment. Designed to meet ICAO's stricter 2027 emissions standards, the A350F promises **20% lower fuel burn and CO₂ emissions** compared with older generation aircraft, such as the Boeing 747F and 777F.

However, the programme has not been without hurdles. In **February 2025**, Airbus announced that the A350F's **entry into service** would slip to the **second half of 2027**, a year later than previously planned. Still, the manufacturer has continued to highlight progress, most recently completing the first **horizontal stabiliser (HTP)** for the type at its Spanish facilities.

A Strategic Win for CMA CGM

By stepping in as the launch customer, CMA CGM cements its role at the forefront of next-generation air cargo operations. The A350F's payload capability of **up to 109 tonnes** and extended range are expected to support the group's strategy of connecting its sea and air logistics platforms more seamlessly, offering end-to-end solutions to global shippers.

With a fleet of eight aircraft on order, CMA CGM Air Cargo will be among the earliest operators to benefit from the efficiencies of the type, positioning itself competitively in a market that continues to rebalance following the post-pandemic surge.

For Airbus, the shipping giant's commitment provides vital momentum for the programme as it navigates market hesitations and schedule delays. The coming years will reveal whether other carriers follow through on their orders—or whether CMA CGM's bold step gives it a first-mover advantage in the freighter market of the future.



Embraer to Offer Starlink Connectivity as Aftermarket Solution for Praetor Jets

Embraer will offer Starlink connectivity as an aftermarket solution for Praetor 600, Praetor 500, Legacy 500, and Legacy 450 customers through a Supplemental Type Certificate (STC). The new solution is being offered through a partnership with Nextant Aerospace, the engineering arm of Flexjet. FAA certification has been received for the Praetor 500 and Legacy 450 fleets. FAA certification for the Praetor 600 and Legacy 500 is expected in Q3 2025, followed by ANAC certification in Q4 2025, and EASA certification in Q1 2026.

Starlink provides high-speed, low-latency internet through a Low Earth Orbit (LEO) satellite constellation, ensuring seamless connectivity anywhere across the globe, even over remote landscapes or oceans. With exceptional speeds for all passengers on board and a latency below 99 milliseconds, it ensures greater reliability in-flight.

Thanks to this low latency, Starlink supports demanding applications such as 4K video calls, online gaming, VPN access, and other real-time activities. Starlink has provided high-speed, low-latency internet on tens of thousands of flights and counting, keeping passengers connected from the moment they step onboard their aircraft and throughout their travels all around the world.

"We're excited to bring Starlink's cutting-edge, high-speed internet to our customers. This builds on our ongoing efforts, strengthening our commitment to seamless, connected flight experiences around the world," says

Marsha Woelber, Vice President, Customer Support & Aftermarket Sales for Executive Jets, Embraer Executive Jets.

"With more than a year of operational experience and hundreds of kits sold to the business aviation fleet, Starlink has firmly established itself as the preeminent solution for in-

flight connectivity," said Jay Heublein, president of Flexjet's Technical Services division. "The Praetor is one of the most technologically advanced business jets in its category, and the addition of Starlink ensures that passengers will have a seamless connectivity experience."

Both companies are also developing the Starlink Supplemental Type Certificate for the Phenom 300 jets, which are scheduled to be available in the fourth quarter of 2025.

Flexjet, which is the largest operator of Praetors in the world, plans to integrate Starlink into its entire Praetor fleet.

The Embraer-owned service Center Network, with nine locations globally, is fully prepared to support customers who wish to have the STC installed. Customers interested in scheduling installations should be directed to Embraer Aftermarket Sales Representatives globally.

East Midlands Cargo

Volumes Surge as Airlines Expand Services



East Midlands Airport (EMA) has reported a sharp rise in freight volumes, handling more than 103,000 tonnes between May and July—an increase of 17.4% compared with the same period in 2024.

According to the airport, volumes rose 9.7% in May, 24% in June, and 19% in July, outpacing national trends where overall belly-hold cargo has remained flat. The growth has been driven largely by the arrival of four new carriers launching UK–China services, attracted by EMA's 24/7 operations, competitive landing fees, and central location.

China's Central Airlines began twice-weekly flights in May on behalf of YunExpress and plans to expand to five services a week in the coming months. Atlas Air, Ethiopian Cargo, and Saudia Cargo have also added services at the gateway, reinforcing EMA's role as the UK's leading express freight hub.

British carrier One Air, which relocated its China-UK freighter operations from Heathrow to EMA last year, cited the airport's efficiency and faster onward distribution links. From next month, One Air will introduce

scheduled services with four weekly flights connecting Europe, the Middle East, and Asia-Pacific via Liège, Dubai, and Hong Kong. The airline also intends to add Boeing 777s alongside its fleet of 747s.

EMA already hosts the UK hubs of DHL, UPS, and FedEx and processed 375,000 tonnes of cargo worth £37 billion in 2024/25. Unlike Heathrow and other passenger-focused airports, EMA specialises in dedicated freighter operations, offering operators guaranteed slots.

To support rising demand, EMA has expanded its infrastructure, increasing the number of widebody-capable stands from seven to 12. Parent company Manchester Airports Group (MAG) has also unveiled a long-term cargo vision that includes 122,000m² of new warehouse space, additional taxiways, and capacity for up to 18 more aircraft. The plans, which anticipate a 54% rise in express cargo volumes over the next two decades, could generate more than 20,000 jobs and deliver almost £4 billion in economic value.

The expansion aligns with a wider partnership between MAG and global logistics developer Prologis, announced by Chancellor Rachel Reeves in July. The collaboration will unlock £1 billion of investment in a new logistics and advanced manufacturing park as part of the East Midlands Freeport, for which EMA is the principal port.

"East Midlands Airport has long played a vital role in keeping UK trade moving," said **Steve Griffiths, Managing Director, East Midlands Airport**. *"Our success in attracting new airlines underlines the appeal of our unrivalled cargo operation and strategic location at the heart of the country. These gains demonstrate the importance of aviation to the Government's Industrial and Trade Strategies, and the contribution the sector makes to jobs and economic growth."*

David Craig, Head of Aviation at EMA, added: *"We are backing our growth by expanding infrastructure and setting out ambitious long-term plans. Right now, the only way is up for East Midlands cargo."*



Turkish Airlines

Expands U.S. Cargo Handling with WFS at Miami and JFK

Turkish Airlines has reinforced its North American cargo footprint with the award of a three-year cargo and ground handling contract to **Worldwide Flight Services (WFS)**, a **SATS company**, covering two of the United States' most critical cargo gateways — **Miami International Airport (MIA)** and **New York John F. Kennedy International Airport (JFK)**. The agreement, which took effect on **July 17 in Miami** and **August 1 in New York**, underscores



the carrier's strategic focus on the transatlantic market and WFS's growing role as a trusted handling partner.

Dual-Station Operations at High-Volume Gateways

Under the new agreement, WFS has assumed responsibility for full-service handling across both airports. At **MIA's Building 707**, the company is managing cargo handling, mail processing, and ramp services, while **JFK's Building 260** is dedicated to

cargo and ramp operations. Together, these contracts support significant cargo volumes:

- **Miami:** Four weekly flights, moving approximately **18,250 tonnes annually**.

- **New York (JFK):** Three weekly flights, processing an estimated **36,000 tonnes annually**.

Both stations will service Turkish Airlines' freighter fleet, including **Airbus A330F** and **Boeing 747/777F** aircraft.

Strengthening a Longstanding Partnership

The expansion deepens an existing partnership between Turkish Airlines and WFS, which already covers **seven North American locations**, including Boston (BOS), Dallas/Fort Worth (DFW), Seattle (SEA), Houston (IAH), and Washington Dulles (IAD).

Frank Clemente, Senior Vice President, Cargo and Express North America at WFS, said the latest award demonstrates confidence in WFS's ability to deliver at scale:

"We are pleased to expand our partnership with Turkish Airlines across these two strategic U.S. gateways. This contract reinforces our commitment to delivering reliable, high-quality ground handling services that support Turkish Airlines' growing cargo network in North America."

Strategic Importance of MIA and JFK

The choice of **Miami** and **New York** reflects Turkish Airlines' ambition to strengthen its cargo presence in two of the most competitive U.S. markets.

- **Miami International Airport** is the leading U.S. gateway for cargo flows to and from Latin America and the Caribbean. Handling more than **two million tonnes annually**, it plays a pivotal role in perishables, pharmaceuticals, and e-commerce logistics. For Turkish Airlines, expanding capacity at MIA supports connectivity across Latin America via Istanbul, reinforcing its east-west trade lane strategy.

- **John F. Kennedy International Airport** remains the busiest cargo hub in the U.S. Northeast, a critical entry point for transatlantic and transpacific flows. Its cargo community handles more than **1.5 million tonnes annually**, with strong demand from high-value sectors such as pharmaceuticals, fashion, and electronics. Turkish Airlines' enhanced footprint at JFK strengthens its competitive positioning on North Atlantic lanes while complementing bellyhold capacity across its extensive passenger network.

Why WFS?

Turkish Airlines selected WFS for its **global handling expertise, consistent service standards, competitive pricing, and established industry partnerships**. As part of the **SATS Group**, WFS brings both scale and reliability to multi-station contracts, aligning with Turkish Airlines' growth trajectory in the U.S.

Outlook: Expanding Transatlantic Cargo Connectivity

Turkish Airlines has emerged as one of the fastest-growing global cargo carriers, leveraging its hub at **Istanbul Airport** to connect East and West. Its decision to strengthen partnerships at MIA and JFK reflects the rising importance of U.S. trade flows within its network, particularly in e-commerce, pharmaceuticals, and perishable goods.

For WFS, the award further cements its role as a leading provider of cargo and ground handling services in the U.S., with operations spanning major international gateways. Its focus on **safety, efficiency, and customer service excellence** positions the company as a key enabler of Turkish Airlines' expanding transatlantic strategy.

With the addition of Miami and New York, WFS now supports Turkish Airlines in **nine major U.S. markets**, reinforcing a partnership that continues to evolve in step with the airline's ambitions.

Qatar Airways Cargo and Airlink: Committed to providing humanitarian aid and supporting communities in crisis

720 tonnes of aid delivered. More than 15.5 million lives touched.



Over the past five years, Qatar Airways Cargo, the world's leading air cargo carrier, has transported 720 tonnes of life-saving aid pro bono in support of Airlink and 42 of its non-profit partners. The result? Over 15.5 million people reached in 34 countries.

On this World Humanitarian Day, Qatar Airways Cargo has reaffirmed its commitment to providing humanitarian aid through its WeQare programme – an initiative that is a conscious endeavour to create a positive impact on the industry and the world, including through humanitarian aid.

In 2024 alone, Qatar Airways Cargo shipped 136 tonnes of critical supplies, supporting Airlink and 16 of its partner

NGOs across 12 countries, delivering everything from essential medicines and clean water supplies to shelter materials. That's USD \$2.19 million saved in logistics costs that enabled Airlink and its partners to use these funds where they were needed most – by scaling up humanitarian response efforts.

The numbers speak for themselves:

- 720 tonnes shipped pro bono
- USD 6.59 million saved for NGOs
- 15.5+ million people reached
- 20+ global emergencies responded to

"WeQare is more than a name—it's a mission," says **Mark Drusch, Chief Officer Cargo at Qatar Airways Cargo**. "We are committed to helping

Airlink and their partners deliver the right aid, to the right place, at the right time. We continue to support charitable, environmental, and humanitarian initiatives across the globe, and will always step up to support our partners."

Commenting on their partnership, **Stephanie Steege, Vice President of Humanitarian Programs at Airlink**, said: "The partnership between Qatar Airways Cargo and Airlink is critical in swiftly delivering aid to hard-to-reach crises and supporting our health system strengthening programs, and we are proud of what we have accomplished together. For more than a third of Airlink's 15-year history, Qatar Airways Cargo has made a transformative impact on our programs worldwide. We thank everyone at Qatar Airways Cargo for their years of support and look forward to continuing to bring hope and relief to communities in crisis for years to come."

In 2025, Qatar Airways Cargo was recognised with the prestigious 2025 Air Transport World (ATW) Humanitarian Award, a testament to its unwavering commitment to using its vast network and resources for good. This award highlights the airline's consistent efforts in providing vital aid and disaster relief to communities in need across the globe.

As well as Airlink, Qatar Airways Cargo continues to support other charitable organisations for humanitarian aid, including UNHCR, UNICEF, and the World Food Programme. For the financial year 2024 to 2025, Qatar Airways Cargo transported a total of 470,000kg of humanitarian aid to countries afflicted by crisis.

Etihad Cargo Strengthens Connectivity with Expanded Winter Belly-Hold Capacity



- New passenger flights to Hanoi, Hong Kong, and Taipei expand belly-hold cargo capacity.
- Increased frequencies to key markets, including Lisbon, Manchester, Warsaw, Atlanta, and Bangkok.
- 16 new destinations to be introduced between November 2025 and March 2026, strengthening connectivity across Europe, Asia, Africa, and the Americas.

frequencies to a number of existing destinations, including Lisbon, Manchester, Warsaw, Atlanta, and Bangkok, further reinforcing Abu Dhabi's role as a leading global logistics hub.

Between November 2025 and March 2026, Etihad Airways will progressively launch services to 16 new destinations, including Addis Ababa, Algiers, Almaty, Baku, Bucharest, Chiang Mai, Kazan, Krabi, Medan, Medina, Phnom Penh, Tashkent, Tbilisi, and Yerevan.

Stanislas Brun, Chief Cargo Officer, Etihad Cargo, said: "Our customers remain at the core of our strategy. This expanded winter schedule offers greater access to Etihad Cargo's global network, providing more capacity, flexibility, and reliable

connections. Whether moving goods between continents or enabling rapid regional transport, we are committed to supporting industries with world-class cargo solutions."

The expanded winter schedule underscores Etihad Cargo's role in driving trade flows between Abu Dhabi and key international markets. With increased frequencies and new destinations, the carrier is poised to support industries that depend on fast, reliable, and efficient cargo services.

By October 2025, Etihad Cargo will provide belly-hold capacity on over 880 passenger flights each week, rising to more than 1,000 flights weekly by March 2026, further strengthening global connectivity and customer choice.

Etihad Cargo, the cargo and logistics arm of Etihad Airways, has announced an expanded winter schedule that will significantly increase belly-hold cargo capacity and enhance connectivity across its global network.

The updated schedule introduces new routes to Hanoi, Hong Kong, and Taipei, strengthening the carrier's operations in Asia and providing greater access to some of the world's fastest-growing cargo markets.

To meet strong demand, Etihad Cargo will benefit from increased

IAG Cargo Posts €629 Million in H1 2025 Revenues, Driven by Volume Growth and Digital Transformation



IAG Cargo, the cargo division of International Airlines Group (IAG), has reported strong first-half results for 2025, delivering revenues of **€629 million**, up **11.1% year-on-year**, as the carrier benefitted from volume growth, stronger yields, and continued investment in digital infrastructure.

The business handled **4.5% more cargo** compared with the first half of 2024, while yields rose **6.4%**, reflecting both resilient demand and the effectiveness of its transformation

initiatives in a competitive global marketplace.

“Following the strong growth we achieved in 2024, this performance reflects the trust our customers place in IAG Cargo to deliver reliably, even as global supply chains remain under pressure,” said David Shepherd, Chief Executive Officer of IAG Cargo. “We have continued to invest in areas that drive long-term value, improving operational performance, modernising key processes, and building a business that is more

agile, predictable and responsive to customer needs.”

Digital Transformation and Operational Excellence

The results were underpinned by IAG Cargo’s multi-year transformation programme, which is focused on digital innovation and process modernisation. Recent developments include **real-time cargo tracking, predictive analytics, enhanced self-serve functionality, and agile pricing systems** – all of which have improved

responsiveness and service reliability across its global network.

According to Shepherd, these initiatives are already delivering measurable benefits.

“We are seeing real momentum from our focus on operational excellence and accelerating our digital offering,” he said. “It is enabling us to serve our customers better, drive efficiency and move at the pace the market demands.”

Market Highlights

Latin America-Europe remained one of the strongest trade lanes for IAG Cargo in H1 2025, with **tonnage up 19.3%** compared to the previous year. The growth was particularly marked in the **perishable goods sector**, with volumes increasing in both directions.

The carrier’s **Critical product**, tailored for premium, time-sensitive shipments, also saw impressive growth, with demand rising **30.5%** in the first half. This reflects the airline’s strengthening reputation as a trusted partner for high-priority cargo.

Strategic Partnerships and Future Outlook

Looking ahead, IAG Cargo is preparing for the launch of its **Global Cargo Joint Business** with Qatar Airways Cargo and MASkargo. Announced earlier this year and expected to go live in late 2025 (subject to regulatory approvals), the partnership will extend routing options, optimise operational efficiency, and enhance connectivity across key cargo

markets spanning **Asia Pacific, the Middle East, Africa, Europe, the Indian Subcontinent, and the Americas**.

“This partnership opens a world of new possibilities for our customers,” Shepherd said. “By combining our networks, we will be able to offer greater routing flexibility and expanded capacity across key trade lanes – often enabling direct cargo flows through routes that were not previously accessible via a single booking.”

In addition, the three partners have jointly pledged **1,000 tonnes of cargo capacity** in support of the **UN World Food Programme’s humanitarian operations**, reinforcing their commitment to leveraging air cargo for global good.

IAG Cargo Appoints Josh Lane as Director of London Operations

IAG Cargo, the cargo division of International Airlines Group (IAG), has named Josh Lane as Director of London Operations, reaffirming the strategic importance of London Heathrow as the carrier’s global headquarters and busiest hub. The appointment reflects the company’s commitment to enhancing efficiency and strengthening customer-focused service at its flagship operation.

Lane, who has held senior roles across multiple industries, most recently served as Head of Warehouse at IAG Cargo. In that capacity, he played a key role in launching and managing New Premia, the airline’s state-of-the-art handling facility at Heathrow. Opened in 2023, New Premia was designed to support high-priority shipments such as pharmaceuticals and has since become a benchmark for premium cargo handling, offering enhanced reliability, speed, and capacity.

In his new position, Lane will oversee



all end-to-end cargo operations at Heathrow. He will be responsible for improving process efficiency, integrating new technologies—including AI-driven decision-making tools—and driving service enhancements across the hub.

Adam Carson, Chief Operating Officer at IAG Cargo, said:

“Josh’s leadership has already

delivered significant results for our London operation. His appointment provides the structure and focus needed to further strengthen performance, efficiency, and customer satisfaction at our Heathrow hub.”

Lane added:

“This is a pivotal moment for the business, with a strong focus on operational excellence and customer delivery. Heathrow sits at the heart of our global network, and I look forward to working with the team to build on our progress and raise service standards even further. With sustained investment in infrastructure and digital capability, we are shaping a business our customers can rely on every time.”

IAG Cargo’s global network spans six continents and is supported by its key hubs in London, Madrid, and Dublin. The business offers tailored services for pharmaceuticals, perishables, live animals, high-value shipments, and express cargo, underpinning its role as a vital enabler of international trade.

Cathay Cargo earns CEIV Lithium Batteries recertification

The IATA accreditation underlines the precision at the heart of the refreshed Cathay Dangerous Goods shipment solution



Cathay Cargo has refreshed another of its specialist shipment solutions to deliver best-in-class quality and standards. Cathay Dangerous Goods requires precise handling, segregated storage across all nine classes of dangerous goods including flammable, radioactive and other types of hazardous materials, along with the safe carriage of lithium-ion batteries. Cathay Cargo was one of the first carriers in Asia to receive the International Air Transport Association's (IATA) Center of Excellence for Independent Validators (CEIV) Lithium Batteries accreditation, and was this summer one of the first to be recertified. Cathay Cargo continues to hold a full suite of CEIV accreditations.

"Safety is the cornerstone for all our operations, and particularly when it comes to the transport of dangerous goods," said **Tim Wong, Cathay**

Cargo General Manager Cargo Service Delivery. *"The safe carriage of lithium-ion batteries is a core focus of our cargo business and we have introduced a series of safety protocols with our customers and operational teams to mitigate any risks. This CEIV reaccreditation will give further reassurance to our customers that we adhere to the highest standards of handling in the industry."*

"This milestone reflects our continued commitment to safety and operational excellence in handling dangerous goods, especially lithium battery shipments. This achievement was made possible through the collaborative efforts of our teams across the business and reinforces our position as a trusted leader in air cargo service delivery."

With the growth of e-commerce, the shipment of lithium-ion batteries or goods containing them has become

a potential safety concern, and so the new solution provides additional measures to ensure safety for carriage in the air, and segregated storage on the ground. Along with the existing range of fire-resistant bags and containers for shipments of varying sizes, the Cathay Dangerous Goods solution now offers greater flexibility for shipment options with a build-up solution for multiple fire-resistant bags. This increases space efficiency by 50 per cent for larger shipments and allows the carriage of bigger individual battery sizes safely.

Additionally, the refreshed Cathay Dangerous Goods solution offers a digital Lithium Batteries Shipper Approval Request Form to streamline and speed up the approval process for shippers and forwarders, making the process more agile and responsive to urgent customer enquiries. This follows on from further reductions through digitisation in the time required to approve heavy and out of gauge shipments. Both these are examples of Cathay Cargo's commitment to enhancing efficiency through digital innovation.

Cathay Cargo has continued its work to prevent the transport of misdeclared and undeclared dangerous goods as general cargo. Initiatives include new screening processes at the Cathay Cargo Terminal in Hong Kong, which use AI technology to identify possible misdeclared or undeclared shipments and hidden dangerous goods. Additionally, the Cargo Agent Operation Programme, which offers comprehensive training workshops and handling advice to forwarders, has been extended to more outposts worldwide.

Tim added: *"Our refreshed Cathay Dangerous Goods shipment solution ensures the precision required for the safe and seamless transport of dangerous goods is visible at every stage of the journey."*

Atlas Air and Etihad Cargo announce new long-term partnership

Atlas Air to Provide Dedicated 777 Freighter Capacity to Support Etihad Cargo's Growth



Atlas Air, Inc., a subsidiary of Atlas Air Worldwide, the leading global provider of outsourced aviation logistics, today announced a new long-term partnership with Etihad Cargo, the cargo and logistics arm of Etihad Airways, the national airline of the United Arab Emirates.

Under the agreement, Atlas Air will provide Etihad Cargo with dedicated freighter capacity through the operation of a newly delivered Boeing 777 freighter. Beginning in August, the aircraft will initially serve routes connecting Hong Kong, Abu Dhabi, and Madrid.

The partnership comes at a time

of growing demand for general air cargo, e-commerce, automotive, pharmaceuticals, and perishable products across Asia, the Middle East, and Europe.

The 777F offers state-of-the-art, efficient capacity to support Etihad Cargo's growth and customer product offering. The agreement reflects the strength of the longstanding relationship between Atlas Air and Etihad Cargo, dating back to 2012 when Atlas Air first began providing flight services over a multi-year period.

"We are pleased to again partner with Etihad Cargo, one of the industry's most respected carriers," said Michael

Steen, Chief Executive Officer, Atlas Air Worldwide. "This partnership reflects our strong value proposition and the trust we've built with customers over time. We are pleased to tailor this long-term dedicated capacity solution to help Etihad capture growth opportunities. With our global scale and flexible, agile network, Atlas Air is enabling Etihad to expand their operations and serve their customers with confidence. With our industry-leading fleet of widebody freighters and deep operating expertise, Atlas Air is proud to be a trusted partner of choice, and we look forward to supporting Etihad's continued success."

"Etihad Cargo's expanded collaboration with Atlas Air represents a strategic step in scaling capacity and extending our global reach," said Stanislas Brun, Chief Cargo Officer, Etihad Airways. "With Etihad Airways' passenger fleet continuing to grow, it is essential that our freighter fleet expands in parallel to sustain this momentum and deliver end-to-end network connectivity. By aligning growth across both passenger and freighter operations, Etihad Cargo reinforces its ability to meet evolving customer demand, strengthen high-volume trade lanes, and introduce greater flexibility across key markets. This additional capacity further enhances the reliability and agility of our services, ensuring the delivery of seamless and efficient cargo solutions worldwide."

The 777 freighter is the world's largest, longest-range twin-engine freighter, with a payload of more than 100 tons. With its fuel efficiency and reliability, this aircraft supports Etihad Cargo's commitment to delivering sustainable, high-quality cargo solutions across its global network.



Air Seychelles has elevated its global customs compliance with an expanded CHAMP Cargosystems partnership

Traxon Global Customs will be used to handle AE customs filings for Air Seychelles, boosting efficiency and security



Air Seychelles has significantly enhanced its customs compliance capabilities by adding UAE customs for the pre-arrival filing to its Traxon Global Customs (TGC) service. The airline is also implementing Traxon Global Security (TGS) for the pre-load filing for smoother and more secure cargo

operations into the UAE.

This expansion of services highlights CHAMP's commitment to providing partners like Air Seychelles with the framework to adapt swiftly to any additional country customs requirements they may have without any complex process overhaul or additional development work required.

TGC acts as a single, powerful gateway, enabling information exchange with over 65 customs authorities globally, irrespective of their specific format, communications protocols, or processing rules. In an era of increasingly stringent import, export, and transit controls, CHAMP's TGC platform makes providing Advance Customs Information (ACI) quick, efficient, and easy.

With TGS, Air Seychelles can simply send their consignment data as CargoIMP FWB and single HWB FHL messages in advance of loading. TGS then sends the required data for assessment and handles returned responses, translating security event codes into meaningful status information for improved responsiveness.

Jerome Lorig, Head of Product Regulatory Compliance from CHAMP, said, "We are pleased to see Air Seychelles leverage the intuitiveness of Traxon Global Customs to meet its diverse operational needs and regulatory demands worldwide. This collaboration with Air Seychelles exemplifies our commitment to providing essential tools for efficiency, security, and adherence to international regulations, ensuring smooth cargo flows for all our customers."

Charles Johnson, Chief Commercial Officer from Air Seychelles, said, "Our continued partnership with CHAMP Cargosystems allows us to remain at the forefront of global customs compliance. Integrating UAE customs filing and UAE-PLACI through CHAMP's robust solutions ensures that our cargo operations are not only efficient but also fully secure and compliant with international regulations, reinforcing our commitment to reliable air freight services."

Glasgow Prestwick Airport

e-commerce employment boost

Alan Gemmell, Central Ayrshire, MP, tours new e-commerce facility as further job growth predicted



Left to right: Ian Forgie, Chief Executive, Glasgow Prestwick Airport, and Alan Gemmell, Member of Parliament (MP) for Central Ayrshire, Scotland.

Glasgow Prestwick Airport (PIK) has reported a significant rise in job numbers following recent growth in e-commerce industry activity.

One hundred and fifty new jobs have been created at PIK, with this number forecasted to rise to 200 by the end of the summer.

“This is a significant increase in headcount at the airport as we expand our services, and is great news for the Airport and the Ayrshire economy,” said Ian Forgie, Chief Executive, Glasgow Prestwick Airport.

“It has been a busy few months as we have onboarded new staff for these services.

“The recent addition of scheduled daily e-commerce flights between China and Prestwick means we can play a greater role in Scottish salmon and whisky exports direct from Scotland to China, and I am confident that this will lead to further employment opportunities.”

To mark this achievement, Alan Gemmell, Member of Parliament (MP), Central Ayrshire, Scotland, UK, recently visited the Airport to see first-hand the new equipment and handling operations ongoing at the airport, and was very impressed with the growth achieved. And he is committed to supporting the airport in its growth plans.

“It was brilliant to visit the logistics hub at Prestwick Airport and hear about the new e-commerce contracts with two Chinese flag carriers,” said Gemmell.

“I was impressed to learn the team process and offload up to 2 days faster than any other UK airport, and now have 150 e-commerce staff.

“The Airport continues to go from strength to strength – I look forward to supporting Ian and the team in any way I can.”

Glasgow Prestwick Airport Launches Dedicated Seafood Export Route to China



Glasgow Prestwick Airport has unveiled a new direct export route connecting Scotland's seafood producers with the Chinese market, following a £1 million investment in upgraded facilities designed to support the fast-growing sector.

Strengthening Scotland's Seafood Export Capacity

Announced on Monday, the initiative introduces new infrastructure at Prestwick, including **temperature-controlled chillers, advanced tracking systems, and metal detection equipment**. Together, these investments aim to safeguard product quality while improving the efficiency of exports to both **China and mainland Europe**.

The move comes amid surging global demand for Scottish salmon. According to the airport, **exports to China reached £76 million in 2024**,

representing a **60% increase in value** and a **107% jump in volume** compared with the previous year. More than **8,175 tonnes of salmon** were shipped to China in 2024, making it the third-largest international market for Scottish salmon.

A Strategic Boost for Scotland's Leading Export

"The value of Scottish salmon exports reached a record **£844 million in 2024**, with the Chinese market showing exceptional growth," said **Ian Forgie, CEO of Glasgow Prestwick Airport**. "Our in-house expertise, coupled with significant investment in new facilities, makes Prestwick a standout hub for the Scottish seafood industry. This expansion is a game-changer, particularly given our proximity to many of Scotland's major fish farms along the west coast."

The new facilities are expected to **extend the shelf life of products by up to 18 hours** by reducing the time required to move fresh seafood from farms to the airport. This improvement not only lowers transportation costs but also helps reduce **CO₂ emissions** by cutting down on road mileage.

Industry Welcome and Wider Economic Impact

The development has been warmly received by industry leaders. **Tavish Scott, Chief Executive of Salmon Scotland**, noted: "The new dedicated service from Glasgow Prestwick Airport strengthens our ability to meet growing demand in China and across Asia, while supporting jobs and communities in Scotland's coastal and rural areas. This investment is a welcome boost to our sector and reinforces Scotland's reputation as a global leader in seafood exports."

Eight Weekly Flights to Asia

It is understood the new export route will operate **eight flights per week** from Glasgow Prestwick to Asia, providing a significant uplift in air freight capacity for seafood exporters.

With salmon exports already a cornerstone of Scotland's food economy, Prestwick's expansion underscores both the sector's resilience and the airport's ambition to position itself as a **specialist hub for perishable goods** in the international cargo market.

Vienna Airport Reports 9% Growth in Cargo Volumes for First Half of 2025

Successful cargo results at Vienna Airport: In the first six months of this year, the airport increased the tonnage handled by 12,822 tons to 154,001 tons. That's nine percent more than in the same period last year.

“With an increase of 9 percent, air freight at Vienna Airport grew significantly in the first half of 2025. We recorded strong growth in April (+13 percent) and May (+15 percent) in particular, mainly driven by the e-commerce sector and the launch of new long-haul connections from Vienna. Vienna Airport is particularly well established as a freight hub between Asia and Southeast Europe,” says Julian Jäger, joint CEO and COO of Vienna Airport.

“Vienna Airport sees further growth potential in e-commerce, especially in the area of pure cargo connections. We are well equipped for this growth: the handling equipment

is in place, freighter positions have been completed, and are located near the cargo warehouse. In addition, we have highly trained and experienced personnel in ramp and cargo handling. We expect a further increase regarding imports to Europe in the second half of 2025,” adds Michael Zach, Senior Vice President Ground Handling & Cargo Operations at Flughafen Wien AG.

From January to June 2025, belly cargo rose by 9,476 tons to 67,070 tons – 16 percent more than in the same period last year. This trend, which had already become apparent in the first three months of the year, continued in the second quarter and once again more than offset the slight decline in pure air freight tonnage. In

May, Vienna Airport even increased its belly cargo by 25 percent to 12,413 tons compared to the same month last year.

The tonnage handled at the Pharma Handling Center in the first half of the year also increased by 12.0 percent to a total of 2,040 tons. Vienna Airport is one of the few airports in Central and Eastern Europe to offer a specialized Pharma Handling Center. This ensures professional transport with an unbroken cold chain.

From January to the end of June this year, 81,162 tons were imported via Vienna Airport, representing an increase of four percent. Export figures rose by as much as 15 percent to 72,839 tons.



TIACA Expands Regional Presence in China

With over 20 years of experience in air cargo, logistics, sales management, and event leadership, Fowler has been at the forefront of China's air



The International Air Cargo Association (TIACA) is proud to announce the appointment of Fowler Wang as its newest team member, serving as Regional Representative – China, to further strengthen the Association's presence and engagement in this critical market.

cargo industry. As Founder and CEO of Summit Asia Events, he built the China Cargo Summit into the nation's most successful air cargo conference, widely recognized as a premier platform for global leaders to exchange insights, showcase innovation, and build strategic partnerships.

During the COVID-19 pandemic, Fowler leveraged his extensive industry network to lead the operation of over 1,000 international cargo charter flights across Asia, Europe, and the Americas. His expertise spans the end-to-end setup of small to mid-sized cargo airlines, air rights applications, airport coordination, and freight forwarding operations, giving him unique insight into the dynamics of the air cargo sector.

Fowler's earlier career included senior sales leadership in aviation self-service solutions at NCR, where he drove China's market share beyond 60%, and technology leadership at a Fortune 500 U.S. sourcing company.

"China is a cornerstone of global air cargo, and TIACA's presence there is essential," stated **Steven Polmans, TIACA Chair**. *"Fowler's remarkable track record in building platforms that connect people and ideas, combined with his hands-on industry experience, makes him the ideal representative to expand TIACA's impact and support our members in China."*

Fowler will represent TIACA across China, supporting the Association's mission to unite the global air cargo community, promote innovation, and advocate for the interests of the industry.

"We are delighted to welcome Fowler to the TIACA team as our Regional Representative in China," added **Glyn Hughes, TIACA Director General**. *"His deep knowledge of the Chinese air cargo market, coupled with his extensive international network and proven leadership, will greatly enhance TIACA's ability to serve our members, foster industry collaboration, and strengthen engagement with key stakeholders in this vital region."*

Airforwarders Association warns freight slowdown to highlight wider problems



June 2025 Freight Transportation Services Index (TSI) down 0.4% from the previous month, 0.5% below June 2024

Airforwarders Association has cautioned that a slowdown in freight volumes, reported in newly-released U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT) data, is another sign of mounting challenges for shippers facing fewer viable transportation options and rising supply chain costs.

The U.S. DOT's Freight Transportation Services Index (TSI) fell 0.4% in June compared to May and was

down 0.5% year-over-year.

*"While the pandemic taught us the importance of supply chain agility, the current environment of shifting trade policies, tariffs, and regulatory changes has left shippers with fewer choices for moving goods," said **Brandon Fried, Executive Director of the Airforwarders Association.***

"Limited shipping options almost always lead to higher costs, costs that

ultimately flow to American consumers."

Fried emphasized that sudden changes to policy, such as tariff adjustments or de minimis threshold modifications, create ripple effects across all modes.

"When carriers or routes are no longer viable, shippers must pivot quickly, often to more expensive alternatives," he said.

According to the Bureau of Transportation Statistics, the June decline was

driven by reductions in rail intermodal, rail carload, and trucking volumes.

Air freight and waterborne freight saw modest increases, while pipeline volumes were flat.

"Air freight continues to offer flexibility in times of disruption, but the broader freight network is showing signs of strain," Fried said.

"Our members remain committed to finding solutions that keep goods moving efficiently, even in a marketplace with fewer and more expensive transportation options."

The Airforwarders Association represents companies specializing in time-definite transportation and supply chain solutions, advocating for policies that maintain efficient, secure, and competitive freight networks.



Freightos Reports Strong Q2 2025 with Record Transactions and Upward Outlook

Freightos Limited has posted a strong performance for the second quarter of 2025, highlighting its expanding role in the digital transformation of global freight. The company reported solid growth in revenue, transactions, and gross booking value (GBV), while revising its full-year outlook upward.

For the quarter ending June 30, Freightos recorded **revenue of \$7.4 million**, up **31% year-on-year**. Transaction volumes rose to a record **397,000**, marking a **26% increase** and the company's **22nd consecutive quarter of growth**. GBV surged **56% to \$317 million**, reflecting broader adoption of digital booking solutions across the air and ocean freight sectors.

Profitability also showed progress, with adjusted EBITDA improving to **-\$2.9 million** from **-\$3.1 million** a year earlier.

CEO Zvi Schreiber said the results reaffirm Freightos' position in reshaping international freight:

"Freightos continues to solidify its position as a leader in the end-to-end digital transformation of the international freight industry, achieving robust second-quarter results with a 31% year-over-year revenue increase. We have revised our full-year transaction outlook upward, reflecting our confidence in sustained growth."

CFO Pablo Pinillos added that the results exceeded expectations, despite foreign exchange pressures:

"Our second-quarter performance reflects a strong revenue increase, surpassing expectations and underscoring our ability to adapt and grow in challenging market conditions. Adjusted EBITDA was in line with our expectations and would have exceeded them if it weren't for the appreciation of the euro and other currencies against the U.S. dollar."

Looking ahead, Freightos forecasts continued growth in Q3 2025, projecting **419,000–425,000 transactions** (+24–25% year-on-year), GBV of **\$329–333 million** (+51–53%), and revenue between **\$7.6–7.7 million**. Adjusted EBITDA is expected to improve slightly, at **-\$2.6 million to -\$2.5 million**.

For the full year, the company anticipates **1.61–1.68 million transactions** (+23–29%), GBV of **\$1.25–1.27 billion** (+40–42%), and revenue of **\$29.5–30 million**.

Freightos' strong quarter reinforces its growth trajectory, underpinned by digital adoption across the freight ecosystem and its role in driving greater transparency and efficiency in international logistics.

ASL Aviation Holdings Confirms Refinancing of Credit Facility



Freighter operator and lessor ASL Aviation Holdings has refinanced its credit facility in order to provide enhanced financial flexibility to support its growth and strategic development. The agreement includes a refinanced term facility size of \$316m and an additional revolving credit facility (RCF).

ASL Aviation Holdings DAC has closed on a refinancing agreement of its credit facility supported by Goldman Sachs as the sole structuring and placement agent. The agreement includes a refinanced term facility size of US\$316 million and an additional revolving credit facility (RCF), providing enhanced financial flexibility to support ASL's continued growth and strategic development.

This refinancing demonstrates the ongoing confidence and trust that the banking markets have in ASL and its long-term strategy. The updated facility builds on ASL's strong financial track record, which includes an initial facility of US\$125 million in April 2021, increased to US\$200 million in July 2022, and a subsequent US\$155 million agreement in April 2023.

The latest refinancing marks another key milestone in ASL's capital strategy and reflects its commitment to operational excellence, fleet development, and environmental sustainability.

In addition to reaffirming ASL's solid financial position, the refinancing also strengthens ASL's banking syndicate by broadening its base of financial partners. This diversification ensures greater flexibility and positions ASL to seize further opportunities in the evolving aviation sector.

"We are delighted to announce the successful refinancing and enhancement of our credit facility", said Mark O'Kelly, Chief Financial Officer at ASL Aviation Holdings. "The belief and strong support we continue to receive from the banking markets is encouraging. It reflects the trust in ASL's growth strategy and our role as a global leader in aviation. This financing will enable us to further develop our fleet, serve our customers more efficiently, and continue advancing toward our goal of reducing our carbon emission footprint."

In brief:

ASL Aviation Holdings refinanced

its credit facility with Goldman Sachs as the agent, creating a new \$316 million term facility and a revolving credit facility (RCF) to provide financial flexibility for global growth and strategic initiatives like fleet expansion and environmental sustainability. This refinancing reflects banking market confidence in the company's strategy and expands the banking syndicate, positioning ASL for future opportunities in the aviation sector.

Key Details of the Refinancing

- **Company:** ASL Aviation Holdings DAC.

- **Agent:** Goldman Sachs acted as the sole structuring and placement agent.

- **New Facility:** A refinanced term facility of \$316 million, plus a new revolving credit facility (RCF).

- **Purpose:** To provide enhanced financial flexibility for ASL's growth and strategic development.

- **Goals:**

- Support operational excellence.
- Fund fleet expansion and development.
- Advance environmental sustainability goals.
- Seize new opportunities in the evolving aviation sector.

Significance of the Refinancing

- **Market Confidence:**

The agreement shows the banking market's strong trust in ASL's long-term strategy.

- **Financial Flexibility:**

The new facilities offer greater financial flexibility to respond to market changes.

- **Expanded Banking Syndicate:**

The deal includes more financial partners, strengthening ASL's base.

- **Strategic Milestone:**

It marks another key step in ASL's capital strategy, building on its history of increasing its initial credit facilities.

DoKaSch Temperature Solutions Expands U.S. Presence with New Service Station in Atlanta



DoKaSch Temperature Solutions, a specialist in active temperature-controlled containers for the global air cargo industry, announces the opening of its newest U.S. service station in Atlanta, Georgia. Operated in collaboration with SEKO Logistics, the station commenced operations in May 2025.

The new service station near Hartsfield–Jackson Atlanta International Airport, a major hub with strong wide-body and cargo flight capabilities, expands DoKaSch's U.S. and global

network for time-critical pharmaceutical logistics. Positioned close to key life science clusters in the Southeast, including Raleigh–Durham, it ensures a high availability of Opticoolers® for immediate deployment. This proximity allows pharmaceutical manufacturers and forwarders to access temperature-controlled containers at short notice, reducing lead times and ensuring the integrity of temperature-sensitive pharmaceuticals throughout global transport. The

strategic location supports fast, reliable, and sustainable cold chain solutions, enabling rapid deliveries to key markets across the Americas and worldwide.

“The launch of our new station in Atlanta is a strategic move to strengthen our network in the U.S. and provide quicker access to our Opticoolers® in a key logistics region,” said **Andreas Seitz, Managing Director of DoKaSch Temperature Solutions.** «By positioning containers closer to our customers, we support their operations

with enhanced reliability and responsiveness.”

DoKaSch Temperature Solutions offers a reliable To Door Delivery service, bringing fully charged and ready-to-use Opticooler® containers directly to the designated location. Leveraging a global network and short lead times, seamless availability is ensured across all operational regions. All logistical aspects are managed by our experienced team, minimizing efforts by stakeholders while maintaining the highest standards in cold chain reliability.

DoKaSch's Opticooler® containers are known for their high-performance temperature control, making them ideal for the secure transport of sensitive pharmaceuticals and biologics. The new Atlanta station builds upon the successful partnership with SEKO Logistics, which was first established through the operation of the service station in Dublin. This ongoing collaboration ensures consistent, reliable container handling and service standards across multiple key locations.

This new station underscores DoKaSch's ongoing mission to deliver dependable and sustainable cold chain solutions across its expanding international network.

Kuehne+Nagel expands partnership with MTU Maintenance Lease Services through new fulfilment centre in China

- 24/7 bonded storage and dispatch for time-critical aerospace operations
- Strengthening commitment to agile supply chain solutions for the aviation industry



Kuehne+Nagel collaborates with MTU Maintenance Lease Services (MLS) on a new fulfilment centre in Zhuhai, China, to support the coordination of aero engine parts supply. This strategic facility strengthens the long-standing partnership between the two companies and is key to enhancing MLS's global logistics operations.

MLS specialises in the leasing and asset management of commercial aero engines and is a subsidiary of MTU Aero Engines, which is a globally recognised high-tech expert in the development, production, and maintenance of engines and engine components.

The MLS fulfilment centre is strategically located in Zhuhai, within the Guangdong–Hong Kong–Macao Greater Bay Area (GBA), and supports

its material supply in the region. The fulfilment centre complements MLS' existing parts hubs in the Netherlands and the United States, forming a globally integrated logistics network that ensures fast and reliable access to critical components.

Operated by Kuehne+Nagel, the facility is built to the highest standards of speed, compliance, and reliability. It features bonded storage and offers same-day or 24-hour despatch, 365 days a year, ensuring uninterrupted support for urgent line-replaceable-unit (LRU) requirements and time-critical operations, including aircraft-on-ground (AOG) situations.

"MLS operates in a highly dynamic and time-sensitive environment, and we are proud to provide the logistics expertise that supports their global

operations and responsiveness," said Damian Raczynski, Head of Contract Logistics, Kuehne+Nagel Asia Pacific.

"With fulfilment centres strategically located around the globe, we are uniquely positioned to respond swiftly to customer needs, no matter where they are," says Patrick Biebel, Managing Director of MLS: "The Zhuhai facility exemplifies our commitment to providing rapid and reliable access to essential engine parts, which minimises operational downtime and ensures efficient support for our customers within China and the APAC region."

This partnership also reflects Kuehne+Nagel's continued commitment to the aerospace sector, offering scalable, end-to-end logistics solutions that combine global reach with local execution.

WorldACD Weekly Air Cargo Trends (week 32)

Global tonnage

slows further as rates gradually increase

Global airfreight tonnage retreated for a second consecutive week in week 32, slipping -2% from the previous week, which had been -1% below the chargeable weight of week 30, based on the more than 500,000 weekly transactions covered by WorldACD's data. Only Africa (+3%) and Central & South America (+1%) showed growth, whereas volume contracted out of North America (-5%), Middle East & South Asia (-4%), and Europe (-3%). Tonnage from the Asia Pacific was unchanged. Apart from a +1% gain in week 30, global airfreight volume has retreated in three of the past four weeks in low increments.

The decline in week 32 marks a deterioration in comparison with the last two weeks, with the preceding two weeks (2Wo2W), which shows a small decrease of -1%. When comparing week 32 with the same period last year (YoY), chargeable weight was up from all regions, except Europe and Africa (both remained stable), led by Asia Pacific (+7%) and Central & South America (CSA, +6%).

On a 2Wo2W basis, traffic from Asia Pacific was flat intra-region and retreated to North America (-2%), the Middle East & South Asia (-3%), and Europe (-5%). Origin region Middle East & South Asia (MESA) saw flat traffic to Europe and a -9% drop to Asia Pacific. Chargeable weight out of North America was flat to CSA, slipped -2% to Europe, and saw a steep decline to Asia Pacific of -11%.

As global capacity was largely unchanged week on week (WoW), global pricing rose +1%. This was driven by higher rates out of Europe (+3%) and

Asia Pacific (+1%). YoY pricing was down -1% overall, falling in all origins except Africa (+9%) and Europe (+7%). While rates from Asia Pacific, CSA, and North America are down in low single-digit percentages, they are -14% lower out of MESA, reflecting some normalization from the soaring rates seen a year earlier due to the Red Sea crisis.

With the exception of a +7% jump in pricing from CSA to Europe and a -4% contraction in rates MESA to Europe, rate fluctuations between regions in 2Wo2W have played out in a narrow band in line with the slow season.

Asia Pacific export dynamics shift slightly from Europe to the US

Export tonnage from Asia Pacific to Europe and North America hints at divergent trends, with chargeable weight in the former sector slipping -1%, marking four consecutive weeks of decline. Although westbound tonnage from Japan, Hong Kong and Taiwan rose, it sank -3% out of China and fell in double digits from South Korea (-10%) and Indonesia (-18%). Tonnage out of China to Europe has fallen for the past four weeks. Still, YoY volume from Asia Pacific to Europe was up +7%, mainly driven by gains of +29% from Vietnam, +21% from Hong Kong, and +8% from China.

In contrast to the recent slowdown in Europe-bound tonnage, chargeable weight from China to the USA grew +1% WoW, following flat growth in week 31 and a +5% increase in week 30. After being under last year's volumes since mid-April, this is the first week now showing a YoY growth of +5%. The opposing developments in sectors

to Europe and North America suggest a potential rebalancing of Chinese airfreight exports and a re-engagement with the USA as more tariffs are finalized.

Nevertheless, spot rates from China to the USA are still -11% lower than a year ago, despite a +5% rise WoW. Pricing from Asia Pacific to the USA rose +2% WoW but remains -14% down year on year, reflecting stark contrasts between trade lanes. Rates from Taiwan to the USA jumped +9% WoW but dropped -5% out of South Korea and -2% each from Japan, Vietnam, and Singapore. South Korea's -5% drop in pricing followed a slump of -10% the previous week, which erased previous YoY gains. Taiwan is the only market in the region to show higher rates (+9%) to the USA on a year-on-year basis. Declines range from -8% in prices out of Thailand to -29% out of Vietnam.

Spot rates from Asia Pacific to Europe showed less turbulence, being stable versus last week and down -3% YoY. Week-on-week declines out of China (-3%), Hong Kong and Singapore (-2% each), South Korea, Taiwan, and Thailand (all -1%) were compensated by increases from Vietnam (+4%), Japan, Malaysia, and Indonesia (all +3%). Pricing from Asia Pacific to Europe has shown little change WoW since a -5% drop at the beginning of May. Rates have been down compared to the previous year for the most part since the second week of June. In week 32, Thailand (+2%) and Japan (+1%) are the only Asia Pacific origin markets showing higher rates to Europe on a YoY basis.

Air Cargo Market Trends

Past 5 weeks



Latest week: Mon 04 Aug - Sun 10 Aug 2025 (Week 32)

Published: Aug 15, 2025



Origin Regions

last 2 to 5 weeks

	Capacity ¹			Chargeable weight ¹			Rate ¹		
	Last 5 wks	2Wo2W	YoY	Last 5 wks	2Wo2W	YoY	Last 5 wks	2Wo2W	YoY
Africa		-0%	+6%		-1%	-2%		+1%	+7%
Asia Pacific		+1%	+6%		-2%	+7%		+1%	-3%
C. & S. America		+1%	+2%		-1%	+6%		-0%	-2%
Europe		+0%	+6%		+1%	+1%		+2%	+6%
M. East & S. Asia		-0%	+3%		-1%	+0%		-2%	-14%
North America		-1%	+8%		-5%	+2%		+2%	-0%
Worldwide		-0%	+5%		-1%	+4%		+1%	-1%

¹ 2Wo2W compares the last 2 weeks with the preceding 2 weeks this year. YoY compares the last 2 weeks with the same 2 weeks last year.

Region to Region

last 2 weeks

Last two weeks compared with the preceding two weeks (2Wo2W)



These trends are based on more than 500,000 transactions per week. This public report only shows high level trends. For companies that subscribe to our more detailed market data, we publish weekly information for hundreds of markets at different O&D levels. For more information, please send an email to contact@worldacd.com.



CASPIAN AIR
CARGO SUMMIT 2025

10th EDITION
CELEBRATIONS

22 - 24 SEPTEMBER

BAKU CONVENTION CENTER | AZERBAIJAN



Caspian Air Cargo Summit 2025: Connecting Continents and Shaping the Future of Global Logistics

Silk Way West Airlines will host the 10th edition of the Caspian Air Cargo Summit at the Baku Convention Centre from 22 to 24 September 2025. Recognized as the region's premier airfreight and logistics event, the Summit will once again bring together global cargo and logistics leaders for strategic dialogue, investment opportunities, and showcasing of future projects.

This milestone gathering comes at a pivotal time for global supply chains, as the Middle Corridor rises in importance as a secure and sustainable trade route linking Europe, Asia, the Middle East, and the Americas.

For nearly two decades, the Summit, hosted by Silk Way West Airlines and organized by Euroavia International, has

brought together leading executives, policymakers, and innovators from across the globe. In 2025, the event will once again deliver high-level networking, strategic insights, and business opportunities for all stakeholders in the cargo, transport, and logistics sectors.

This year's program will spotlight Silk Way Group's ambitious growth strategy, including its multi-billion-dollar investments in Baku's airport infrastructure, multimodal transport, and digital supply chain innovation. Central to these plans is the new international cargo airport within the Alat Free Economic Zone, scheduled to open in the first quarter of 2027. Operated by SW AFEZCO, this state-of-the-art facility will host the Silk Way

Cargo Village - an integrated logistics platform uniting air, sea, road, and rail connectivity to boost trade flows across Eurasia.

"Our vision is to position the new cargo airport as a central force in the future of global cargo logistics," said **Zaur Akhundov, President of Silk Way Group.** *"The Caspian Air Cargo Summit is the perfect platform to present this strategic project and to engage with the industry leaders who are shaping tomorrow's supply chains."*

The conference agenda will feature discussions on the strategic rise of the Middle Corridor in global trade, the expansion of the Alat Free Economic Zone as a driver of multimodal growth, innovations in digital supply chain

management, sustainable aviation and cargo operations, and new investment opportunities in Central Eurasia's logistics sector. The Summit's format blends thought leadership sessions with face-to-face business meetings, creating an environment where knowledge exchange goes hand in hand with deal-making.

Attendees will have the opportunity to meet decision-makers from more than 40 countries, engage directly with leaders from DSV, DHL Global Forwarding, Boeing, Airbus, Rolls-

Royce, Atlas Air Worldwide, ACL Airshop, Hactl, Kales Group, GFS, Cargoland by Liege, Lo dige Industries, and many other leading global companies, and discover investment-ready projects in one of the world's fastest-growing logistics hubs, gain exclusive insights into Silk Way Group's transformation roadmap, and explore partnership opportunities across all modes of transport.

For more information about the Caspian Air Cargo Summit 2025, including sponsorship opportunities

and registration details, please visit the event website at www.caspianaircargosummit.com

Caspian Air Cargo Summit - Launched in 2006, the Caspian Air Cargo Summit has become the leading airfreight and logistics event in Central Asia and the Caucasus. Hosted by Silk Way West Airlines and organized by Euroavia International, it serves as a bridge between East and West, connecting global players with the fast-evolving opportunities of the Middle Corridor.

WestJet Names Sabir Ebrahim Head of Cargo Operations

WestJet has appointed **Sabir Ebrahim** as its new **Head of Cargo Operations**, effective June 1, 2025. Bringing a people-first leadership style and a sharp eye for operational detail, Ebrahim has quickly established himself as a key figure in shaping the airline's next phase of cargo growth.

In his first 100 days, Ebrahim has concentrated on **operational excellence, safety compliance, and efficiency gains**, while building stronger connections with both internal teams and external service partners. His approach, rooted in collaboration and attentive listening, has already begun to streamline processes and strengthen WestJet Cargo's operational foundation.

"It's not just about efficiency; it's about translating commercial needs into operational excellence while upholding the highest standards of safety and security, and ensuring continued successful partnerships with our service providers," Ebrahim explained.

Colleagues describe him as **collaborative, driven, and people-**

focused—qualities that are shaping his leadership in a role that demands both precision and partnership. Ebrahim's remit spans the full spectrum of cargo operations, from ramp and warehouse management to security and compliance, ensuring seamless service delivery in alignment with WestJet's commercial objectives.

Julius Mooney, Director of Cargo Commercial at WestJet Cargo, underscored the significance of the appointment: "Sabir's extensive cargo experience in pricing and operations, and his passion for detail and numbers, are a perfect blend for WestJet Cargo to achieve maximum efficiency. He combines the operational and commercial aspects of running a cargo airline, and sees the entire picture. His fresh perspectives on the finer details of our safety, security, ramp and warehouse operations are already shaping our next steps."

Reflecting on his early months in the role, Ebrahim emphasized the importance of immersing himself in the company's operational rhythm. "My primary goal was to truly connect with



our internal stakeholders and engage closely with our service partners who are crucial to WestJet Cargo's success. I spent time listening to understand their challenges and successes. It has been an incredible journey so far, and I am particularly thankful to my highly knowledgeable team for the seamless transition into my new role."

Looking ahead, Ebrahim sees relationship-building as central to operational progress. "By gaining deep insight into our processes and partnerships, we can identify opportunities to work together, enhance efficiency, and uphold our commitment to excellence," he said. "The foundation is already laid: the strength and professionalism of our team is our greatest asset. Their commitment is exceptional."

Awery Strengthens Partnership with RDC Aviation Through En-Route Charges Data Integration



Awery Aviation Software has taken a significant step in advancing digitalisation and cost transparency in air transport operations by expanding its partnership with RDC Aviation. The latest phase of collaboration will see Awery's enterprise resource planning (ERP) platform enhanced with en-route charges data, providing airlines and operators with a more comprehensive toolset for accurate route costing.

The announcement follows the March 2025 integration of RDC's airport charges database, which gave Awery clients access to fee structures

at more than 3,000 airports worldwide. With the addition of en-route data, customers can now access charges from 176 Air Navigation Service Providers (ANSPs) across 52,000 waypoints—representing one of the most extensive datasets of its kind.

En-route or overflight charges are levied by countries for the use of their airspace, often forming a significant portion of operating expenses on international routes. Precise and transparent calculation of these charges has become increasingly important as airlines face growing competitive and cost pressures.

Enhanced Capabilities for Operators

The upgraded integration offers Awery users several key functionalities:

- **Accurate charge calculation:** En-route charges can be calculated via great circle distance or with specific waypoints for higher precision.
- **Cost benchmarking:** The system enables cost comparison across multiple aircraft types, airlines, and routing scenarios.
- **Sector-based aggregation:** Charges are aggregated per flight sector based on the individual tariffs of each ANSP.

- **Operational efficiency:**

Quoting speed and accuracy are improved, as data can be accessed and applied directly within the Awery ERP system.

- **Automated reconciliation:** By embedding charging data into in-house billing systems, operators can perform automated invoice verification and cost control.

Vitaly Smilianets, CEO of Awery Aviation Software, underlined the importance of the expansion:

“Following the successful integration of RDC’s airport charges earlier this year, adding en-route charges was the logical next step. This development ensures our clients have access to critical, real-time information that enhances their route costing capabilities, strengthens decision-making, and saves valuable time.”

Steve Brown, Partnership Director at RDC Aviation, highlighted the strategic value of combining both datasets:

“The integration of en-route charges alongside airport charges creates a holistic solution for operators. It allows airlines and cargo carriers to manage costs more effectively, offering a clear competitive edge in today’s market.”

Broader Industry Impact

The expanded partnership reflects a wider industry trend towards digital integration and smarter cost management solutions. With margins under sustained pressure, airlines and

cargo operators are increasingly reliant on real-time data and advanced ERP systems to optimise route planning, minimise financial risk, and ensure compliance with global airspace regulations.

By uniting RDC’s extensive charges database with Awery’s operational platform, the collaboration offers a powerful tool that responds to the industry’s dual priorities of efficiency and transparency—critical drivers for long-term resilience in aviation and air cargo.

Implications for the Cargo Industry

For cargo carriers, cost efficiency is a decisive factor in maintaining profitability, particularly amid volatile fuel prices, fluctuating demand, and regulatory complexity. Integrating both airport and en-route charges into a single ERP system allows operators to:

- Improve financial predictability in route planning.
- Streamline commercial decision-making for cargo capacity allocation.
- Strengthen competitiveness by delivering faster and more accurate quotations to customers.
- Ensure compliance with global billing and settlement standards, reducing the risk of disputes.

In an industry where time-sensitive shipments, from pharmaceuticals to e-commerce goods, demand reliability and precision, these tools play an increasingly strategic role.

The Broader Industry Context

The Awery–RDC partnership reflects a wider digitalisation trend sweeping across the aviation and logistics industries. Airlines, cargo operators, and freight forwarders are investing heavily in data-driven platforms to optimise operations, reduce costs, and create new efficiencies.

As airspace management grows more complex with increasing traffic and environmental considerations, accurate cost modelling will be indispensable. Partnerships like this not only simplify financial workflows but also support strategic planning and sustainability efforts by enabling operators to evaluate routes not just for cost, but also for fuel efficiency and emissions impact.

Looking Ahead

By combining RDC’s extensive charges database with Awery’s ERP capabilities, the partnership is setting a new benchmark in how airlines and cargo operators manage route economics. The integration underscores the industry’s shift towards comprehensive digital ecosystems that bring together operational, financial, and regulatory data under a single platform.

For cargo operators, in particular, the ability to make smarter, faster, and more transparent decisions is not just a competitive advantage—it is becoming essential for long-term resilience in a challenging global market.

CARGONEWSWIRE.COM

world’s leading air cargo publication

For advertising queries please contact: sales.cargonewswire@gmail.com



cargonewswire1



cargonewswire1



cargonewswire1



cargonewswire1

CargoAi Launches CargoCoPilot Agent: Unified AI Set to Transform Air Cargo Communications



CargoAi, a global leader in artificial intelligence solutions for airfreight, has unveiled its latest innovation — **CargoCoPilot Agent: Unified AI for Air Cargo**. The new conversational platform is designed to streamline daily workflows for airlines, general sales agents (GSAs), and freight forwarders by automating routine tasks across multiple communication channels.

The CargoCoPilot Agent operates seamlessly on WhatsApp, email, airline websites, and CargoAi's own CargoMART platform. It provides

real-time assistance for key industry functions including air waybill (AWB)-based tracking, rate and capacity searches, automated bookings, and instant responses to common inquiries. By reducing manual back-and-forth, the solution promises to speed up industry response times while alleviating the burden of repetitive tasks.

"This launch represents a major milestone in our journey to make air cargo operations autonomous, intuitive, and connected," said **Matt Petot, CEO of CargoAi**. *"AI must feel natural, trustworthy, and useful from day one."*

With CargoCoPilot Agent, a forwarder can simply ask, 'Show me rates to JFK' or 'Where is my shipment?' — and the Agent does the rest. We are deploying AI live, at scale, with measurable business value. Our goal is to automate no less than 50% of email interactions across the industry, freeing professionals to focus on higher-value activities."

What the Agent Delivers

The CargoCoPilot Agent offers a multilingual, consistent experience across digital and mobile platforms. Among its key features:

- **Real-time shipment visibility:** AWB-based tracking and milestone updates via WhatsApp, web, or in-app chat.
- **Natural language search:** Forwarders can search for rates and capacity with simple queries such as "Show rates SIN → JFK on 10 September 2025."
- **Automated bookings:** The Agent extracts shipment details (origin, destination, weight, dimensions) from emails or chats and confirms bookings instantly.
- **Instant FAQs:** Reduces repetitive tickets by answering standard queries on delivery cut-offs, service rules, or operational instructions.
- **Operational lookups:** Provides details such as ground handling agent (GHA) contacts, airline representatives, and applicable charges.
- **Email automation:** Generates instant responses to common requests like "Where is my shipment?" or "Any space on tomorrow's flight?"
- **Customization:** Fully white-labeled and configurable for airlines, GSAs, and forwarders to integrate into their own communication channels.
- **ONE Record compatible:**

Integrates with multiple data sources, including IATA's ONE Record servers, for secure and standardized information exchange.

Secure by Design

CargoAi emphasizes that the Agent has been built with **privacy and security at its core**. The platform blends large language models (LLMs) for conversational understanding with predictive machine learning for rate and capacity optimization. Importantly, CargoAi trains its models exclusively on proprietary datasets hosted on its own servers, ensuring customer data is never used to train public AI models.

The Agent is also **confidence-aware**, meaning tasks with high certainty are executed instantly, while lower-confidence cases are flagged for human review. This hybrid approach

ensures speed without compromising accuracy.

Built on a Proven AI Ecosystem

CargoCoPilot Agent builds on CargoAi's existing AI portfolio:

- **CargoCoPilot AI Outlook**

Plugin: Extracts shipment details directly from emails into CargoMART.

- **CargoCoPilot via API:** Converts unstructured email requests into structured data, automating thousands of quotes per month with a 94% automation rate.

- **AI-Powered Rates:** Offers dynamic rate suggestions by combining real-time airline data with historical market trends.

By expanding these capabilities into a unified, multi-channel agent, CargoAi is aiming for the next level of digital transformation in airfreight.

Roadmap: Continuous Evolution

CargoAi plans to continuously enhance the Agent's capabilities by broadening integrations with additional systems, expanding domain knowledge, and improving autonomous handling of inquiries. The company's iterative learning model will ensure weekly updates that adapt to operational patterns while safeguarding user privacy.

"CargoCoPilot Agent is designed to align directly with cargo professionals' daily needs. It reduces workloads, accelerates responses, and evolves as industry demands shift," added Petot.

With this launch, CargoAi positions itself at the forefront of AI adoption in air logistics, signaling a shift toward a more autonomous, responsive, and digitally connected air cargo ecosystem.

Silk Way West Airlines welcomes third Boeing 777 Freighter to Baku



Silk Way West Airlines is proud to announce the arrival of its third Boeing 777 Freighter at Heydar Aliyev International Airport (GYD), marking another milestone in the airline's strategic fleet renewal program. The aircraft landed in Baku directly from Boeing's facilities in Seattle, joining the carrier's growing roster of next-generation freighters.

This delivery is part of Silk Way West Airlines' order for 10 Boeing 777F aircraft, to be fulfilled by 2030. The new

freighters will gradually replace older aircraft in the fleet, significantly enhancing operational efficiency and reducing environmental impact. This step aligns with the company's ongoing efforts to meet its environmental goals, including reducing carbon emissions and improving fuel efficiency across its operations.

"The arrival of our third Boeing 777F represents another important step in our long-term growth strategy," said Wolfgang Meier, President of Silk Way West Airlines. "By expanding our fleet with modern, fuel-efficient aircraft, we are not only enhancing our global service offering but also reinforcing our commitment to environmental responsibility. This investment supports both our customers' evolving needs and our vision for sustainable growth in the years ahead."

Founded in 2012 in Baku, at the heart of the Silk Road, Silk Way West Airlines operates hundreds of flights each month to over 40 destinations worldwide. The airline's current fleet includes Boeing 777F, 747-8F, and 747-400F aircraft, enabling it to carry more than 500,000 tons of cargo annually. The carrier expects the delivery of two Boeing 777F, two Boeing 777-8F, and two Airbus A350F aircraft by 2030, further reinforcing its sustainability and modernization agenda.

Korean Air partners with Swissport on air cargo at New York JFK

Korean Air is partnering with Swissport to operate its air cargo's long-standing freight facility, Cargo Building 9, at John F. Kennedy International Airport (JFK). The five-year cargo handling contract comes into effect on 1st September 2025 and accords Swissport full management and sublease responsibilities for the terminal. Well established at JFK since 1969, Swissport plans a significant investment in eco-tech infrastructure and digital innovation to ensure maximum operational excellence.



Swissport will now operate, sublease, and extensively modernize Korean Air Cargo's 232,500 square-foot freight facility inclusive of offices. Investments in automation and infrastructure upgrades including an ETV system overhaul and new temperature-controlled storage for specialized cargo, will see the site's annual throughput capacity increase from 200,000 to 295,500 tons. Dedicated Korean Air Cargo operations will begin

with a team of around 80 staff, eventually growing to 390+ employees once Cargo Building 9 reaches full capacity.

OPERATIONAL EXCELLENCE NOW AND IN FUTURE

Swissport's advanced logistic process will bring world-class service to Korean Air Cargo's customers. "We are delighted to partner with Korean Air Cargo on this historic contract, marking our first large-scale collaboration

at a single location. We are aligned in our mission to provide operational excellence to Korean Air Cargo's customers. Swissport is strongly committed to raising and further fine-tuning the standard of cargo handling at New York JFK airport and is therefore investing significantly in establishing high-tech quality automation, transparent systems and enhanced safety measures, while also pursuing IATA CEIV and GDP certifications. It is this perfect blend of automation and our professional team's track-record expertise that ensures efficient, high-quality operations and the best customer service," said **Nelson Camacho, CEO of Swissport North America and Canada.**

"Swissport has demonstrated that it shares our values of professionalism, excellence and sustainability, and our vision for the future of our JFK hub," **Jaedong Eum, Executive Vice President and Head of the Cargo Business Division at Korean Air,** stated. "Air Cargo ground quality comes along with operational excellence beyond efficiency. And continuous investment in state-of-the-art equipment and training is crucial for successful and sustainable operations. Together with Swissport, we will establish a blueprint at JFK for a highly successful Cargo Path Forward over the coming years."

SWISSPORT LEADING GLOBAL ELECTRIC GSE FLEET

Sustainability plays a large part in Swissport's

modernization plans. We are significantly investing in new electric GSE and working closely with the Port Authority to ensure Korean Air's Cargo Building 9 is equipped with a strong and reliable charging infrastructure. Swissport will be the first handler at JFK to operate an all-electric fleet for all freighter operations from warehouse to ramp. Korean Air Cargo customers will also benefit from Bionatur biodegradable products which Swissport is introducing across the NOAM region, to significantly reduce plastic waste in day-to-day cargo operations, including packaging and handling.

PREPARING FOR A SUSTAINABLE FUTURE

"Our operational strategy mirrors Korean Air Cargo's core values and is grounded in three key pillars: Safety, Consistent Service Quality, and Full Transparency," **Ajay Barolia, Executive Vice President Cargo Swissport North America,** explained. "To support these objectives, we are introducing a range of forward-thinking initiatives such as sustainable, energy-efficient Ground Support Equipment (GSE), advanced automation and autonomous technologies and high-density VNA racking systems that maximize storage space and improve operational speed. These investments will future-proof Cargo Building 9 and ensure it is ready to meet both current demand and future growth reinforcing Swissport's commitment to safe, reliable, and modern cargo handling."





Winair & WCS unveil new cargo partnership to strengthen trade across the Caribbean



In a major leap forward for Caribbean logistics, **Winair**, the region's premier inter-island carrier, has joined forces with global airfreight leader **World Cargo Solutions (WCS)** to launch a powerful and strategic new cargo partnership. Under the agreement, WCS will manage all aspects of the cargo business for Winair's fleet,

unlocking faster, more efficient trade routes across the Caribbean—and far beyond.

Effective September 1st, WCS rolled out **Total Cargo Management (TCM)** services across Winair's expansive and niche island network, bringing streamlined cargo access to businesses, communities, and individual shippers. The new

collaboration will help drive regional growth, fuel intra-island commerce, and connect local markets directly to the U.S., Europe, South America, Asia, and the Middle East.

"This is about more than cargo—it's about economic momentum for the Caribbean," said **Zul (Muhammad Zulkarnain), Chairman of WCS**. *"With Winair's trusted regional presence and WCS's global reach, we're creating a seamless supply chain that gives Caribbean businesses a direct gateway to the world. Winair is an historically significant airline in the region, and we are excited and honored to partner with them."*

From time-sensitive medical shipments to high-demand hospitality goods, the new system is designed to serve the core industries that power the region—tourism, healthcare, eCommerce, and beyond. Daily cargo service via Winair's aircraft will now be supported by WCS's broader global fleet of over 400 aircraft, ensuring reliable movement of goods within the islands and internationally.

"This is a transformational step for Winair and the communities we serve," said **Hans van de Velde, CEO of Winair**. *"By expanding our cargo services with WCS, we're not only improving trade—we're helping our islands thrive."*

Cargo operations under the new agreement are set to begin in **mid August**, with full support for regional logistics, cargo booking, and customer onboarding.

Parata Air partners with Jettainer for ULD management



„The partnership with Jettainer, a global leader in ULD management, is an important step and ensures a highly efficient supply of lightweight ULDs for our growing route network from the very first flight”, says

Unhyung Ko of PARATA AIR. *“We deliberately opted for the efficiency and service quality of the experts to be able to develop our operations flexibly while at the same time having an always efficiently managed fleet of ULDs that grows in line with our requirements.”*

“We are very much looking forward to being part of Parata Air’s journey from day one, supporting their ambitious growth plans with the efficient management of lightweight ULDs. Adding another customer in Asia, we are also expanding our network in the region and creating valuable synergies for Parata Air and all our customers”, says

Thorsten Riekert, General Manager Asia Pacific at Jettainer.

South Korea’s newest airline, Parata Air, has chosen Jettainer as its ULD management partner for the launch of its flight operations this autumn. Jettainer will manage the entire fleet of lightweight containers from day one and will continue to expand it, aligning with the airline’s ambitious

planned growth strategy. All ULDs will be equipped with the latest tracking technology to achieve high-efficiency ULD management based on the intelligent IT solution JettwareNG. In addition, Jettainer provides efficient maintenance services for the ULD fleet.

At the start, passenger services to Japan and

Vietnam are planned via the airline’s hub at Incheon Airport with a fleet of Airbus A320-200s and Airbus A330-200s aircraft. Next year will see the addition of transpacific routes serving the North American market. Therefore, further Airbus A330 aircraft will be added to the fleet over the next two years. The introduction of Airbus A350s is planned for 2028.

Parata Air prioritizes safety above all and aims to break away from the conventional LCC-FSC dichotomy by delivering truly mindful and distinctive services to its customers. Parata Air’s predecessor is Fly Gangwon. Following its acquisition by WINIX last year, the company was renamed Parata Air and will commence flight operations in the autumn.

Group Concorde Strengthens Leadership with Senior Appointments to Drive Global Growth



Group Concorde, the India-headquartered air cargo general sales and service agent (GSA), has announced two senior leadership appointments as it accelerates its overseas expansion strategy.

The company has promoted **Praveen Narayanan** to the role of **Vice President – Asia Pacific** and appointed **Ralph Van Eijk** as **Chief Airline and Marketing Officer**.

Expanding Asia Pacific Operations

In his new role, Narayanan will lead efforts to strengthen and expand Group Concorde's overseas stations, while also taking on wider commercial responsibilities. The company credited him as a driving force behind its international growth over the past two decades.

"His efforts have been instrumental in establishing the company's strong presence across the Asia Pacific region and laying the foundation for sustained global success," Group Concorde said. *"With his extensive industry expertise and forward-thinking approach, Praveen will continue to drive the Group's growth strategy and solidify its leadership position in the region."*

Narayanan has spent more than 20 years with Group Concorde in a

variety of senior management roles and is recognised for his pivotal role in shaping the company's Asia Pacific footprint.

Global Business Development and Marketing Focus

Meanwhile, Van Eijk will assume responsibility for business development and marketing activities across Group Concorde's global network. Having worked closely with the company in recent years, he brings what the company described as *"proven leadership and strategic vision"* to further support its global growth trajectory.

Van Eijk joined Group Concorde over four years ago as **Director of Airline Development**. His career spans several international cargo and airline organisations, including **Finnair, Saudia Cargo, Airblox, Cargo Crew GSA, and Neutral Aviation Specialists**, giving him deep industry experience across commercial and operational functions.

CEO Endorses Strengthened Leadership Team

Commenting on the appointments, **Prithviraj Singh Chug, Chief Executive of Group Concorde**, said:

"Praveen has played a pivotal role in building our Asia Pacific operations and creating a robust international footprint. His new leadership role underscores our commitment to strengthening growth across key markets."

"We are equally excited to welcome Ralph into his expanded role, where his expertise will further elevate our global business development and marketing capabilities. With this enhanced leadership structure, Group Concorde is well-positioned to achieve new milestones and deliver greater value to our partners and stakeholders worldwide."

Strengthening Global Reach

The leadership appointments come at a dynamic time for Group Concorde. Earlier this year, the GSA was appointed by **IAG Cargo** as its representative across **eight countries** in the Asia Pacific region: Cambodia, the Philippines, Myanmar, Malaysia, Indonesia, Vietnam, Australia, and New Zealand.

These strategic moves highlight Group Concorde's ambition to expand its presence across both mature and emerging markets, while positioning itself as a trusted partner to leading global carriers.

dnata announces senior leadership appointments in APAC, MEA, and UK

- Alex Doisneau named Regional CEO for Airport Operations - APAC and MEA
- James Butler appointed Managing Director of dnata Airport Operations UK



dnata, a leading global air and travel services provider, has announced two key senior appointments as it continues to strengthen its global airport operations.

Alex Doisneau has been named **Regional Chief Executive Officer for Airport Operations** in the **Asia Pacific** (APAC) and **Middle East & Africa** (MEA) regions, effective 1 August 2025.

Alex will oversee dnata's ground handling and cargo businesses in Australia, Singapore, the Philippines, Pakistan, Iraq, and Zanzibar (Tanzania) in her new role. She will lead a team of nearly 8,000 employees, handling over 110,000 aircraft turns and approximately 800,000 tonnes of cargo each year across 23 airports.

Alex brings nearly three decades

of experience in aviation and ground handling to the role. She joined dnata in 2012 as General Manager of UK Cargo Operations and was later promoted to Managing Director of dnata Airport Operations UK in 2020.

Alex will report to **Clive Sauv -Hopkins, CEO - Airport Operations** at dnata, and will be relocating to Dubai for her new role.

"Alex has led our UK operations with clarity, consistency, and a strong people-first approach," said **Clive Sauv -Hopkins**.

"Her track record of operational leadership, commercial acumen, and focus on safety and service make her the ideal choice to lead our business in these fast-growing regions. We look forward to the impact she will have as we continue to grow our international footprint."

With Alex stepping into the regional role, **James Butler** has been appointed **Managing Director of dnata Airport Operations UK**. In his new role, James will lead dnata's ground handling and cargo business spanning six airports across the UK.

James joined dnata in 2018 and has served as Finance Director since 2020, overseeing financial strategy, business planning, and operations. His prior roles at Menzies Aviation and Flybe have equipped him with a deep understanding of the aviation and logistics sectors.

"Alex and James represent the strength of our internal talent pipeline," Clive Sauv -Hopkins concluded. *"Their promotions reflect our continued commitment to investing in our people and creating growth opportunities."*



E-commerce handling expertise lands WFS new 3-year contract with Air China Cargo in Liège

Worldwide Flight Services (WFS), a SATS company, has won a three-year contract extension with Air China Cargo in Liège, supported by its reputation for fast and efficient handling of e-commerce shipments moving through the Belgian airport.

Under the new contract, WFS provides ramp handling and warehouse

handling for cargo carried onboard Air China Cargo's Boeing 777 and Airbus A330 weekly freighter flights into Liège from Chengdu, Hangzhou, and Shanghai. This includes buoyant inbound e-commerce volumes alongside high demand to move general cargo from Belgium to China.

WFS and Air China Cargo are both contributing significantly to the growth of Liège Airport, which reported a 16% year-on-year increase in volume in 2024. This success has continued into 2025, with the airport welcoming 6,772 cargo flights in Q1 – up 6.2% annually – as freight throughput rose 5.6%.

“Air China Cargo is a major customer of WFS across our international network. This new contract extension reflects our strong partnership with the airline in Liège, where WFS has made a significant commitment and investment in our facilities and e-commerce handling services to suit the specific requirements of Air China Cargo and other customers needing this expertise. We thank Air China Cargo for their continued trust in WFS,” said **Marc Claesen, Senior Vice President Commercial EMEA at WFS.**

Air China Cargo is handled in WFS's 12,000sqm facility at Liège Airport.

Frank Bauer appointed as New Board Member of Air Cargo Community Frankfurt e.V.

Air Cargo Community Frankfurt e.V. welcomes Frank Bauer as its newest board member. In his new role as Chief Operating Officer (COO) of Lufthansa Cargo AG, Bauer will represent the company on the board of the association.

With his extensive experience in the air freight industry, Frank Bauer brings comprehensive sector knowledge and leadership expertise to the association. Throughout his career, he has held various positions within the Lufthansa Group – including roles on the management board of Eurowings and in the areas of controlling and risk management. Before his appointment

as Chief Operating Officer, effective July 1, 2025, Frank Bauer has been part of the Lufthansa Cargo executive team since August 2023, serving as Chief Financial Officer (CFO), Chief Human Resources Officer (CHRO), and Labor Director.

“I am very pleased to be able to actively help shape the future of Air Cargo Community Frankfurt as a new board member,” says Frank Bauer. Frankfurt is one of the world's most important air cargo hubs, and I am convinced that constructive collaboration within the community is a key driver for success and growth. It is particularly important to me to



further advance FRA together through digitalization and innovation. I look forward to constructive dialogue with the members and the ACCF board.”

Air Cargo Community Frankfurt brings together more than 100 companies along the air freight value chain at Frankfurt Airport – Europe's leading cargo hub – with the aim of driving process and site development.

SUBSCRIPTION

DIGITAL SUBSCRIPTION @ US\$240 A YEAR



CARGO NEWSWIRE

world's leading air cargo publication

Cargo Newswire is your media partner for global Air Cargo, Airports, Freighters, Technology, Freight Forwarders, Supply Chain, E-Commerce, Pharma, Business, Policies, Events, Air Logistics providers and much more.

Cargo Newswire is the leading source of news, information, interviews, analyses and reports to the global airfreight industry. Our leading portfolio includes Print, Digital Online, Daily Newsletter, Social Media platforms, YouTube channel, and App. CNW connects with decision-makers in the Air Cargo and Cargo Industry and helps readers make smart, better-informed decisions.

Reach your audience in our monthly print magazine, digital, on our website, newsletters, and social media platforms. sponsored contents.

SUBSCRIBE NOW



Scan the QR code to subscribe

SUBSCRIBE to our Print and digital editions curated for you. Access to archives with a digital subscription.

ADVERTISE

For **MEDIA PACK** please write to us at cargonewswire@gmail.com

FOR ANY QUERIES

cargonewswire@gmail.com / www.cargonewswire.com

502, Jeevan Tara Apartments, Sector 43, GH 7, Gurugram 122009 India

November 11-13, 2025

Miami Beach Convention Center, Florida, USA

project cargo
AMERICAS

transport
logistic
AMERICAS

air cargo
AMERICAS
since 1991 in Miami

MESSE
MÜNCHEN

ti-america.org



November 11-13, 2025

Miami Beach Convention Center, Florida, USA

project cargo
AMERICAS

transport
logistic
AMERICAS

air cargo
AMERICAS
since 1991 in Miami

MESSE
MÜNCHEN

ti-america.org

