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Connecting the World: U.S. Edition of transport logistic Becomes the Global Hub for Future Logistics Solutions

- *Strong registration numbers for the largest logistics trade show in the United States*
- *62% of exhibitors from North, Central, and South America*
- *Hotspot for multimodal transport and IT innovation*



A meeting place for ideas and collaborations: networking events such as this one at transport logistic 2025

From November 11 to 13, 2025, the international logistics industry will gather at the Miami Beach Convention Center. The focus will be on the future of global supply chains: transport logistic Americas and air cargo Americas, together with project cargo Americas, will bring together exhibitors from 18 countries and five world regions, underlining the trade fair's global significance.

Three brands. One mission.

Advancing multimodal transport and connected supply chains. Transport logistic, project cargo, and air cargo Americas jointly form the leading trade show for logistics, mobility, IT, and supply chain management in the Americas. The show will open with a ceremony featuring Miami-Dade County Mayor Daniella Levine Cava (invited), German Consul General Christofer Burger, and other prominent political and business leaders.

A special feature this year: for the first time, Project Cargo Americas will highlight innovations and best



practices in heavy-lift and oversized cargo transport.

"Miami continues to prove itself as the perfect venue," says Dr. Robert Schönberger, Global Industry Lead at Messe München. "Its strategic location makes the show a true hub — not just for goods, but for global connections. Thanks to the incredible efforts of our partners, transport logistic Americas is now more multimodal and international than ever before. We look forward to the interaction between exhibitors, visitors, and speakers. Ultimately, it's the people who make this event what it is — a melting pot for shippers and logistics professionals from around the world."

Multimodal Focus with Strong Air Cargo Presence

Occupying Halls C and D of the Miami Beach Convention Center and covering more than 5,000 square meters (over 50,000 sq ft), the exhibition will showcase innovative solutions to meet the challenges of global logistics networks. Every transport mode and every link in the supply chain is represented — from air, sea, and rail to road and digital logistics. The exhibitors include companies of all sizes, from large companies to start-ups.

While the air cargo segment remains a cornerstone of the event with its renowned conference program, service and technology providers for road, rail, and maritime transport now account for half of all exhibitors. In addition, digitalization is taking center stage: one in five exhibitors will feature innovations in IT, telematics, and data-driven logistics.

A Truly Global Lineup

North America represents the largest share of exhibitors at 55%, including companies from the U.S., Canada, and Mexico. Central and South America contribute around 7%, with participants from Costa Rica, Panama, Argentina, Colombia, and Uruguay. Europe follows with 23%, featuring exhibitors from France, Germany, Sweden, Türkiye, and the United Kingdom, while Asia makes up another 15%, represented by Uzbekistan, China, Hong Kong, India, and the United Arab Emirates. Altogether, exhibitors represent a truly global marketplace.

Strong Visitor Growth and High-Level Audience

Visitor registration is outpacing the previous editions, with numbers already exceeding the last event three weeks before opening day. Early data shows a high proportion of C-level executives and key industry decision makers. Most registrations traditionally occur in the final days leading up to and during the event. Admission to the international trade fair and its high-caliber conference program featuring 19 sessions across two stages is free to attend. The show continues to attract a strong international audience, with a significant percentage of attendees traveling from outside the United States.

Networking. Knowledge. Business.

Messe München has developed transport logistic Americas following the successful concept of the world's leading logistics trade fair in Munich — as a platform for learning, networking, and business growth. "In a connected global economy, logistics depends on strong and stable partnerships," Schönberger emphasizes. "Especially in uncertain times, people value personal interaction more than ever. The strong commitment of our exhibitors and the rising visitor numbers show that our concept is working."

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WFS to launch CIND's ContourCheck ULD modelling software in Amsterdam, London and Paris as global rollout gathers pace



Worldwide Flight Services (WFS), a SATS company, is introducing CIND's ContourCheck system at its largest air cargo handling stations in France, the Netherlands and United Kingdom in the latest phase of its global rollout of the digital ULD measurement technology.

The system will be operational at WFS' operations at Amsterdam Schiphol, London Heathrow, and Paris Charles de Gaulle airports in early 2026. The rollout is part of WFS' strategy to utilise new automation and digital technologies to transform cargo handling across a combined WFS/SATS global network spanning 225 stations in 27 countries, serving trade routes responsible for more than 50% of global air cargo volume.

WFS became the first air cargo handler to implement CIND's 3D modelling software in 2024, and the technology is now in daily use at its handling stations in Copenhagen, Frankfurt, Madrid, and Toulouse.

In the fast-paced world of air cargo, where speed cannot interfere with safety and security, the implementation of CIND ContourCheck has delivered significant and measurable results for WFS and its airline partners. A benefit of this solution is enhanced data and transparency. For each flight, airlines receive a comprehensive digital report, complete with pictures, providing digital proof that each unit is fit to fly.

"CIND's ContourCheck solution is an important step in our journey towards automation and digitalisation. It allows us to digitally measure ULDs, ensuring all ULDs are 100% fit to fly, providing valuable data, and helping us optimise cargo space. None of the ULDs built using ContourCheck have been offloaded for contour issues. This not only builds trust but also allows airlines partnering with WFS to optimise their operations. Our close collaboration with CIND has been key to adapting the system to our needs," said **Jimi Daniel Hansen, Senior Vice President Operational Excellence at WFS.**

"WFS sees its partnership with CIND as a powerful example of how a focused technological solution can solve real-world logistical challenges. By replacing a manual, data-poor process with a digital, real-time system, WFS is setting a new standard for efficiency and optimisation in the air cargo industry," he added.

Virgin Atlantic Cargo Partners with CargoAi to Accelerate Digital Transformation

- *Virgin Atlantic Cargo has partnered with CargoAi to offer forwarders seamless digital access to its global capacity, enabling real-time rates, bookable space, and streamlined eBookings across major markets.*
- *The integration supports Virgin's digital transformation, expanding its online offering to over 23,000 freight forwarders with upcoming Pharma and Fresh product capabilities.*
- *Both companies aim to deliver a faster, more intuitive, and customer-focused booking experience, combining Virgin's service excellence with CargoAi's API-driven technology.*

In a strategic move that underscores the growing digitalisation of the global air cargo industry, **Virgin Atlantic Cargo** has announced a partnership with **CargoAi**, a leading digital platform that connects airlines and freight forwarders through real-time, API-driven technology.

The collaboration gives freight forwarders seamless digital access to Virgin Atlantic Cargo's worldwide capacity — enabling instant rate visibility, live space booking, and automated eBooking confirmations across key global markets. For Virgin Atlantic Cargo, the integration represents a significant step forward in its mission to simplify the booking experience while expanding its digital presence within the airfreight ecosystem.

Bringing the Power of Digital Connectivity to Freight Forwarders

Through this partnership, forwarders across major markets — including the UAE, Austria, Belgium, Germany, France, the UK, the US, Ireland, India, the Netherlands, and South Africa — can now view and book Virgin Atlantic Cargo's available capacity directly on **CargoAi's digital marketplace, CargoMART**, or via direct connections to leading **Transport Management Systems (TMS)**.

The integration initially supports **General Cargo shipments up to 5,000 kilograms**, with **Pharma** and **Fresh** products soon to follow, reflecting Virgin Atlantic Cargo's broader strategy to deliver a more comprehensive digital product portfolio for its customers.

By combining Virgin Atlantic Cargo's operational reliability and customer service excellence with CargoAi's technology-driven efficiency, the partnership creates a fully digital booking experience that is faster, smarter, and more intuitive — catering to a new generation of forwarders who demand real-time responsiveness and transparency.

Enhancing Customer Experience Through Digital Innovation

"Partnering with CargoAi is a key milestone in our digital transformation journey," said **Nick Diesel**, Managing Director – Cargo at Virgin Atlantic Cargo. "The logistics landscape is evolving rapidly, and our customers expect flexible, intuitive tools that help them move cargo efficiently across the world. By integrating with CargoAi, we're giving freight forwarders more





choice in how they connect with us — whether through our own systems, through CargoMART, or their preferred TMS platforms."

Diesel emphasized that while technology is driving the shift, the company's focus remains firmly on people and service: "Digitalisation for us isn't just about automation; it's about empowerment — helping our teams and our customers work smarter. Alongside this partnership, we've strengthened our Contact Centre operations to ensure that while bookings become faster and more digital, our personal touch remains just as strong."

Connecting the Dots Across a Growing Digital Ecosystem

For CargoAi, the addition of Virgin Atlantic Cargo to its growing airline portfolio represents another milestone in its mission to modernize the global airfreight industry.

Matthieu Petot, CEO of CargoAi, highlighted the strategic importance of the collaboration: "Integrating Virgin Atlantic Cargo into CargoAi's platform is a major step toward a fully connected, digital cargo ecosystem. Virgin's reputation for operational excellence and customer service aligns perfectly with our vision — to create a frictionless, data-driven, and customer-centric booking experience that sets new benchmarks for the industry."

CargoAi's digital ecosystem connects airlines and freight forwarders through an intelligent API infrastructure that allows real-time data exchange, simplifying processes that traditionally relied on manual communication. With more than **23,000 freight forwarders** using the platform globally, the integration instantly extends Virgin Atlantic Cargo's reach and digital visibility across a broad network of logistics professionals.

A Broader Shift Toward Digitalisation in Air Cargo

The partnership also reflects a broader trend within the air cargo sector — a steady acceleration toward digital transformation and end-to-end transparency. As the industry faces increasing demand for speed, flexibility, and sustainability, airlines are investing heavily in platforms that make booking, tracking, and managing cargo more efficient.

For Virgin Atlantic Cargo, this move complements its ongoing efforts to optimize operations, reduce manual processes, and enhance the customer journey across every stage of freight management. From expanding its product range to implementing data-driven insights, the carrier is positioning itself at the forefront of a digital revolution reshaping how cargo moves globally.

Setting a New Benchmark for Digital Freight Booking

By joining forces, **Virgin Atlantic Cargo** and **CargoAi** are not only creating a smoother booking pathway for freight forwarders — they are setting a new benchmark for transparency, connectivity, and customer experience in the digital cargo marketplace.

The collaboration underscores Virgin Atlantic Cargo's ongoing commitment to innovation and adaptability, while reaffirming CargoAi's role as a trusted digital partner for leading airlines worldwide.

As the air cargo industry continues to evolve, partnerships like this one highlight a shared vision: building a smarter, more connected logistics ecosystem — where technology enhances, rather than replaces, the human relationships that keep global trade moving.

Air France KLM Martinair Cargo sees continuous growth in the transport of pharmaceutical and healthcare products

During the FlyPharma Amsterdam 2025 conference held this week, global pharmaceutical leaders, stakeholders, and supply chain partners gathered for one of the key international events in life sciences logistics. Against a backdrop of rapidly evolving regulations, geopolitical uncertainty, and shifting trade flows, the event underscored the importance of collaboration to safeguard the seamless transport of life-saving medicines and healthcare products worldwide.



Pharma growth fuels demand for specialized air cargo

The global pharmaceutical and healthcare sector is projected to reach USD 1.77 trillion in 2025, expanding at a mid–mid-single-digit growth rate. Industry optimism is driven by innovation in biologics, personalized medicine, and digital health, as well as by expanding global patient access.

This momentum is translating directly into strong demand for airfreight capacity, particularly for temperature-controlled and high-value shipments. The pharma airfreight segment alone is forecast to grow more than 6 percent annually, as manufacturers and logistics providers prioritize speed, reliability, and compliance with Good Distribution Practice (GDP) standards.

Air cargo carriers and airports are investing heavily in cold-chain infrastructure, IoT tracking, and digital visibility tools to serve this expanding vertical. Corridors linking Asia, Europe, and North America are expected to experience the fastest growth, with

Pharma and healthcare logistics are emerging as one of the most resilient

and premium segments in the global air cargo market.

Schiphol: a global hub for pharma logistics

Amsterdam Airport Schiphol plays a vital role as one of the world's most important pharmaceutical logistics hubs. Its central European location, advanced infrastructure, and strong ecosystem of logistics partners make it indispensable for global pharmaceutical supply chains. Schiphol is not only critical to the worldwide distribution of medicines and vaccines but also to the Dutch economy, reinforcing the Netherlands' position as a gateway for international trade and innovation in life sciences.

The pharmaceutical logistics ecosystem at Schiphol is significant not only for global public health but also for the Dutch economy. In 2024, the Netherlands exported USD 38.49 billion worth of pharmaceutical products, underscoring the sector's importance as a driver of trade, innovation, and high-value employment. Schiphol's success as a pharma logistics hub enables companies to invest, expand, and innovate in the Netherlands—making the country more competitive, resilient, and attractive for life sciences players.

The importance of a global logistical hub like Schiphol was also shown during the COVID-19 pandemic. Amsterdam Airport Schiphol played a crucial role as one of Europe's main gateways for the transport of vaccines and temperature-sensitive pharmaceuticals.

The role of Air France KLM Martinair Cargo in global pharma logistics.

Air France–KLM Martinair Cargo (AFKLMP Cargo) has established itself as a pioneer and leader in pharmaceutical logistics, being among the first airlines to achieve IATA CEIV Pharma certification. With its dual-hub structure in Amsterdam Schiphol and Paris Charles de Gaulle, strategically located in Europe's "pharma belt," the airline offers unique resilience and flexibility in a volatile market.



"For Air France KLM Martinair Cargo, growth in the pharmaceutical and healthcare segment has been a strategic priority over the past five years," said **GertJan Roelands, SVP Commercial, AFKLMP Cargo.** *"We have invested significantly in our infrastructure at both hubs and key outstations, introduced new digital solutions, and optimized processes to enhance resilience and transport quality. In addition, we have trained and expanded our specialized pharma teams. These efforts are paying off—this year, our results in the pharmaceutical and healthcare segment reached a new record, and our market share has increased."*

Innovation, sustainability, and cool chain excellence

AFKLMP Cargo continues to invest in expanding cool-room capacity, developing digital monitoring dashboards for operational visibility, and pioneering sustainable temperature-control solutions, such as CO2-based refrigerant technology at Paris CDG. With the rise of personalized medicine and advanced therapies, the airline works closely with forwarders, shippers, and life science clusters to provide time-critical solutions with full GDP and CEIV compliance.

Despite geopolitical pressures and market volatility, AFKLMP Cargo remains focused on its fundamentals: on-time delivery and uncompromised cool chain integrity. Its resilience, proven during the pandemic, continues to guide its long-term strategy.

"Pharmaceutical logistics is not just about transportation—it is about trust, responsibility, and resilience," said ***GertJan Roelands.*** *"Our mission is to deliver healthcare products safely and reliably, adapting to new challenges while ensuring patients around the world receive the medicines they need."*

GetJet Airlines to Provide ACMI Capacity for Etihad Airways Winter 2025/26



Lithuanian ACMI and charter operator GetJet Airlines has signed a seasonal wet-lease agreement with Etihad Airways, under which two Airbus A320 family aircraft from the GetJet fleet will be based at Zayed International Airport in Abu Dhabi for the winter 2025/26 season.

The two aircraft will operate flights on behalf of Etihad Airways, providing additional flexibility to the airline's regional network during the autumn and early winter travel period. Dubai-based Aleksandr Celiadin, Founder of GetJet Aviation Holdings, said: "We are honoured to be chosen to support Etihad Airways this winter. Etihad is recognised worldwide for its excellence, and it is a privilege to contribute to its network. At GetJet Airlines, we strive for the highest quality in our operations and remain fully focused on adjusting to any needs our customers have."

Starting 1 October 2025, two aircraft from GetJet Aviation Holdings will support Etihad Airways' operations out of Abu Dhabi. One Airbus A320 will be operated by GetJet Airlines, while the second will be provided by Airhub Airlines, both part of the holding. Together, they will serve routes to Amman, Beirut, as well as selected services to Cairo and Muscat.

Etihad Airways, the national airline of the United Arab Emirates, operates flights to destinations across the Middle East, Africa, Europe, Asia, Australia, and North America. The airline has just recently been recognised as a Five-Star Global Airline by the Airline Passenger Experience Association (APEX) for 2026, a prestigious rating based entirely on passenger feedback.

GetJet Aviation Holdings, through its airlines, operates a fleet of 16 aircraft in total, including Boeing 737-800, Airbus A320, and A321 models. The company is headquartered in Vilnius and has a commercial office in Dubai.



Avianca Cargo Expands Freighter Fleet with New A330P2F, Strengthening Regional Connectivity and Flower Export Leadership

Avianca Cargo has expanded its freighter operations with the addition of a newly converted **A330P2F (Passenger-to-Freighter)** aircraft, bringing its dedicated **A330 freighter fleet to nine** and enhancing the airline's efficiency and flexibility on medium-range routes.

The new aircraft, offering **over 60 tonnes of cargo capacity**, complements Avianca Cargo's existing fleet of six A330F and three A330P2F aircraft, including those operated in synergy with **Avianca Cargo Mexico**. The A330P2F's advanced fuel efficiency, superior load volume, and range performance position Avianca Cargo to better meet the evolving needs of its customers while maintaining the highest standards of operational quality.

"At Avianca Cargo, we celebrate the expansion of our fleet and the arrival of the new A330P2F," said **Diogo Elias**, CEO of Avianca Cargo. "This addition reaffirms our commitment to connectivity, operational excellence, and customer service. Today, we reach more than **350 destinations**, expanding our network and strengthening our position as a strategic partner for our clients across the Americas and beyond."



Driving Regional Trade and Infrastructure Growth

Avianca Cargo continues to play a pivotal role in Latin American trade, particularly as the **leading air carrier for flower exports** from Colombia and Ecuador. In 2025 alone, the airline has transported more than **100,000 tonnes of flowers** to key markets including the **United States, Europe, and Asia**, maintaining its dominance in one of the region's most valuable export sectors.

Within the framework of **Proflora 2025**, Avianca Cargo celebrated a record-breaking year for Colombia's flower exports. The country achieved **USD 2.35 billion** in export value, marking **13 percent growth** in value and **8 percent growth** in volume — consolidating Colombia's position as the **world's second-largest flower exporter**.

"We're proud to be a strategic ally to Colombia's floriculture industry," added Elias. "This year, we broke historical records in flower transport to the U.S., achieving 8 percent growth above the sector average — a clear sign of our operational strength and customer trust."

Investing in Capacity, Quality, and Cold Chain Excellence

As part of its long-term investment strategy, Avianca Cargo has made significant infrastructure enhancements in its **Medellín** and **Miami** operations.

- In Medellín, the airline inaugurated **Jetflor**, an 850-square-metre handling facility that increased cargo processing capacity by **50 percent**.
- In Miami, Avianca completed a **major transformation of its cold-chain facility**, improving temperature control, quality assurance, and storage efficiency — boosting cooler capacity by **83 percent**.

These developments are part of Avianca Cargo's broader effort to strengthen its **end-to-end logistics capabilities**, ensuring consistent service quality for time- and temperature-sensitive goods such as flowers, pharmaceuticals, and perishable exports.

Expanding Horizons

With a **modernized fleet**, an **expanding network**, and a renewed focus on **innovation and customer service**, Avianca Cargo continues to reinforce its role as a **strategic logistics partner** in Latin America's air cargo ecosystem. The arrival of the A330P2F marks a new milestone in the airline's commitment to operational excellence, sustainability, and the seamless movement of goods that power global trade.

Driving Change in the Skies: Belimo, Swiss WorldCargo, and Lamprecht Transport Forge a Path to Cleaner Airfreight



As the aviation sector grapples with the urgency of climate change, one Swiss partnership is showing how cross-industry collaboration can accelerate the journey toward decarbonization. Belimo Automation AG, Swiss WorldCargo, and Lamprecht Transport have joined forces to reduce the carbon footprint of international air freight through the adoption of Sustainable Aviation Fuel (SAF) — a step that underscores both the challenges and opportunities in reshaping global logistics.

A Corporate Commitment Takes Flight

Belimo, a global leader in HVAC field devices, has made sustainability a cornerstone of its corporate strategy. Known for technologies that improve building efficiency, the company is now applying that same ethos to its global transportation footprint. By investing in SAF for its international shipments, Belimo expects to mitigate approximately 650 tons of CO_2e emissions in the first year alone. The initiative is not a one-off gesture — Belimo has signaled its intention to scale up SAF usage year by year, reinforcing its long-term vision of reducing emissions across the value chain.

"This investment in Sustainable

Aviation Fuel is not just about reducing emissions — it's about taking direct responsibility for our environmental impact," said John Muncey, Head of Group Transportation at Belimo. *"Working with trusted partners allows us to create meaningful change in how air cargo is moved worldwide."*

A Tri-Partnership for Progress

The collaboration with Lamprecht Transport and Swiss WorldCargo is what makes the initiative particularly compelling. Each partner plays a vital role:

- **Lamprecht Transport** coordinated the logistics chain, ensuring shipments were seamlessly managed and aligned with Belimo's sustainability goals.
- **Swiss WorldCargo** integrated SAF into its cargo operations, providing certified fuel that delivers a measurable reduction in lifecycle emissions compared with traditional jet fuel.

The result is a best-practice example of what can be achieved when shippers, forwarders, and carriers align on climate goals.

"By working hand in hand with like-minded partners, we are taking tangible steps toward our shared ambition of more sustainable air logistics," noted Gieri Hinnen, Head of Global Sales at Swiss WorldCargo.

Why SAF Matters

Sustainable Aviation Fuel is widely regarded as the most effective near-term solution for cutting aviation emissions. Produced from renewable feedstocks such as waste oils, agricultural residues, or non-fossil CO_2, SAF can reduce lifecycle greenhouse gas emissions by up to 80% compared to conventional jet fuel. Crucially, SAF is a "drop-in" fuel, requiring no modifications to existing aircraft or infrastructure.

Yet, challenges remain. Global SAF production is still less than 0.2% of total jet fuel demand, constrained by high costs and limited supply. According to the International Air Transport Association (IATA), the industry will need 450 billion liters of SAF annually by 2050 to meet its net-zero targets — a dramatic scale-up from today's availability.

That is why early investments by corporate shippers like Belimo matter. By committing to SAF now, companies send a powerful demand signal to producers, policymakers, and the aviation sector at large, helping to build the economic case for increased production capacity.

Industry in Motion

Belimo is not alone in this effort. Across the logistics landscape, multinational shippers such as DHL, Kuehne+Nagel, and DB Schenker have launched SAF partnerships with leading airlines. These programs highlight a broader trend: sustainability in air cargo is increasingly being driven by customer demand. Shippers are not only asking for greener options but also willing to co-invest in solutions that reduce emissions.

Swiss WorldCargo has been among the early movers in this space, positioning itself as a partner of choice for customers prioritizing sustainability. The collaboration with Belimo and Lamprecht adds to its portfolio of climate-focused initiatives, reinforcing its ambition to lead in decarbonized air logistics.

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A Blueprint for the Future

What makes the Belimo–Lamprecht–Swiss WorldCargo initiative noteworthy is not just its environmental impact but also the model of collaboration it represents. For too long, the conversation around aviation decarbonization has been dominated by technological challenges and regulatory hurdles. This partnership demonstrates that meaningful action is possible today when stakeholders across the supply chain pool resources and align on shared objectives.

The ripple effect is significant. Corporate initiatives like this one not only cut emissions but also shape industry norms, influence supply chain procurement strategies, and ultimately push regulators and producers to accelerate change.

Looking Ahead

As the aviation sector continues its difficult transition to a low-carbon future, SAF will remain central to the strategy. While breakthroughs in hydrogen and electric aircraft are still decades away from commercial scale, SAF provides an immediate pathway to emissions reduction. The challenge is scaling production — and that requires sustained demand, long-term investment, and collaborative frameworks such as the one pioneered by Belimo, Swiss WorldCargo, and Lamprecht Transport.

In many ways, this partnership serves as a microcosm of the industry's future: sustainability as a shared responsibility, embedded into the fabric of global trade. By aligning ambition with action, the three companies have crafted a blueprint for how shippers, forwarders, and carriers can collectively drive aviation toward a cleaner tomorrow.

And while 650 tons of CO_2e may be just the beginning, the greater impact lies in what it represents — a shift in mindset, a willingness to act, and a reminder that the path to net zero will be paved not by individual players but by collective commitment.

Virgin Atlantic Cargo Delivers £4 Million Koenigsegg Jesko Absolut from London to Los Angeles

When passengers boarded Virgin Atlantic flight VS23 from London Heathrow to Los Angeles earlier this month, few could have imagined that tucked beneath them in the aircraft's belly was a cargo far more valuable than luggage: a £4 million Koenigsegg Jesko Absolut hypercar.

The rare vehicle, one of the fastest production cars ever built, was flown 5,000 miles across the Atlantic without adding a mile to its odometer. The move was coordinated by Virgin Atlantic Cargo in partnership with logistics provider Pro-Logist, on behalf of automotive influencer Zach's Garage, who arranged the car's U.S. debut.

White-Glove Cargo in the Belly of a Passenger Flight

For Virgin Atlantic Cargo, the high-profile shipment was more than a logistics exercise; it was a





demonstration of the airline's ability to handle extraordinary cargo with precision and care. From secure loading at its dedicated Cargo Excellence (DCE) facility to meticulous handling on the tarmac, every step of the car's journey was managed under "white-glove" conditions.

"It's not every day you fly a £4 million hypercar on a passenger aircraft, but that's exactly the kind of challenge our team excels at," said **Nick Diesel, Managing Director, Virgin Atlantic Cargo.** *"From precision handling to specialist cargo processes, we're proud to offer the kind of service trusted by collectors, curators, and creators around the world. Moving this extraordinary car was a privilege and a powerful reminder of the remarkable cargo travelling beneath our customers every day."*

The behind-the-scenes operation was filmed in detail, showing the hypercar being transferred airside, secured into the aircraft hold, and carefully managed at every stage of the journey before being reunited with Zach in Los Angeles.

More Than Meets the Eye

The Koenigsegg Jesko Absolut is not only a symbol of cutting-edge automotive engineering but also a reminder of the diverse and sometimes surprising cargo carried on passenger flights. Alongside everyday goods such as mail, pharmaceuticals, and perishables, Virgin Atlantic Cargo frequently handles high-value, delicate shipments ranging from priceless artwork to luxury vehicles.

For Zach, the project offered an unprecedented glimpse into how rare vehicles are transported around the world.

"This is one of the rarest cars in the world, and the fact we flew it under holidaymakers on a regular passenger flight is just quite the concept," he said. *"It's a real look behind the curtain at how top-tier vehicles move, and the care and attention Virgin Atlantic's teams provide to make it happen."*

A Showcase of Partnership

The operation also underscored the importance of collaboration between shipper, forwarder, and carrier. Pro-Logist, which specialises in bespoke logistics solutions, worked closely with Virgin Atlantic Cargo to ensure the client's vision was realised.

"The more we understood the details and uniqueness of the client's vision, the more confident we became that we could deliver a truly memorable experience thanks to our strong partnership with Virgin Atlantic Cargo," said Silvia Tarchi, Managing Director at Pro-Logist. *"It paid off to dream big — and it was incredibly exciting for us too. This project perfectly exemplifies how work and pleasure can blend seamlessly."*

Touchdown in Los Angeles

The hypercar's journey concluded on 5 August when it arrived at Los Angeles International Airport. After being carefully unloaded, it was delivered in pristine condition to its owner and has since been appearing at automotive events across California.

For Virgin Atlantic Cargo, the successful transport of the Koenigsegg Jesko Absolut highlights not only the airline's technical capabilities but also its role in enabling unforgettable moments for clients and partners alike. It also reminds us that beneath the feet of everyday travellers, some of the world's most extraordinary cargo continues to move quietly across continents.

LATAM Cargo and Logiztik Alliance Offset Over 570 Tonnes of CO_2 in 2024, Strengthening Sustainable Air Freight Commitments

LATAM Group and Logiztik Alliance Group have announced the successful offsetting and reduction of **574.8 tonnes of CO_2 emissions** generated from cargo operations in 2024. The achievement, realised through a combination of **Sustainable Aviation Fuel (SAF)** and **certified conservation offsets**, represents approximately **15 percent** of the total export-related emissions managed by Logiztik Alliance Colombia during the year.

This joint effort forms part of LATAM Group's **"1+1: Offset to Conserve"** programme—an innovative initiative that not only addresses carbon emissions but also drives positive environmental and social outcomes through support for high-impact conservation projects in Latin America.

Dual-Action Climate Strategy: SAF and Certified Offsets

The emissions management strategy implemented by LATAM Cargo and Logiztik Alliance comprised two complementary mechanisms:

- **Emission reductions through the use of Sustainable Aviation Fuel (SAF)**, applied under both **Book-and-Claim** and **Mass-Balance** systems.
- **Carbon offsets through LATAM's "1+1: Offset to Conserve" programme**, which channels contributions into certified conservation projects that protect biodiversity and enhance ecosystem resilience.

In total, **566.89 tonnes of CO_2** were offset through verified conservation actions, while the remainder reflected reductions achieved through SAF deployment. According to data from the **U.S. Environmental Protection Agency**, the cumulative impact corresponds to the annual emissions of approximately **125 passenger vehicles**.



Sustainable Aviation Fuel: Decarbonising Air Cargo Operations

The SAF used in this initiative was **Neste MY Sustainable Aviation Fuel™**, produced from renewable waste and residue materials, primarily animal fat. When blended with conventional jet fuel, Neste MY SAF™ can deliver up to **74 percent lower lifecycle greenhouse gas emissions** compared with fossil-based aviation fuels.

By utilising SAF through **Book-and-Claim** and **Mass-Balance** certification methodologies, LATAM Cargo enables customers such as Logiztik Alliance to contribute to real, measurable reductions in aviation-related carbon intensity, even when the physical fuel is used elsewhere in the network.

Supporting Conservation and Communities in Colombia's Orinoquía Region

Beyond direct emission reductions, LATAM and Logiztik's offsetting efforts supported **CO2Bio**, a project recognised under the **Verified Carbon Standard (VCS)** and the **BioCarbon Standard** for its high environmental and social value.

Located in the **Orinoquía region of Colombia**, CO2Bio focuses on protecting floodplain savannas—vital

ecosystems that serve as carbon sinks and support diverse wildlife habitats. The initiative also delivers social benefits by promoting sustainable land management, biodiversity conservation, and improved livelihoods for local communities.

A Shared Vision for Net-Zero Air Logistics

Cristina Oñate, Vice President of Sustainability and Product at LATAM Cargo Group, emphasised the strategic value of collaborative emission management:

"Together with Logiztik Alliance, we share the conviction that managing industry emissions requires multiple solutions. This collaboration—combining the strategic use of SAF with high-impact conservation projects—demonstrates how partnerships across the logistics chain can advance measurable progress towards **net-zero emissions by 2050**. It also reinforces our commitment to a cargo operation that integrates efficiency, innovation, and environmental responsibility."

Jaime Muñoz, General Manager of Logiztik Alliance Colombia, underscored the importance of sustainability as a competitive imperative:

"In a context where both market expectations and international regulations demand greater environmental accountability, acting with commitment is not only a duty but also a strategic necessity. At Logiztik Alliance, we believe that collaboration multiplies impact. Our partnership with LATAM Group showcases how efficiency, innovation, and climate action can converge in every international operation. We encourage our clients to join us in expanding these efforts to generate lasting positive change."

Advancing Regional Climate Leadership

The collaboration between LATAM Cargo and Logiztik Alliance demonstrates a scalable, results-driven model for integrating **climate responsibility into air cargo operations**. By combining cleaner fuels with conservation-based offsets, the two companies are not only addressing immediate emissions but also contributing to long-term ecosystem preservation and the transition towards sustainable logistics across Latin America.

As LATAM Group continues its regional leadership in sustainability—anchored by its **2050 net-zero target** and its emphasis on operational efficiency and ecological conservation—the partnership with Logiztik Alliance serves as a tangible example of how the cargo industry can balance growth with environmental stewardship.

Lufthansa Cargo is testing new scanning technologies in its warehouses



Lufthansa Cargo continues to actively drive forward the digitalisation of the air freight industry, constantly testing new technologies to increase operational efficiency. Most recently, artificial intelligence has been used increasingly during the booking process. To handle freight more efficiently in the warehouse and load aircraft more profitably, the cargo airline is currently trialling new measurement methods using computer vision in Frankfurt and Los Angeles.

Two different companies are working with Lufthansa Cargo at the Frankfurt Cargo Centre and in Los Angeles to test new cargo measurement technologies in daily operations. Shipments are scanned on the conveyor belt or forklift truck during ongoing operations, eliminating the need for an additional process step in the storage or loading process. The freight's actual dimensions are measured automatically and provided in real time, which will prevent discrepancies between declared and recorded dimensions in the future. This data can be used to optimise the entire transport chain, enabling aircraft to be utilised more efficiently, storage space to be evaluated more effectively, and onward transport routes to be planned more accurately.

Until now, this step has been carried out using laser scanners and manual checks. However, newer technologies can perform this task much more efficiently and accurately. Once the test phase is complete, Lufthansa Cargo will decide how these technologies can be used long-term, and whether they can be used at other locations.

TezJet Airlines Appoints Aeroprime Group as Exclusive GSA in India, Strengthening Air Links Between India and Kyrgyzstan



- *TezJet Airlines has appointed Aeroprime Group as its exclusive GSA in India for passenger and cargo services, ahead of launching direct Delhi–Bishkek flights in December 2025.*
- *The partnership aims to boost tourism and trade between India and Kyrgyzstan, enhancing passenger convenience and cargo connectivity across key sectors.*
- *Aeroprime will oversee TezJet's sales, marketing, and customer support in India, strengthening the airline's regional presence and commercial growth.*

Direct Delhi–Bishkek flights launching December 2025 to boost passenger connectivity and trade flows between the two nations.

In a significant move to expand its international footprint, **TezJet Airlines**, one of Kyrgyzstan's leading carriers, has appointed **Aeroprime Group** as its **exclusive General Sales Agent (GSA) in India** for both passenger and cargo services. The strategic partnership marks TezJet's formal entry into the Indian market—one of the world's fastest-growing aviation hubs—and underscores the airline's commitment to building stronger air, trade, and tourism ties

between **India and the Kyrgyz Republic**.

Under this agreement, Aeroprime Group will spearhead **TezJet's sales, marketing, and customer service operations** in India, offering dedicated support for both passenger and freight segments. The appointment comes ahead of the airline's planned launch of **direct flights between New Delhi and Bishkek in December 2025**, a long-awaited route that promises to transform connectivity between the two countries.

Unlocking a New Gateway to Central Asia

The launch of **non-stop Delhi–Bishkek services** by TezJet marks a pivotal development in India–Central Asia aviation. The new route will replace multi-stop connections that previously took up to 26 hours with a **direct flight of under four hours**, offering Indian travelers and businesses unprecedented ease of access to Kyrgyzstan.

"India is one of the most dynamic and growing markets in Asia, and we are delighted to partner with Aeroprime Group to represent us here," said **Mr. Arun Kumar, President & CEO of TezJet Airlines**. *"With their expertise in aviation sales and marketing, we are confident of building a strong presence in India while strengthening people-to-people and business connections between our two nations."*

TezJet, established in 2013, initially operated domestic routes within Kyrgyzstan and has steadily expanded to serve key international destinations. The India partnership forms part of the airline's broader strategy to enhance its regional network and position Bishkek as a **transit and trade hub for Central Asia**.

Aeroprime Group: Expanding Opportunities for Trade and Travel

Aeroprime Group, headquartered in New Delhi, brings extensive experience in airline representation, cargo management, and customer service. The company has established a reputation for delivering strong commercial performance and market reach for international carriers operating in India.

As TezJet's exclusive GSA, Aeroprime will manage **sales, marketing, reservations, and cargo operations**, while also promoting the airline's new services among Indian travel agencies, corporates, and freight forwarders.

"We are proud to be appointed as TezJet's exclusive GSA in India," said **Mr. Abhishek Goyal, Executive Director & CEO of Aeroprime Group**. *"This collaboration will open up new travel and trade corridors between India and Kyrgyzstan, offering Indian passengers a unique Central Asian destination and businesses seamless cargo connectivity to new markets."*

Boosting Cargo and Commerce Between India and Kyrgyzstan

Beyond tourism, the Delhi–Bishkek route holds significant promise for **air cargo growth**. The direct connection will streamline logistics between the two nations, cutting **transit times and costs** for Indian exporters in **pharmaceuticals, textiles, machinery, automotive components, and agricultural products**.

By enabling faster, more reliable air transport, the route will support **time-sensitive and high-value shipments**, while positioning Bishkek as a strategic gateway for Indian trade with Central Asia and beyond. The new air link also aligns with India's growing interest in **expanding economic engagement with Central Asian economies**, which form part of a vital trade and energy corridor.

A New Horizon for Tourism and Cultural Exchange

Kyrgyzstan, often referred to as the **"Switzerland of Central Asia"**, offers dramatic mountain landscapes, glacial lakes, and rich cultural heritage that remain largely unexplored by Indian travelers. The direct TezJet flights will make it easier for visitors to



experience the **stunning Issyk-Kul Lake**, **vibrant bazaars of Bishkek**, and **ancient Silk Road sites**, opening a new chapter in experiential travel between the two regions.

"By connecting Delhi and Bishkek directly, TezJet is not just launching a route—it's building a bridge," noted Kumar. *"A bridge that connects cultures, commerce, and communities."*

Strengthening Bilateral Relations

The partnership between TezJet and Aeroprime comes at an opportune time, as **India and Kyrgyzstan deepen cooperation across trade, education, and tourism**. The new flight will enhance people-to-people exchanges, promote investment, and contribute to both countries' strategic goal of greater regional connectivity.

With **Aeroprime Group's strong presence in the Indian aviation market** and TezJet's commitment to expanding its global reach, the collaboration is set to deliver mutual benefits—stimulating trade, tourism, and economic development between South and Central Asia.

In summary, the TezJet–Aeroprime partnership signals more than just a new air service—it marks the opening of a dynamic new corridor of opportunity between India and Kyrgyzstan, poised to redefine connectivity and commerce in the region.

Embraer Delivers 62 Aircraft in Q3 2025, Marking a 5% Year-on-Year Growth

- *Embraer, a global leader in the aerospace industry, delivered 62 aircraft in 3Q25.*
- *The result represented a marginal improvement compared to 2Q25 and 3Q24, when 61 and 59 jets were delivered, respectively.*



Brazilian manufacturer maintains steady momentum across commercial, executive, and defense segments amid robust global demand.

Brazilian aircraft manufacturer **Embraer** reported the delivery of **62 aircraft in the third quarter of 2025**, representing a **5% increase** compared to the same period last year when 59 aircraft were handed over to customers. The figure also slightly exceeded the company's performance in the previous quarter (61 deliveries), reflecting sustained production stability across its key business divisions — **Commercial Aviation**, **Executive Jets**, and **Defense & Security**.

Commercial Aviation Leads with Strong E2 Jet Deliveries

Embraer's **Commercial Aviation** unit accounted for **20 aircraft deliveries** during the quarter, up from 16 in Q3 2024 and 19 in Q2 2025. More than half of these were **E195-E2 models** — the largest and most fuel-efficient aircraft in Embraer's current commercial lineup.

The E2 family, positioned as a key competitor in the 70- to 130-seat market, continues to gain traction among regional and low-cost carriers seeking greater efficiency and lower operating costs. The model's growing adoption underscores Embraer's strategy of capturing market share amid rising demand for next-generation regional jets, particularly as airlines renew fleets to meet sustainability and capacity goals.

Executive Jets Remain a Core Growth Driver

In its **Executive Aviation** segment, Embraer delivered **41 business jets**, matching the 41 units recorded in

Q3 2024 and slightly ahead of the 38 delivered in the previous quarter.

The **Phenom 300** remained the standout performer, with **20 units delivered** during the period. Celebrated as the **fastest light jet in production** and a market leader for **13 consecutive years**, the Phenom 300 continues to be a cornerstone of Embraer's executive portfolio, reinforcing the manufacturer's dominance in the light-jet category.

The **Praetor 500 and 600** models also contributed to deliveries, reflecting sustained global demand for midsize and super-midsize jets among private, charter, and corporate operators.

Defense Segment Adds to Overall Performance

In its **Defense & Security** division, Embraer delivered **one KC-390 Millennium**, its multi-mission military transport aircraft, during the quarter. The KC-390 continues to serve multiple air forces worldwide and remains one of the most versatile tactical airlift platforms in its class, capable of performing cargo, troop, and humanitarian missions.

Outlook: Deliveries on Track for 2025 Targets

Cumulatively, through the first nine months of 2025, Embraer has delivered **46 commercial** and **102 executive jets**, placing the manufacturer on track to meet its **annual delivery guidance**.

The company forecasts **77 to 85 commercial aircraft** and **145 to 155 executive jets** for the full year — implying year-on-year growth of roughly **10% and 15%**, respectively, at the midpoint of the range.

While analysts noted that Q3 performance was "**likely to be taken as lukewarm by the market**," they acknowledged that deliveries remain **on pace to reach the lower end of Embraer's full-year guidance**, suggesting a stable production outlook heading into the final quarter.

Steady Momentum Amid a Competitive Landscape

As the **world's third-largest aircraft manufacturer**, Embraer continues to strengthen its position across commercial and executive aviation, capitalizing on post-pandemic fleet renewal cycles and growing demand for efficient regional connectivity.

With steady quarter-over-quarter performance and a diversified portfolio spanning regional jets, business aviation, and defense, Embraer is poised to sustain its growth trajectory into 2026 — supported by a healthy backlog, new product innovation, and strong customer demand across key markets.

Lufthansa Cargo Unveils Interactive Pharma Station Map

In a separate digital innovation, Lufthansa Cargo has launched a new interactive map showcasing its global network of Pharma Stations — a move designed to enhance customer visibility and convenience for temperature-sensitive airfreight.

Accessible via Lufthansa Cargo's website under the "Passive Temp Support" and "Active Temp Control" product pages, the map provides detailed information on more than 200 stations worldwide, including over 30 CEIV- or GDP-certified facilities and 125 temperature-controlled locations across both the 2°C–8°C and 15°C–25°C ranges.

The map also highlights Lufthansa Cargo's CEIV-certified pharma processes, giving shippers a clear overview of capabilities and infrastructure for compliant, reliable handling of pharmaceutical goods.

This digital tool reinforces Lufthansa Cargo's position as one of the world's leading carriers for temperature-sensitive logistics, combining physical network strength with digital transparency to support the growing demands of the global healthcare supply chain.



Icelandair Cargo Expands GSSA Partnership with Strike Aviation Across Central and Eastern Europe



Icelandair Cargo has broadened its General Sales and Service Agent (GSSA) partnership with Strike Aviation, extending its reach across several key markets in Central and Eastern Europe. The expanded agreement now sees Strike Aviation representing the airline in Poland, Slovakia, Slovenia, Romania, Bulgaria, the Czech Republic, Hungary, and Ukraine.

This expansion builds on Strike Aviation's earlier arrangement covering the Baltic states—Estonia, Latvia, and Lithuania—which began in June 2025. With this extension, Icelandair Cargo strengthens its presence across a wider regional network, offering more seamless connectivity for freight forwarders and logistics partners.

According to Icelandair Cargo's network information, Prague is directly served, while other countries in the agreement are accessible via nearby hubs, including Berlin, Salzburg, Munich, and Verona.

Andrius Antanaitis, Director of Business Development for Europe at Strike Aviation, commented on the expansion:

"This development highlights Strike Aviation's growing role as a trusted GSSA partner and marks an important milestone in reinforcing our footprint across Central and Eastern Europe. It further supports Icelandair Cargo's presence in these strategic markets. With Icelandair's combined passenger and freighter operations, we see strong potential for synergies and are excited about the opportunities this collaboration will unlock."

Icelandair Cargo has been actively expanding its network in recent months. The airline re-entered the Turkish market with the launch of a new service between Keflavik and Istanbul, operating four times per week with its Boeing 737 MAX fleet.

The airline maintains a versatile fleet of nearly 50 aircraft, including two dedicated Boeing 767 freighters. Icelandair Cargo has also strengthened its interline network, recently signing an agreement with Uzbekistan-based My Freighter, enhancing its access to Central Asian markets.

The partnership with Strike Aviation underscores Icelandair Cargo's strategic focus on leveraging strong local representation to expand its market presence, streamline cargo operations, and create new opportunities for freight connectivity across Europe.

Delta Cargo Streamlines US Export and Domestic Rates with All-In Pricing

Delta Cargo has overhauled its US domestic and export rate structure, introducing an "all-in" pricing model effective 1 October. The move consolidates standard cargo surcharges into a single quoted rate, simplifying the quoting process and providing customers with a clearer view of shipping costs.

While screening fees, taxes, and ancillary charges will remain itemized, Delta Cargo emphasized that the new structure is **not a price increase**. The airline said the change is intended solely to improve transparency and make shipment quoting more straightforward.

"This simplified pricing enhancement reflects feedback from our customers and underscores our commitment to making it easier to do business with Delta Cargo," the airline said. "It provides a clear, upfront view of the total cost for shipments, helping our partners plan more efficiently."

Context in the Industry

All-in pricing has been a recurring experiment in the air cargo sector, as airlines aim to reduce complexity for shippers and forwarders. Historically, carriers have attempted to bundle charges such as fuel surcharges into base rates. While initially welcomed for its simplicity, some airlines have reverted to separate surcharges to maintain flexibility in volatile markets.

Delta Cargo's adoption of all-in pricing positions the airline alongside peers seeking to balance clarity with operational flexibility. The move reinforces its focus on customer-centric solutions while navigating a complex and evolving US export landscape.



Maastricht Aachen Airport welcomes Avianca Cargo

Colombian carrier confirms two flights in MST's weekly schedule connecting Europe to Latin America

Maastricht Aachen Airport (MST) has added two new cargo flights to its weekly schedule following an agreement with Colombian airline Avianca Cargo.

Starting October 2025, the South American airline will operate flights to and from the Dutch airport with an Airbus A330, which has a maximum payload capacity of 61 tons.

The additional routes will contribute to the upward trend in air cargo volumes that the airport has witnessed this year.

In the first eight months of 2025, MST saw a 25 per cent increase in cargo volumes in comparison to the same period last year.

Growth has been bolstered by the expansion of operations by Turkish Cargo and Emirates SkyCargo, as well as the arrival of My Freighter and Ethiopian Cargo.

"We are proud that, after My Freighter, Avianca Cargo has now also chosen Maastricht Aachen Airport," said Dean Boljuncic, Head of Commercial Development, Maastricht Aachen Airport.

"With every new route, we increase the international connectivity of our airport. Our team is ready to introduce Avianca to the excellent and unbeatable handling for which MST is known."

Connecting Quito, Miami, Maastricht, and Zaragoza, Avianca will import flowers from South America to Europe and export clothing for a prominent high-street fashion chain in Europe.

"In October 2025, we will begin transporting cargo from Latin America to Maastricht, a key connection point, and we look forward to continuing to grow at this strategic hub," said María Ximena Marín Morales, Communication Manager, Business Units, Avianca.



Suparna Airlines Takes Delivery of Its First Boeing 777 Freighter



Suparna Airlines has taken delivery of its first Boeing 777 freighter, marking a significant step in the Chinese carrier's fleet expansion and underscoring renewed momentum in U.S.–China aerospace trade.

The newly delivered aircraft, registered **B-227U (MSN 70288)**, completed its delivery flight from Everett (PAE) to Nanjing (NKG) on **September 25**, covering the 12-hour journey in just over six minutes more than half a day, according to Flightradar24 data. With the addition of the widebody freighter, Suparna Airlines' fleet now comprises **14 aircraft**, including three Boeing 747-400Fs and ten Boeing 737-800s. The carrier also has **one more Boeing 777 freighter on order**, according to Planespotters.net.

The delivery marks the **first new-build Boeing 777 freighter** received by a Chinese airline since the start of the U.S.–China tariff dispute, Reuters reported. However, Boeing's latest delivery data, updated through August 31, 2025, indicates that several Chinese operators have since resumed receiving 777Fs. This year alone, **Air China Cargo** took delivery of two aircraft, **China Southern Airlines** added two more, and **CES Leasing Corporation**—the leasing arm of China Eastern Airlines—accepted four units between April and August.

Boeing confirmed Suparna's latest delivery via its official WeChat account, noting that nearly **60 Boeing 777 freighters** are now in service with six Chinese carriers. The milestone highlights a gradual recovery in bilateral aviation relations following years of restricted aircraft deliveries amid trade tensions.

Founded in 2002 as **Yangtze River Express**, Suparna Airlines began as a cargo-focused operator based at Shanghai Pudong International Airport. The airline expanded into passenger operations in 2015 under the name **Yangtze River Airlines**, before rebranding as Suparna Airlines. Today, it remains the **only HNA Aviation Group carrier** operating both passenger and cargo services.

The arrival of the Boeing 777F strengthens Suparna's long-haul cargo capabilities, enabling it to serve intercontinental markets more efficiently with higher payload capacity and lower fuel burn. The milestone also reflects renewed confidence in China's airfreight sector, as trade activity and cross-border e-commerce continue to surge.

Industry observers note that Boeing is currently in talks to sell as many as **500 aircraft to China**, according to Bloomberg. Meanwhile, a delegation of U.S. lawmakers visiting Beijing this week said they had discussed a potential agreement for China to commit to additional Boeing purchases, signalling optimism for future aerospace cooperation between the two countries.

In Brief

Suparna Airlines has taken delivery of its first Boeing 777 freighter which marks the first new-build freighter delivered to a Chinese airline since a U.S.-China trade dispute froze deliveries. The new aircraft, registered as B-227U, arrived in Nanjing, China, the day after its handover in the United States. This delivery is part of the airline's plan to transition to a fleet of up to ten Boeing 777 freighters by 2027, replacing its current Boeing 747-400 freighters.

First delivery:

This is the first of two Boeing 777 freighters Suparna Airlines has on order and is the first new-build freighter delivery to a Chinese carrier since the U.S.-China trade war.

Delivery timeline:

The aircraft was delivered on September 24, 2025, and flew from Everett, Washington, to Nanjing, China, arriving on September 25.

Aircraft details:

The new freighter is a Boeing 777-200F, powered by GE90-110BL engines.

Airline's plans:

The delivery is a key step in Suparna Airlines' strategy to modernize its fleet and increase its cargo capacity, with plans to eventually operate up to ten Boeing 777 freighters.

Fleet context:

This new addition will join the airline's existing fleet of three Boeing 747-400 freighters and ten Boeing 737-800 passenger aircraft.

Turkish Airlines Orders up to 75 Boeing 787 Dreamliners, Commits to More 737 MAX Jets



- *Global carrier grows its 787 Dreamliner order book to support growth, fleet renewal*
- *Commitment to purchase up to 150 737 MAX jets will be the airline's largest Boeing single-aisle order*
- *Flying to more countries than any other airline worldwide, Turkish Airlines is taking another significant step forward in line with its strategic growth plans.*
- *The national flag carrier has reached an agreement with Boeing and will add a total of 75 wide-body Boeing 787-9 and 787-10 aircraft to its fleet between 2029 and 2034, consisting of 50 firm and 25 option orders within this scope.*
- *Boeing and Turkish Airlines have announced a firm order for up to 75 787 Dreamliners, the flag carrier's largest ever Boeing wide body purchase. The deal includes 35 of the 787-9 model, 15 of the larger 787-10, and options for 25 787 Dreamliners to grow and modernize the airline's fleet. The new order will support more than 123,000 jobs across the U.S.*

The airline also announced its intent to purchase up to 150 more 737 MAX airplanes, which will be its largest Boeing single-aisle order when finalized. The 787 and 737 MAX orders combined will double Turkish Airlines' Boeing fleet as the carrier expands its capacity and network.

"This landmark agreement represents much more than fleet growth. It is a reflection of our leadership in the industry as well as our dedication to innovation and operational excellence," said **Prof. Ahmet Bolat, Turkish Airlines Chairman of the Board and the Executive Committee.** *"The addition of these advanced Boeing aircraft to our fleet will not only enhance our operational capabilities but also become a significant element supporting Turkish Airlines' 2033 Vision of expanding our fleet to 800 aircraft."*

Across a network that reaches the most countries of any airline in the world, Turkish Airlines operates more than 200 Boeing jets today, including the 787-9, 777, 737 MAX, Next-Generation 737 and 777 Freighter airplanes.

Adding the larger 787-10 to its future fleet will enable Turkish Airlines to benefit from additional passenger and cargo capacity while improving fuel efficiency on high-demand routes between Istanbul and destinations in the U.S., Africa, Southeast Asia and the Middle East.

The 787-10, like the 787-9, also offers superior passenger comfort with the largest windows of any widebody jet, air that is less dry and pressurized at a lower cabin altitude, and technology that senses and counters turbulence for a smoother ride.

"We are honored that Turkish Airlines has once again chosen the 787 Dreamliner and 737 MAX to power its future growth," said **Stephanie Pope, president and CEO of Boeing Commercial Airplanes.**

The addition of these advanced Boeing aircraft to our fleet will not only enhance our operational capabilities but also become a significant element supporting Turkish Airlines' 2033 Vision of expanding our fleet to 800 aircraft.

Turkish Airlines is one of the global operators that have made the 787 a versatile component of their long-haul fleets. With more than 1,200 airplanes delivered, the 787 Dreamliner family serves about 500,000 passengers daily and connects the most countries of any widebody fleet.

Pope added, "As a proud partner to Türkiye and the Turkish aviation industry for 80 years, we look forward to continuing our support of Turkish Airlines as they expand operations and deliver exceptional experiences to their passengers."

For eight decades, Boeing has supported Türkiye's airline operators with commercial jets and services, as well as the government with defense platforms.

With offices in Ankara and Istanbul, Boeing has invested $2 billion in supply chain development, creating nearly 5,000 jobs in Türkiye. These investments foster growth in the local aerospace sector, promote innovation, and enhance the integration of Turkish industry into the global aerospace supply chain through its supplier development program.

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Silk Way AFEZCO and ExecuJet announce partnership with FBO development at new Alat International Airport and Gulfstream G500 management



Silk Way AFEZCO, part of the Silk Way Group, is proud to announce a partnership with ExecuJet, part of the Luxaviation Group, one of the world's largest business aircraft and helicopter operators that brings together two major developments for the future of business aviation in Azerbaijan.

Silk Way AFEZCO and ExecuJet will jointly develop a next-generation Fixed Base Operation (FBO) at the new Alat International Airport, strategically located south of Baku. In parallel, both parties have signed an Aircraft Management Agreement for Silk Way AFEZCO new Gulfstream G500, marking Luxaviation Group's entry into the Azerbaijani market with the management of the country's first aircraft of this type.

The collaboration also includes a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) to establish a joint venture at the Alat Free Economic Zone (AFEZ). The venture aims to create a comprehensive aviation services hub, reinforcing Azerbaijan's position as a strategic gateway between Europe, Asia and the Middle East.

Patrick Hansen, CEO of Luxaviation Group, comments: *"This is a milestone partnership for Luxaviation and ExecuJet as we expand into Azerbaijan market. By combining Silk Way AFEZCO strong regional expertise with our global experience in premium FBO and aircraft management services, we are setting new benchmarks for quality, efficiency, and customer hospitality in the Caspian region."*

Jawad Dbila, Chief Executive Officer of Silk Way AFEZCO adds: *"We are proud to partner with ExecuJet to elevate Azerbaijan's role in global business aviation. The FBO at Alat International Airport and the joint venture at AFEZ will provide unmatched services for operators and passengers alike. Alongside the introduction of our new Gulfstream G500 under ExecuJet's management, we are investing in the future of aviation in our country."*

The Aircraft Management Agreement ensures comprehensive support for Silk Way AFEZCO' Gulfstream G500, including operations, flight planning, maintenance oversight and crew management. With its speed, range and cutting-edge technology, the G500 is perfectly suited for executive and diplomatic travel from Azerbaijan's central location.

Construction of the Alat International Airport FBO is expected to commence at the end of 2025, with an anticipated opening in early 2027. The design will draw inspiration from ExecuJet's award-winning flagship facility at Dubai Al Maktoum International Airport (DWC), widely recognised as one of the world's leading business aviation terminals.

This partnership comes at a pivotal time as Azerbaijan continues to experience rapid growth in energy, commerce and tourism, driving increasing demand for premium aviation solutions.

Turkish Cargo strengthens its fleet with 4 new Boeing 777 Freighters





Turkish Airlines' global air cargo brand, Turkish Cargo, has added its **ninth Boeing 777 Freighter (777F)** to its fleet. The carrier will take delivery of three additional Boeing 777F by mid-2026.

Standing out with its high efficiency, fuel savings, and technical reliability on intercontinental flights, the Boeing 777F will operate on long-haul scheduled routes with its 9200 km nonstop range, primarily to the Americas and the Far East.

Turkish Airlines Chief Cargo Officer Ali Türk stated**:** *"As Turkish Cargo, we will expand our Boeing 777F fleet to 12 aircraft in 2026, gaining an additional annual capacity of approximately 220,000 tons. This growth will contribute to our fleet streamlining and sustainability goals, while enabling us to offer our business partners greater capacity.*

Beyond the advantages of fleet expansion, further addition of the Boeing 777F aircraft represents a strategic investment that enhances our operational capabilities with its extended range, superior payload capacity, and enhanced fuel efficiency. Guided by our growth strategy centered on wide-body freighters, Turkish Cargo will continue to deliver effective solutions to the needs of global trade.

Boeing Vice President of Sales and Marketing, Eurasia and India Paul Righi said: *«We are excited to build on our partnership and support Turkish Cargo in its growth strategy with more 777 Freighters joining their fleet. The unique capabilities of the 777 Freighter will enhance their operations with the capacity and reach to support growing cargo market demand."*

Being one of the fastest-growing air cargo brands in the world, Turkish Cargo today provides services to more than 350 destinations in 134 countries and transports approximately 2 million tons of air cargo annually.

Within the scope of **Turkish Airlines' 2033 Vision** and its target of a fleet of **813** aircraft, Turkish Cargo aims to increase its freighter fleet from **28 to 44**. This growth is supported by the **SMARTIST 2.0** investment, digitalization efforts, special cargo solutions, and a team of dedicated experts.

With the enhanced capacity and operational capability provided by the modern fleet, Istanbul's position of being a strategic hub in global air transport is being reinforced further.

7Air Teams Up with Air Cargo Pack to Launch Miami–Georgetown Airfreight Service



Miami-based carrier 7Air has partnered with Air Cargo Pack (Guyana) to introduce direct air cargo operations between Miami and Georgetown, Guyana, reinforcing logistics connectivity amid the country's surging trade demand.

The newly FAA Part 121-certified airline, which received its Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) certification in February 2025, confirmed the partnership in a LinkedIn announcement on 3 October. Under the agreement, 7Air will deploy Boeing 737-800 freighters on the route, transporting a diverse mix of cargo including perishables, pharmaceuticals, industrial equipment, retail goods, and e-commerce shipments.

Air Cargo Pack (Guyana) will act as the local ground representative, managing sales, bookings, and customer support in Georgetown, ensuring seamless service for importers and exporters.

"Our mission has always been to connect businesses with speed, reliability, and flexibility," said Michael Mendez, Chief Executive of 7Air. "This partnership with Air Cargo Pack allows us to deliver on that promise in Guyana at a time when efficient logistics are vital to its economic growth."

The launch of this dedicated Miami–Georgetown service comes as Guyana experiences rising demand for rapid and reliable freight solutions, driven by the country's expanding economy and increasing trade volumes. By offering direct flights, 7Air and Air Cargo Pack aim to improve delivery times, strengthen just-in-time supply chains, and unlock new opportunities for businesses across multiple sectors.

7Air has been steadily expanding its footprint across Central America and the Caribbean. In September, the airline added flights to Costa Rica and Antigua, further consolidating its regional presence.

Air Cargo Pack (Guyana) is a well-established logistics provider, offering airfreight services between Guyana and key international markets including Colombia, Brazil, Mexico, Panama, and the United States. The collaboration with 7Air marks a significant step in enhancing connectivity between Miami and Guyana, catering to growing demand for reliable and time-sensitive cargo transport.



Lufthansa Cargo and DSV Complete Successful Pilot Project for Semiconductor Transport

In a major step toward strengthening logistics solutions for the high-tech manufacturing sector, Lufthansa Cargo and global transport and logistics provider DSV have completed a pilot project to safely transport highly sensitive semiconductor production machinery from Japan to Germany.

The initiative, which concluded with three successful test shipments between Narita, Frankfurt, and Dresden, marks a significant milestone in developing specialised airfreight solutions for the semiconductor industry. In this sector, precision, reliability, and temperature control are critical.

"We wanted to demonstrate that we have the necessary product and service components at hand to address the unique requirements of the semiconductor industry," said **Brinthavani Ehanantharajah-Przybilla, Senior Manager Industry Development – Semiconductors at Lufthansa Cargo.**

Tailored Solutions for a Precision Industry

Semiconductor manufacturing equipment is among the most delicate cargo types handled in global logistics, being extremely sensitive to vibration, tilting, and temperature fluctuations. Any deviation during transport can lead to costly damage or operational downtime for chip producers.

To address these challenges, Lufthansa Cargo and DSV conducted an intensive workshop in June 2025, bringing together teams from Tokyo, Frankfurt, and Dresden to define requirements and fine-tune processes for import handling at Frankfurt Airport (FRA).

The partners developed a detailed operational framework featuring shock and tilt sensors, temperature monitoring, and strict handling protocols supported by comprehensive checklists.

Following the workshop, two test shipments in August and a third in September were executed via Lufthansa Cargo's network, each arriving safely and meeting all technical specifications.

"These test runs have shown that we can meet the high requirements of the semiconductor industry," said **Kazuhiro Enya, Sales Manager Eastern Japan, Lufthansa Cargo.**

Cross-Functional Collaboration at the Core

The success of the project reflected close cooperation across multiple Lufthansa Cargo departments. The sales team in Japan, the industry development experts in Frankfurt, and the handling and time:matters teams at Frankfurt Airport worked hand in hand to design and implement the trial.

Oliver Blum, Head of Airmail, Courier & Perishable Handling Frankfurt, underscored the value of teamwork:

"The key to success was that each side was able to contribute its perspective, from sales to handling. This allowed us to learn from each other and create a solution together."

Lufthansa Cargo's time:matters Courier Terminal, known for its expertise in special and high-value cargo handling, played a pivotal role in ensuring safe ground operations and swift transit through Frankfurt.

Laying the Foundation for Future Semiconductor Shipments

With the successful completion of the pilot, Lufthansa Cargo and DSV have established a blueprint for future semiconductor logistics, providing customers with a tested and scalable solution tailored to the industry's exacting standards.

Lufthansa Cargo is now working to integrate the specific handling requirements for semiconductor shipments directly into its digital booking and operational systems, further enhancing transparency and reliability for customers.

This achievement underlines Lufthansa Cargo's continued focus on industry-specific transport solutions that combine advanced technology, operational precision, and collaborative expertise across its global network.



Magma Aviation Expands Fleet with New B747F, Reinforcing Global Growth Strategy



Magma Aviation continues to demonstrate strong growth, with its global expansion reflected in **new routes, an international team, and fleet enhancements** across both narrow-body and wide-body aircraft.

As the last quarter of 2025 begins, the airline announced the **addition of a new B747F freighter** to its fleet, a move designed to support ambitious growth plans in the coming years.

"With a new B747F aircraft added to our fleet, this increases our overall capacity," said **Peter Kerins, CEO of Magma Aviation**.

"It will give us the ability not only to service our current clients but also to open new routes and expand the services our customers are seeking."

Magma Aviation has reaffirmed its long-term vision to **dramatically grow its fleet** over the next several years, with the new B747F forming a key part of this strategy.

"Our network performance is already exceptionally high, and this addition allows us to offer more services with complete confidence in our service delivery," Kerins added.

B747F Freighters: Cornerstone of Specialized Cargo Operations

Despite the arrival of newer-generation freighters in the market, the **B747F remains one of the most capable aircraft in air cargo**, offering a payload of over **100 tons per flight**. This capacity enables Magma to handle a wide range of sensitive and specialized shipments, from outsized machinery to full-size helicopters, boats, and other complex cargo.

"In the past, we have successfully transported specialized and outsized loads, and the addition of this B747F gives us a significant advantage in diversifying the products we offer," Kerins explained.

Strategic and Controlled Fleet Expansion

Magma emphasizes that fleet growth must be **carefully managed**, particularly as aircraft lease rates rise.

"Magma's operations team is the best in the business," Kerins said.

"All standard operating procedures and service level agreements are in place. Every step of the aircraft's introduction — from route planning and handling arrangements to ULD provisioning — has been meticulously prepared using our bespoke planning system."

Looking ahead, Magma Aviation aims to **triple its fleet by 2030**, integrating a mix of **wide-body aircraft**, including the **B777F and additional B747Fs**, to meet growing demand and further strengthen its global network.

With this measured expansion, Magma Aviation is positioning itself as a **leading player in global cargo**, capable of delivering high-volume, specialized, and complex shipments with efficiency and reliability.

Global K9 to provide KLM with canine cargo screening at AMS

First European airline partnership marks a major milestone in the screening provider's ongoing global expansion



From left to right: Kester Meijer, Director Operational Integrity, Compliance & Safety, KLM Cargo, and Chris Daniels, Chief Commercial Officer, Global K9, at Aviation Connect in Copenhagen, Denmark

Copenhagen, Denmark, Wednesday 15th October 2025: Global K9 (GK9) has been appointed by KLM Royal Dutch Airlines (KLM) to provide free running explosive detection dogs (FREDDs) at the airline's hub, Amsterdam Airport Schiphol (AMS).

A total of four canine teams have been stationed at AMS, where they will support KLM Cargo's screening operations in compliance with EU and Dutch regulatory frameworks.

"We've been working closely with KLM's compliance and safety team to develop a screening model that can seamlessly integrate within its cargo operations," said Chris Daniels, Chief Commercial Officer, GK9.

"Consolidated FREDD teams is a preferred screening option for high-throughput cargo environments such as KLM Cargo at Schiphol, and a necessary step in bolstering security at one of Europe's busiest cargo hubs."

The agreement marks GK9's first airline partnership in Europe.

"Our operations at Schiphol demand screening methods that can adapt to constant movement," said Kester Meijer, Director Operational Integrity, Compliance & Safety, KLM Cargo.

"GK9's FREDD teams offer the mobility and responsiveness needed to do this at scale, without interrupting cargo flows, and, more importantly, maintaining high security standards."

The partnership also includes further training in Remote Explosive Scent Tracing (REST), using air sampling and canine detection to identify explosive traces in sealed or consolidated cargo without disrupting handling.

GK9 currently works with seven airlines across the US: American Airlines, Delta Air Lines, DHL Aviation, LATAM Airlines, Lufthansa, United Airlines, and UPS Airlines.

This latest agreement builds on GK9's European expansion strategy, following a strategic partnership with a Dutch screening provider, and the acquisition of a UK-based canine training company in late 2024.

The announcement was made at this year's Aviation Connect event, held in Copenhagen, Denmark, from 14-16th October.

THAI Airways appoints Unilode Aviation Solutions as its full ULD Management service provider



THAI Airways has appointed Unilode Aviation Solutions, the global leader in Unit Load Device (ULD) management, repair, and digital solutions, as its full-service ULD management provider.

This partnership marks a significant milestone in THAI Airways' transformation journey, reinforcing the airline's focus on operational excellence, digital innovation, and long-term sustainability across its global network.

Emerging successfully from its business rehabilitation, THAI Airways is now entering a new phase of growth and modernisation. The airline's five-year strategic plan focuses on operational excellence, fleet renewal, and digital transformation, aiming to nearly double its fleet to approximately 150 aircraft by 2033 and grow its market share across key international markets.

Working together, Unilode will provide comprehensive ULD management, maintenance, repair, and digital tracking services across THAI's global network. The partnership will enhance fleet utilization, reduce operational complexity, and improve reliability for THAI's passenger and cargo operations.

The partnership also aligns closely with THAI Airways' sustainability ambitions. By sharing assets across Unilode's global network, fewer ULDs are required to support operations, thereby reducing raw material consumption, minimising waste, and lowering carbon emissions. Centralised repair and refurbishment within Unilode's network further extends asset lifecycles, supporting circular economy





principles and more responsible resource use.

Unilode's market-leading digital platforms and data-driven insights will provide THAI Airways with real-time visibility, improved asset utilisation, and enhanced sustainability reporting across its operations. The partnership is further supported by Unilode's Operations Control Centre in Bangkok and a global team of over 800 ULD experts, ensuring local responsiveness and customer success at every touchpoint.

Over recent years, Unilode has made significant investments across its global network by strengthening its infrastructure, expanding its MRO footprint, and enhancing its people through advanced training, development, and external education programmes. These initiatives, combined with continuous innovation in digital technology and product development, enable an even broader global network and a larger, more flexible pool of assets that deliver greater efficiency, resilience, and service reliability for all airline partners.

Unilode's expanding asset base across an increasing number of airports and regions continues to deliver tangible benefits to its entire customer network — offering improved operational agility, faster turnaround times, and greater access to resources and repair capabilities. These investments underline Unilode's commitment to long-term growth and customer value creation, reinforcing its position as the global leader in sustainable ULD management.

As airlines worldwide continue to prioritise sustainability and efficiency, ULD pooling and full-service management are rapidly becoming the industry standard. THAI Airways' partnership with Unilode underscores its leadership in embracing innovative, environmentally responsible solutions that combine operational excellence with long-term sustainability.

Ross Marino, Chief Executive Officer, Unilode Aviation Solutions, said:

"We are delighted and proud to become THAI Airways' full ULD management service provider. Our partnership will deliver measurable results, improving efficiency, bringing digital transformation, and supporting Thai Airways' sustainability ambitions.

This collaboration also reflects how Unilode's continued investment in our people, infrastructure, and technology is strengthening our position as the trusted partner of choice for airlines globally. Pooling and full-service management are increasingly recognised as the smarter, more sustainable way to manage ULDs across the aviation industry."

Head of Cargo & Mail Commercial, THAI Airways, added:

"Partnering with Unilode is an important step in our transformation strategy. Their expertise, global network, and digital solutions will help us streamline operations, strengthen reliability, and make tangible progress toward our sustainability goals.

"THAI's transformation is built on strong governance, innovation, and partnerships like this that enable us to deliver enduring value to our passengers, shareholders, and partners."

Transport Logistic Americas 2025 to Spotlight the Future of Global Supply Chains in Miami



The global logistics community will converge at the **Miami Beach Convention Center** for **transport logistic Americas**, **air cargo Americas**, and Project Cargo **Americas**, a triad of major trade events set to shape the future of international transport and logistics.

For the first time, the conference program will span **two dedicated stages**, offering a dynamic platform for discussions, presentations, and networking among industry leaders, innovators, and policymakers. The expanded format underscores the event's growing stature as **North America's leading logistics and supply chain trade fair**.

A Global Hub for Transport, Logistics, and Supply Chain Dialogue

Over three days, experts from across all modes of transport — air, sea, road, and rail — will explore how **infrastructure, technology, and policy frameworks** intersect to redefine global trade flows. Miami's strategic role as a logistics gateway between **North and South America** and as a **key node in transatlantic commerce** makes it the ideal meeting point for decision-makers driving innovation in multimodal supply chains.

Renowned Partners and Strategic Collaboration

Organized by **Messe München** in partnership with the **World Trade Center Miami (WTCM)**, the event unites global logistics expertise with strong regional partnerships. The conference program has been curated with input from leading organizations including **STAT Trade Times**, **ACI Airports Council International**, the **European American Chamber of Commerce (EACC)**, the **Florida Customs Brokers & Forwarders Association (FCBF)**, and the **U.S.-Mexico Chamber of Commerce**.

In the **project cargo** segment, **DVV International Media** and its publication **Heavy Lift & Project Forwarding International (HLPFI)** will contribute specialized insight into heavy-lift and out-of-gauge logistics.

A Two-Stage Conference: 16 Sessions of Insight and Innovation

The 2025 edition introduces a **two-stage format** featuring **16 one-hour sessions**, including **panel discussions, keynote presentations, and networking seminars**. Topics will address the full spectrum of modern logistics — from **smart cargo hubs and urban logistics solutions** to the **development of new trade routes and infrastructure megaprojects**.

Digitalization and automation will be major themes, exploring **data-driven operations, smart warehousing, and digital integration across all transport modes**. Additionally, sessions on **geopolitics, nearshoring, trade policy, clean technologies**, and **alternative energy** will examine how global logistics adapts to evolving economic and environmental challenges.

A highlight of the program, the **"Women in Logistics"** session hosted by **FCBF**, will foster dialogue, mentorship, and career advancement for women shaping the logistics and supply chain sectors.

Connecting the Global Logistics Community

True to the American principle of **"free education,"** admission to the exhibition and all conference sessions is **free of charge**, encouraging open access to learning and professional exchange.

Dr. Robert Schönberger, **Global Industry Lead at Messe München,** emphasized the event's collaborative mission:

"Just like our flagship event in Munich, transport logistic Americas represents intensive networking and meaningful dialogue. Especially in challenging times, personal connections are more important than ever — they strengthen resilience and competitiveness across global supply chains. Our goal is to bring together all stakeholders — from shippers to service providers and receivers — to build stronger, more connected logistics networks."

With its growing influence and expanded program, **transport logistic Americas 2025** promises to be a **landmark event** for logistics, air cargo, and project cargo professionals, reinforcing Miami's position as the gateway to the Americas and a key hub in the global logistics conversation.

United Cargo Partners with CargoAi to Accelerate Digital Airfreight Access



Global freight forwarders gain streamlined access to real-time rates, bookable space, and eBooking across multiple markets

United Cargo has announced a strategic partnership with CargoAi, aiming to enhance digital connectivity and streamline booking processes in the airfreight sector. The collaboration integrates United Cargo's domestic and international capacity into CargoAi's digital platform, offering more than 23,000 freight forwarders immediate access to real-time rates, bookable space, and eBooking services for both General Cargo and Express shipments.

Bookings can be made directly through CargoAi's marketplace or via seamless links with leading Transport Management Systems (TMS), providing enhanced visibility and automation across multiple booking channels, according to a United Cargo official release.

The partnership spans key markets including the United States (covering domestic services), Canada, Ireland, the United Kingdom, Belgium, the Netherlands, France, Switzerland, Germany, Spain, and Portugal. This extensive coverage not only gives freight forwarders greater flexibility and access to global capacity but also presents airlines and digital platforms with opportunities to simplify operations and improve efficiency.

"United Cargo's decision to join the CargoAi ecosystem reflects a shared vision for the future of air cargo—one where digital connectivity, automation, and collaboration shape how airlines and forwarders operate," said Matthieu Petot, CEO of CargoAi. "By combining United Cargo's global reach with our technology and Interline capabilities, we are laying the foundation for a more agile, transparent, and customer-centric airfreight industry, ready to meet the demands of tomorrow's supply chains."

A central element of the partnership is the integration of CargoAi's CargoMART Interline module, which automates the interline booking process. This technology enables real-time capacity checks and instant e-bookings, reducing the need for manual communication and accelerating transaction times. Already adopted by multiple carriers, the module supports seamless API integration with more than 100 airlines, creating a standardized, efficient approach to interline bookings without requiring significant IT investment.

Helen Kristensen, Vice President of United Cargo's SIGMA+ Team (Strategy, Innovation, Government, Marketing & AirMail), emphasized the benefits of the collaboration: "This partnership with CargoAi demonstrates our commitment to making air cargo booking more accessible, efficient, and transparent. By connecting our capacity with CargoAi's digital platform, we are opening new opportunities for our customers, the wider freight forwarding community, and partner airlines alike."

The move underscores the air cargo industry's ongoing shift toward digitization, reflecting a collective effort to modernize logistics and make airline capacity more accessible across a broader global network. As more carriers and forwarders embrace digital solutions, the partnership represents a significant step toward a more connected, responsive, and transparent airfreight ecosystem.

Chicago Rockford International Airport Named **Illinois' Primary Airport of the Year**





The Chicago Rockford International Airport (RFD) has been honored as **Primary Airport of the Year** by the **Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT), Division of Aeronautics**, in recognition of its operational excellence, safety performance, and contributions to the state's aviation and economic development.

The award was presented during the **Illinois Public Airports Association Fall Conference, which was** held in Galena on September 29. According to the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), a "Primary Airport" accommodates more than 10,000 annual airline passengers — a benchmark RFD has consistently surpassed in recent years.

RFD earned the distinction for its strong partnership with IDOT, commitment to safety and customer service, and active promotion of aviation-related and educational initiatives across the region.

"This award is a tremendous honor for RFD and reflects the dedication of our entire team to provide safe, efficient, and reliable service to our passengers and community," said **Zack Oakley**, Executive Director of RFD. *"We are proud to play an essential role in Illinois' aviation system and look forward to continuing to build on this success for both passenger and cargo operations."*

Clayton Stambaugh, Deputy Director of Aeronautics at IDOT, congratulated the airport, noting, *"Regional airports like RFD play a vital role in the aviation system by offering additional travel options for passengers and facilitating cargo shipments. By delivering excellent service, RFD stands as a model for regional airports in Illinois and across the country."*

Over the past few years, RFD has experienced **record-breaking passenger growth** alongside an expanding flight network. In 2024, the airport served **262,432 travelers**, its busiest year to date, enabling the return of popular seasonal services such as nonstop flights to Nashville, as well as the addition of new international routes to **Cancún, Punta Cana, and Huatulco, Mexico**, in partnership with **ALG Vacations**.

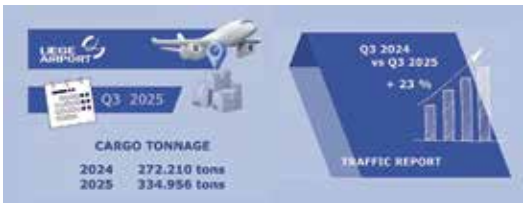
Strengthening connectivity further, RFD recently introduced **American Airlines' Landline service**, offering travelers a seamless one-stop check-in and baggage transfer experience. The premium motorcoach service connects passengers directly from Rockford to Chicago O'Hare International Airport, providing access to over **150 destinations worldwide**.

Beyond its passenger success, RFD remains a major force in the U.S. air cargo sector. The airport ranked **14th nationally** in 2024 for landed cargo weight, handling more than **3.1 billion pounds**, up from its previous No. 15 position. This continued growth is supported by key partnerships with **UPS, Amazon Air, and Maersk Air Cargo**, underscoring the airport's importance as a Midwest logistics hub.

With its dual focus on passenger and cargo operations, the Chicago Rockford International Airport continues to serve as a vital engine of economic activity for northern Illinois — combining operational excellence, connectivity, and community impact in one of America's most dynamic regional aviation markets.

Liège Airport Records 23% Cargo Surge in Q3, Strengthening Its Position as Europe's Leading Freighter Hub







Liège Airport has reported remarkable cargo growth for the third quarter of 2025, registering a **23 percent year-on-year increase**. Between July and September, the airport's cargo community handled **334,956 tonnes of freight**, reaffirming its position as one of Europe's most vital logistics and air cargo gateways.

Cargo flight movements also rose by nine percent during the same period, signalling strong market demand across key international trade corridors. The consistent uptick reflects **robust global e-commerce flows**, express logistics activity, and a solid rebound in export markets.

For the first nine months of 2025, **Liège Airport recorded 14.4 percent growth**, handling **961,640 tonnes of air cargo** — cementing its place as **Europe's leading full-freighter airport**. The impressive growth highlights the airport's ability to maintain operational reliability, flexibility, and efficiency in a highly dynamic logistics environment.

According to the *France Aviation Civile Services* global air traffic survey, **Liège ranks among the world's five fastest-growing cargo airports**, with volumes surging by 29 percent between 2019 and 2024. This performance underscores the airport's expanding global significance and resilience amid evolving supply chain challenges.

Liège remains the **only European airport dedicated entirely to freighter operations**, offering tailored infrastructure for high-value and time-critical shipments. The airport specialises in handling **perishables, pharmaceuticals, medical supplies, e-commerce parcels, humanitarian cargo, and live animals**, supported by robust multimodal links connecting major European trade routes.

In a strategic move to support long-term growth, Liège Airport announced a **€500 million investment** in its flagship **CargoLand expansion project**, slated for completion by 2040. The development aims to enhance warehousing capacity, sustainability features, and digital infrastructure — enabling the airport to meet future cargo demand with greater efficiency and environmental responsibility.

With its continued upward trajectory, Liège Airport is redefining air cargo connectivity in Europe — blending **innovation, sustainability, and reliability** to serve the needs of global trade.



Cargo First unveils new cargo handling facilities at Bournemouth Airport

Cargo First, the dedicated cargo division of Bournemouth Airport, has announced the completion and commissioning of major new cargo handling facilities, representing a step-change in the airport's freight capability.

The project, part of an ongoing major investment programme across the Bournemouth Airport estate by owners Regional & City Airports, has delivered three brand new ICAO Code E aircraft stands, a much larger Customs-bonded cargo operations centre, and a programme of landside works to improve access and truck servicing areas. The growing cargo operation now employs more than80 staff.

The investment effectively doubles the airport's cargo infrastructure and consolidates freight operations in a purpose-built zone on the northern side of the airfield, providing significant scope for future growth.

The new location, directly alongside the Airport's 200-acre business park, also provides new opportunities for logistics organisations to benefit from the co-location of landside warehousing.

Steve Gill, Managing Director of Bournemouth Airport, said: *"The completion of these new facilities marks a significant milestone for Bournemouth Airport and Cargo First. They not only provide the infrastructure to support our fast-growing cargo business but also reinforce our position as a highly attractive alternative to congested London hubs. With record volumes already passing through the airport last year, this investment underlines our ambitions as the UK's newest import/export air hub."*

Key features of the new facilities include:

- Airside works: three ICAO Code E parking stands for aircraft up to Airbus A340 size, 15,450m² of new concrete

pavement, 7,000 tonnes of tarmac resurfacing, and associated airside works including airside roads, taxiway resurfacing and a new vehicle check point.

- Customs-bonded cargo centre: a 3,000m² Customs-bonded warehouse (double the size of the previous facility) with a 450m² powered cargo transit system, personnel and cargo screening, office accommodation, airside and landside welfare facilities, and in-flight catering storage.
- Landside access: 4,000m² new paved area delivered within a brownfield site, incorporating improved access, new truck parking bays and an enlarged landside service yard area.

Cargo First handled a record 31,000 tonnes of freight in the 12 months to March 2025, ranking Bournemouth eighth among the UK's airfreight airports – a 70% increase on the prior year. Growth as been driven by booming e-commerce imports and growing exports, with high-value UK-manufactured goods becoming an increasingly important part of the mix.

Iain Edwards, Chief Operating Officer at European Cargo, one of Bournemouth's principal freight operators, said: *"The new facilities are a real boost to our business. Bournemouth Airport offers us the flexibility and speed that are critical in air cargo, and the expansion means we can look forward to handling even more volumes efficiently. It's a huge advantage to operate away from the congestion of the London hubs, while still being able to deliver consignments into the London market faster than if we flew there directly."*

Located just 90 minutes from London's freight corridor, Cargo First has established itself as a disruptor in the UK cargo market, offering streamlined handling and proven faster onward delivery than the capital's airports.

Bournemouth Airport is undergoing a major investment by owners Regional & City Airports, spanning its cargo and passenger facilities. The airport recently received planning consent for a significant expansion of its passenger terminal and a new transport interchange.



MIA is North America's most-improved mega airport. MIA jumps from 10th to 8th in annual customer satisfaction rankings



Miami International Airport is North America's most-improved mega airport in customer satisfaction, after its overall score jumped 24 points in J.D. Power's 2025 North America Airport Satisfaction StudySM. MIA's ranking surged from 10th to 8th place among the busiest airports in the study, based on 27,147 completed surveys from U.S. or Canadian residents who traveled through at least one U.S. or Canadian airport from August 2024 through July 2025.

I am thrilled to see that the unprecedented investments we have made to transform the customer experience at MIA — from facility upgrades to increased workforce — are making such a strong impression on our visitors. The fact that MIA improved its customer satisfaction score while also serving record-breaking numbers during the busy fall and winter seasons speaks volumes about the significant progress we're making at every step of the passenger journey. More importantly, these results reflect something deeper: the pride, professionalism, and dedication that define our airport community.

Miami-Dade County Mayor Daniella Levine Cava

The J.D. Power study measures overall traveler satisfaction by examining seven factors: departure experience; ease of travel; airport staff; food, beverage, and retail; terminal facilities; arrival experience; and level of trust. MIA surged in the customer satisfaction study while also serving 3.5 million more travelers in 2025 than the year before, for a new annual record of nearly 56 million passengers and the airport's third-consecutive record-breaking year.

Over the last five years, MIA has ranked among the 10 best mega airports in the study, including the #1 overall ranking in 2021 and 4th place in 2023. The improved J.D. Power ranking is the latest in a series of accolades MIA has received this year for its customer experience, including its Best Airport for Layovers Award from Global Traveler magazine and ranking in Food & Wine magazine's annual list of Top 10 U.S. Airports for Food and Drink.

MIA's upward trend in customer satisfaction coincides with the ongoing progress of its $9 billion Modernization in Action (M.I.A.) Plan. Among its many recent milestones, MIA reopened its newest pair of renovated moving walkways this month, marking the 23rd modernization of a moving walkway, elevator, or escalator at MIA this year. Fifteen more conveyance units are on schedule for completion by the end of 2025, putting the airport on track for 38 new and improved units this year to easily set a new annual record for the modernization program. More than 95% of these units are now operational as well — another record for MIA.

In addition to replacing more than 200 escalators, elevators, and moving walkways, the M.I.A. Plan is transforming every touchpoint of the passenger journey over the next five years, including major projects like renovating nearly 200 public restrooms; upgrading 75% of the airport's passenger boarding bridges; opening the new 2,240-space Ibis garage in December; and completing the new Concourse K in 2029.

Miami International Airport, America's busiest airport for international freight and the second busiest for international passengers, is receiving an unprecedented investment of $9 billion in capital improvements and maintenance upgrades. MIA offers more flights to Latin America and the Caribbean than any other U.S. airport and is also the leading economic engine for Miami-Dade County and the state of Florida, generating business revenue of $181 billion and approximately 60 percent of all international visitors to Florida annually.

Jettainer and IBS Software Forge Strategic Partnership to Transform ULD and Cargo Management



Jettainer and IBS Software have announced a long-term strategic partnership to transform the way airlines and ground handlers manage unit load devices (ULDs) and cargo operations.

Through this partnership, Jettainer will integrate its next-generation ULD management solution, JettWareNG, with IBS Software's industry-leading digital cargo management platforms iCargo and iPartner Handling, via a state-of-the-art API interface. This enhanced connection will enable faster, more secure, and seamless data exchange across the air cargo ecosystem.

The integration will allow Jettainer's intelligent ULD management solutions to operate within IBS Software's comprehensive cargo environment, helping customers improve planning efficiency, streamline workflows, and enhance data-driven decision making. Initial integration capabilities are expected to be available in late 2025.

This new level of integration will unlock a range of additional benefits for both airlines and ground handlers, by ensuring that information is delivered faster and more directly to where it is needed. In the area of ULD positioning, for example, it is planned that move orders will no longer need to be executed manually but can be integrated automatically into the loading plans. In addition, general process transparency, such as sharing tracking data via ONE Record, will lead to further benefits, including a real-time overview of current ULD positions and availability at individual locations.

The partnership is designed as a long-term collaboration. The next step will see further integration: Jettainer customers who also use iPartner Handling will be enabled to access both services under the iPartner Handling umbrella. This eliminates the need for customers to operate with two systems.

"Partnering with IBS Software marks a key milestone in our digital strategy, which is dedicated to creating added value and efficiency for our customers. Integrating with the world's most widespread air cargo handling system and a well-established digital ecosystem is a logical next step for us. IBS Software's cargo management platforms are an ideal match, as we share the vision of leveraging digital opportunities to connect data in meaningful ways – driving the digital transformation of ULD management and cargo operations," says **Dr. Jan-Wilhelm Breithaupt, CEO of Jettainer.**

"This cooperation not only represents an expansion of the IBS Software network. It's another part of our efforts to invest in the development of advanced digital tools to enable airlines and ground handlers to become more competitive and successful," says **Radhesh Menon, Head of Cargo & Logistics Solutions at IBS Software.** *"Together with Jettainer, we want to take ULD management to the next level. By linking JettwareNG, iCargo and iPartner Handling, we can provide customers with more and better data."*

Air Charter Service Marks Major Milestone with Launch of 40th Global Office in Barcelona

Company doubles its footprint since 2020, continues global expansion strategy with strong post-pandemic growth



Air Charter Service (ACS), one of the world's leading aircraft charter providers, has opened a new office in **Barcelona**, marking its **40th global location** and **second in Spain** after Madrid. The new branch will be led by **Daniel Martín Rodríguez**, a seasoned charter specialist who has been part of ACS's Madrid team for nearly a decade.

The milestone follows an era of rapid global expansion for the UK-based company. Since 2020, ACS has **doubled its number of offices**, reflecting an impressive **11% compound annual growth rate (CAGR)** in revenue over the past six years.

"Our 40th office opening is an incredible achievement," said **Justin Bowman, Group CEO of Air Charter Service**. "It comes right after launching our offices in Perth and Riyadh last month, demonstrating our commitment to strengthening our presence in key aviation markets. Spain has always been a strong market for us, with our Madrid office being one of the top performers in our global network. Expanding into Barcelona allows us to serve our growing customer base in Catalonia more effectively."

Bowman emphasised that ACS's expansion strategy hinges on **local presence combined with global reach** — enabling the company to deliver tailored, language-specific, and regionally relevant solutions while maintaining international connectivity. "A local office allows clients to interact with us in their own language and currency, ensuring better service and responsiveness," he noted. "Meanwhile, our global network creates synergy — connecting clients with international operators and offering airlines access to a wider base of charter opportunities."

The Barcelona office will cater to **private aviation, group charters, and cargo operations**, capitalising on the region's strong economic and industrial base.

Bowman added that ACS is planning **further expansion in 2026**, with several new offices set to open in countries where the company does not yet have a presence. "Our ambition is to bring ACS closer to clients everywhere," he said. "We are proud of the strong, sustainable growth we've achieved and remain focused on expanding responsibly while maintaining our service excellence."

Founded in 1990, Air Charter Service operates globally across **Europe, the Americas, the Middle East, Asia-Pacific, and Africa**, serving clients across corporate, humanitarian, government, and logistics sectors.

WFS signs warehouse lease agreement to expand E-commerce & Freight Forwarder Handling Services in Frankfurt



Worldwide Flight Services (WFS), a SATS company, is expanding its specialised E-commerce & Freight Forwarder Handling (EFFH) services at Frankfurt Airport, Europe's largest cargo hub, after signing a long-term lease on two warehouse facilities commencing in January 2026.

This investment will enable the expansion of the services offered by WFS in Frankfurt, increasing capacity to seize new opportunities with freight forwarding, trucking, and e-commerce companies that are contributing to the region's continued growth.

In 2024, freight volumes through Frankfurt rose 6.2% year-on-year to 2.1 million tonnes, boosted by rising e-commerce volumes. Throughput continued to increase in the first half of 2025, up another 1% over the previous year. WFS already has a longstanding commitment to the development of Frankfurt Airport through its airline handling subsidiary, Frankfurt Cargo Services (FCS), in partnership with Fraport.

"As a premier air cargo gateway, Frankfurt is a focal point for global freight forwarders as well as for large e-commerce shippers serving the German and European markets. As a frontrunner in developing a new range of services to tap into the growing complexity of the air cargo value chain, WFS/SATS welcomes this timely opportunity to introduce our full EFFH services to customers in Frankfurt," said Marc Claesen, SVP Northern Europe & Africa at WFS. "Forwarders and e-commerce shippers value the efficiency, less touchpoints, and faster throughput for all involved parties that our EFFH solutions provide, and we see strong growth potential in Frankfurt."

With this new lease, WFS will take over two warehouses and two office buildings on a 24,000 m² site within the airport's Cargo City South.

The facilities will be equipped with ULD handling systems and volume and dimension scanners used to expedite the processing of shipments and, once fully operational, WFS will have the capacity to handle up to 100,000 tonnes of import and export freight annually for E-commerce and Freight Forwarder Handling clients.

Strategically located at the entrance of Cargo City South, the warehouse operations are ideally positioned for the efficient handling of truck shuttle services between first-line facilities and forwarders' warehouses in the Cargo City South area, as well as for serving international drivers - including those operating within WFS's own European road feeder services network.

In July, WFS also opened a new 4,800m² EFFH building at Copenhagen Airport as it continues to widen its specialised services network.

WFS' EFFH service makes freight Ready-for-Carriage, captures weight and cargo measurements and provides crating, repacking, security screening, consolidation, shipment labelling and transportation between forwarders and handling agents. It also covers import deconsolidation, sorting, preparing shipments for customs clearance, and onward transportation by road.

WFS also offers EFFH services in Amsterdam, Brussels, Dublin, Liege, Madrid, Stockholm, and at 12 airports across France, including Paris CDG.

WorldACD Weekly Air Cargo Trends (week 39)

Tonnages grow +4% in the third quarter of 2025

Worldwide air cargo tonnages were up +4% in the third quarter (Q3) of this year compared with 2024, although average global prices have dipped (-3%) below their equivalent levels in Q3 last year, according to the latest figures from WorldACD Market Data.

Chargeable weight in the three months to the end of September continued this year's pattern of consistent and steady year-on-year (YoY) quarterly growth, following on from the +4% in the second quarter and +3% in Q1. Cumulatively, air cargo tonnages for the year to date (YtD) stand at +4%, YoY, with overall air cargo prices for 2025, so far, broadly on a par with their levels in the first nine months of 2024.

The patterns in the third quarter on a regional basis broadly mirror their performance for the year as a whole so far. For example, all origin regions recorded YoY growth in Q3, with Asia Pacific leading on +7%, followed by increases of +3% from Europe, North America, and Central & South America (CSA) origins. Intra-Asia Pacific flows, already the largest regional market worldwide, showed the strongest growth, increasing by +10% in Q3, YoY, based on the more than 2 million monthly transactions covered by WorldACD's data.

Quarter-on-quarter tonnage growth

Compared with the previous quarter, flown chargeable weight in Q3 rose by a further +3%, with increases of +4% from Asia Pacific origins and +9% from Middle East & South Asia (MESA) origins, and growth from North America and Europe of +3% and +2%, respectively, quarter on quarter (QoQ).

On the pricing side, average worldwide rates were similar in the third quarter to their level in Q2. But compared with Q3 last year, average global prices are -3% lower this year in Q3. That drop is chiefly a function of air cargo rates ramping up steadily as the year progressed last year, especially from Asia Pacific and MESA origins, whereas this year average rates have been pretty steady throughout the year from all of the main world origin regions.

Preliminary full-month figures for September suggest that the last month has also broadly been in line with the general patterns for 2025, despite some considerable volatility at various times from certain markets – including because of new and changing US import tariffs.

Average worldwide rates of US$2.43 per kilo in September were very similar to their levels in August, July and June, based on a full-market average of spot and contract rates. But compared with September last year, average worldwide prices this year were -6% lower, as rates this year have not yet begun the end-of-year increases that were already visible in September last year, especially from Asia Pacific origins.

Asia Pacific turbulence

Looking specifically at week 39, total worldwide tonnages flown in the last full week of September dropped by -2% compared with the previous week, mostly due to declines in volumes from Asia Pacific origins, linked to flight cancellations and other disruptions caused by 'super-typhoon Ragasa'.

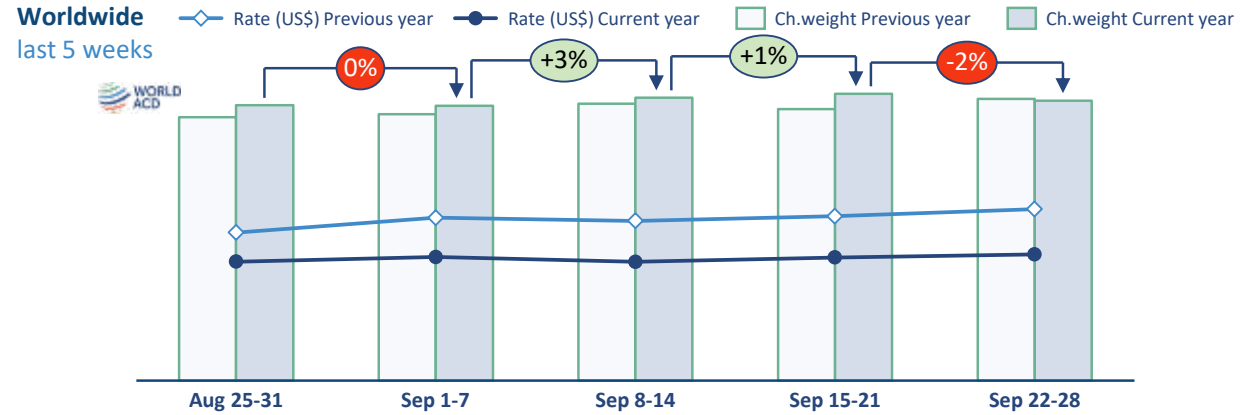
The world's most-severe storm this year led to significant disruptions and flight cancellations in the first half of week 39 in Taiwan, Hong Kong, and south-eastern China. Hong Kong and Shenzhen were particularly badly affected, but there were also substantial numbers of flight cancellations from Guangzhou and Shanghai. These are reflected in air cargo tonnage figures for week 39, with volumes from Hong Kong to the USA down -17%, week on week (WoW), and there were declines of -7% from Taiwan and -4% from China to the USA. There was a similar picture to Europe, with tonnages from Hong Kong down -19%, WoW, and with chargeable weight from China down by -7%, WoW.

These declines in cargo capacity and tonnages occurred during a period that normally experiences higher-than-usual demand in the lead up to China's 'Golden Week' holiday in the first week of October. Golden Week 2025 was already expected to present an unusual supply chain challenge because of the convergence this year of China's traditional National Day holiday with the Mid-Autumn Festival, creating an extended 8-day shutdown (1-8 October). But the impact of super-typhoon Ragasa in late September on both air and ocean freight supply chains is expected to cause additional complexity and an extended recovery period for cargo stakeholders.

Air Cargo Market Trends
Past 5 weeks

Latest week: Mon 22 Sep - Sun 28 Sep 2025 (Week 39) Published: Oct 02, 2025

Worldwide
last 5 weeks



	Aug 25-31	Sep 1-7	Sep 8-14	Sep 15-21	Sep 22-28
Current year	$2.41	$2.43	$2.41	$2.43	$2.44
Previous year	$2.51	$2.56	$2.55	$2.57	$2.59

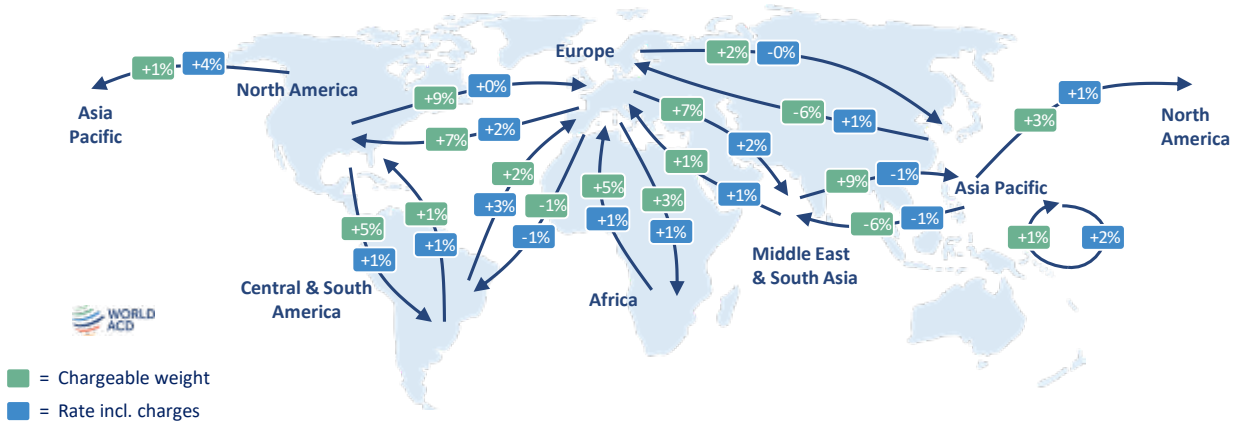
Origin Regions
last 2 to 5 weeks

	Capacity[1]			Chargeable weight[1]			Rate[1]		
	Last 5 wks	2Wo2W	YoY	Last 5 wks	2Wo2W	YoY	Last 5 wks	2Wo2W	YoY
Africa		+0%	+9%		+0%	-0%		+2%	+5%
Asia Pacific		-2%	+2%		-1%	+5%		+1%	-7%
C. & S. America		-0%	+5%		+1%	+2%		+1%	-1%
Europe		-1%	+3%		+4%	0%		+1%	+1%
M. East & S. Asia		+0%	+3%		+5%	+0%		+1%	-22%
North America		+0%	-2%		+6%	+1%		+3%	-2%
Worldwide		**-1%**	**+1%**		**+2%**	**+2%**		**+0%**	**-6%**

[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.

Air Cargo Growth Slows into Q4, but 2025 "Not as Bad as Feared" for Airlines and Forwarders

Global volumes on track for 3–4% annual growth amid trade turbulence, says Xeneta

Despite signs of a slowdown heading into the final quarter, 2025 is shaping up to be a better year than many in the industry anticipated. Global air cargo demand is expected to grow between **3% and 4% year-on-year**, according to the latest analysis from Xeneta.

Following unexpectedly strong summer volumes, September data showed growth starting to ease. Demand rose **3% year-on-year**, matching the expansion in available capacity and marking a slowdown from the **+5% increases recorded in July and August**. Month-on-month, September volumes also edged up by a modest **3%**.

"Over the previous two months, air cargo benefited from 'piggybacking' on global uncertainty — whether that meant frontloading supply chains or shifting goods from ocean to air ahead of new tariffs," said **Niall van de Wouw**, Chief Airfreight Officer at Xeneta. "September's figures suggest some normalization as stability returns to key trade lanes and the sense of urgency in global logistics begins to fade."

Yield Pressure Builds as Growth Moderates

With growth losing steam, **yields continued to come under pressure**. Global air cargo spot rates fell **4% year-on-year in September** to an average of **USD 2.54 per kg**, marking the fifth consecutive month of decline.

Much of the softness stemmed from muted activity on **Transatlantic and Transpacific routes**, where repeated extensions of U.S. tariff deadlines had already pulled forward much of the seasonal demand into earlier months.

Meanwhile, **Chinese e-commerce exports to the U.S.** declined for the fourth month in a row in August, down **38% year-on-year**, after Washington removed the *de minimis* threshold for low-value cross-border shipments.

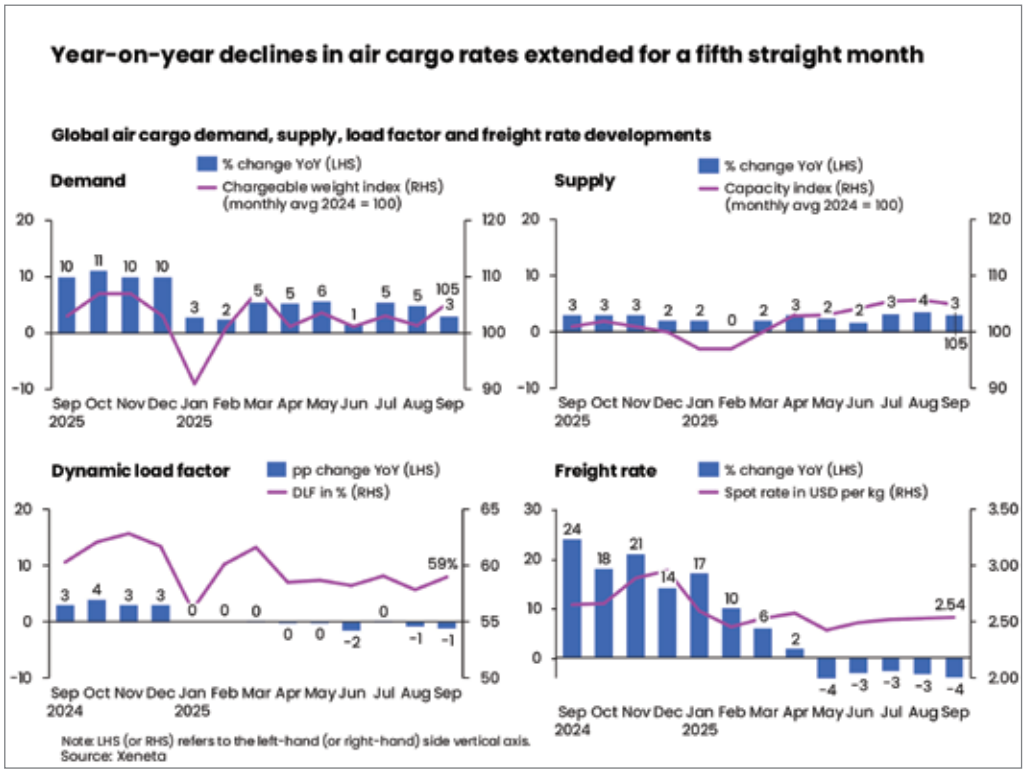
E-Commerce Drives Asia–Europe Momentum

In contrast, **Asia–Europe routes** remained buoyant. Strong e-commerce traffic, driven by Chinese online retail giants pivoting to European consumers, lifted volumes **4% higher** in the first three weeks of September compared to August.

Demand was further supported by the **pre–Golden Week cargo rush** and **mode shift** caused by the suspension of China–Europe rail links at the Polish border. According to China Customs, year-to-date cross-border e-commerce sales to Europe surged **58% year-on-year**, with August alone up **55%**.

"It's astonishing how quickly China's e-commerce players have been able to pivot towards Europe to sustain growth following the U.S. decision on *de minimis*," van de Wouw noted.

Even so, the momentum remains below last year's **+9% September surge**, with **Super Typhoon Ragasa** disrupting East Asian hub operations and capping monthly gains at just **+3%**.

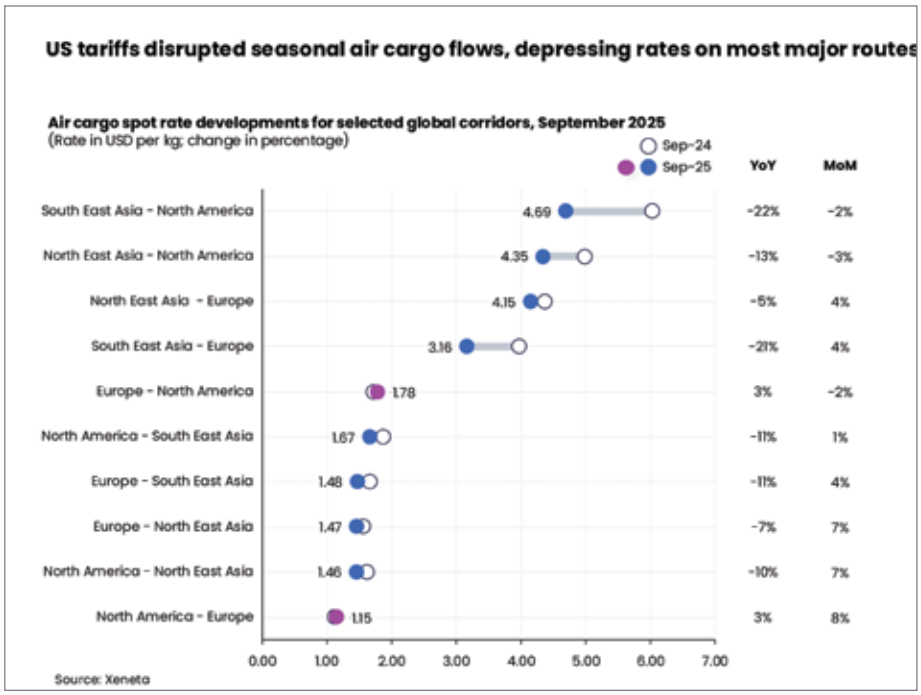


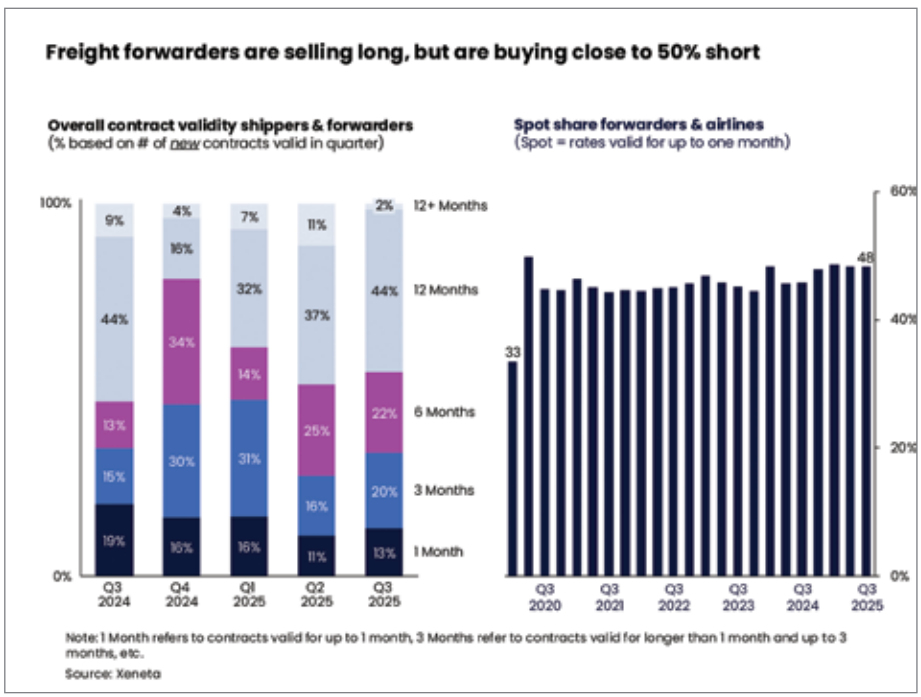
Tariffs Disrupt Seasonal Flow Patterns

The **U.S. tariff regime** has had a profound impact on global air cargo patterns. On the **Transpacific** and **Transatlantic** corridors, spot rates slipped by **2–3%** month-on-month in September. Southeast Asia–U.S. rates fell **2% month-on-month** and a steep **22% year-on-year**, as reduced e-commerce shipments created excess capacity and forced carriers to redeploy freighter aircraft elsewhere.

Across the **Europe–U.S. market**, earlier frontloading tied to tariff extensions also dampened traditional peak-season demand. Rates, however, remained higher than a year earlier, and analysts expect a **20% cut in Transatlantic capacity** at the start of winter schedules to stabilize pricing — though, as van de Wouw noted, "that's a consequence of supply, not demand."

Asia–Europe routes offered a rare bright spot, with spot rates from Northeast and Southeast Asia to Europe rising **4% month-on-month**, supported by pre-holiday shipping. Compared to last year, however, those rates were still down **5%** and **21%**, respectively.





Uncertainty Shapes Contract Strategies

Rate volatility is making both **shippers and forwarders increasingly cautious** about long-term commitments. The share of six-month freight contracts rose by nearly **10 percentage points year-on-year** to **22%** in Q3, timed to expire after the peak season. Longer-term contracts, however, have declined.

"There's limited bandwidth for shippers," van de Wouw said. "They want stability at a reasonable rate and prefer longer contracts, but quarter-by-quarter planning has become a painful balancing act."

Outlook: '2025 Not as Bad as Feared'

Looking ahead, van de Wouw expects demand growth to continue easing into the fourth quarter. "When we saw stronger-than-expected demand in July and August, the question was how long it would last," he said. "By September, we began to see that growth slow — and we expect that trend to continue."

Even so, 2025 is shaping up better than many feared earlier in the year.

"Q4 for airlines and forwarders will likely not be as strong as hoped," van de Wouw concluded, "but 2025 overall may not be as bad as they feared. A year ago, we were talking about a 'peak season to be proud of' and a market on approach to double-digit growth. Twelve months later, the picture has changed — but resilience remains."

Airforwarders Association warns air freight not yet realigned as de-minimis era ends

AfA members are reporting rising costs and compliance challenges, AfA Executive Director Brandon Fried told the International Federation of Freight Forwarders Associations (FIATA) World Congress yesterday.



Left to right: *H.E. Mousa Al Bargi, Deputy Minister for Logistics Services, Ministry of Transport and Logistic Services, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia; Professor John Kent, Supply Chain Management Department, Sam M. Walton College of Business, University of Arkansas; Brandon Fried, Executive Director, Airforwarders Association; Martin Lee, Regional Sales Manager - Africa, Asia, Middle East, Indian Subcontinent and ANZ, WiseTech Global.*

The Airforwarders Association (AfA) Executive Director, Brandon Fried, has warned that air freight networks are still adjusting to the end of de-minimis, with compliance tightening and the small-parcel model giving way to heavier, consolidated shipments.

AfA members have reported higher duties, longer cycle times, and greater complexity in returns management since de-minimis thresholds ended on August 29, Fried told delegates at the FIATA World Congress 2025 in Hanoi.

"The industry has moved overnight from light-touch clearance to full formal entry," said Brandon Fried, Executive Director, AfA.

"We are seeing fewer parcels but larger, better-documented shipments. Fraud has dropped, but working-capital and compliance burdens have climbed sharply.

"Realignment is far from finished."

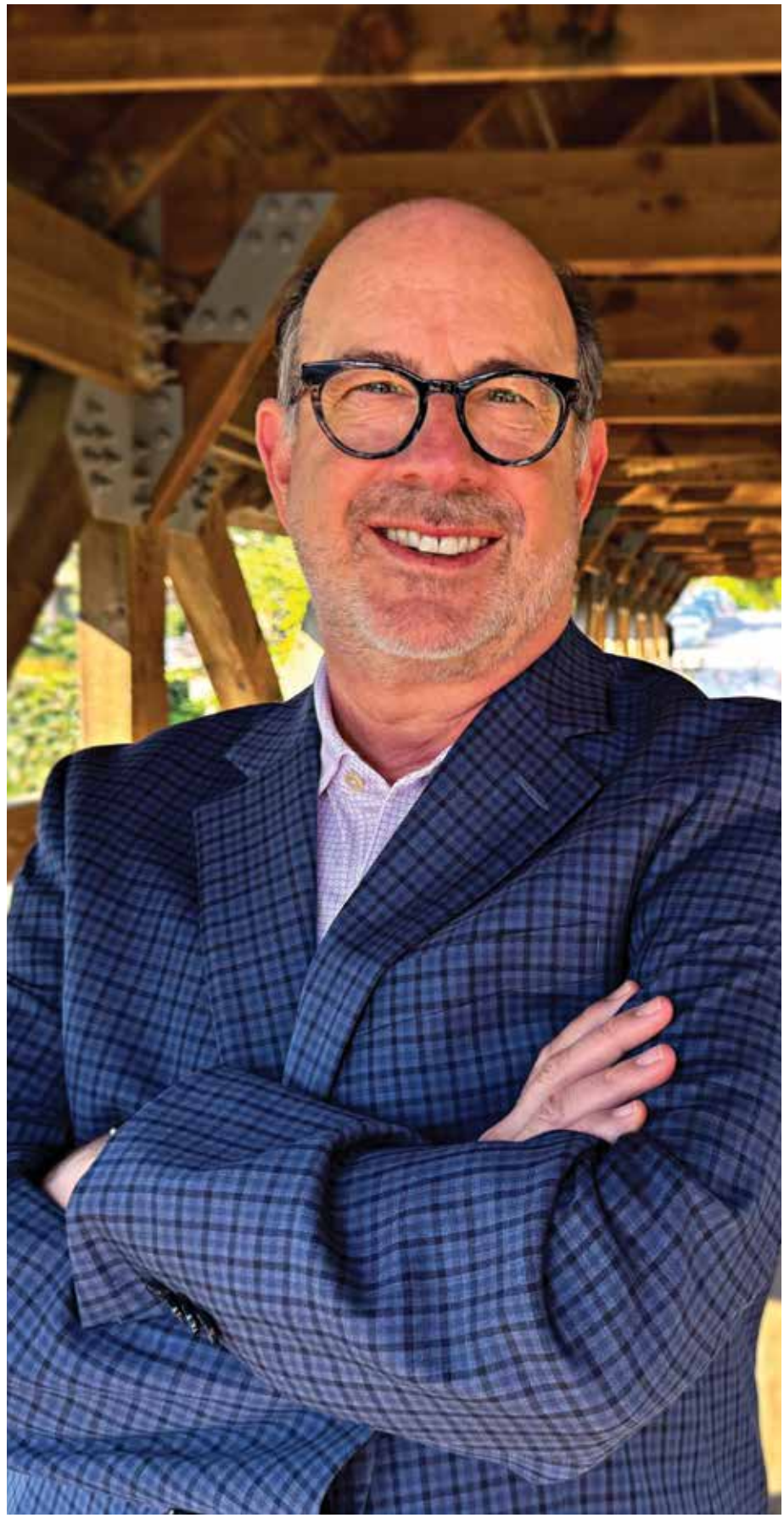
Fried urged forwarders to consolidate smartly, invest in master data and tariff governance, and design returns solutions through Free Trade Zones or Inward Processing Relief schemes.

He said forwarders must address duty cash-flow early and strengthen visibility across purchase orders to manage the post-de-minimis environment effectively.

Over 1000 delegates from over 100 countries attended the FIATA World Congress 2025 this week to network and hear from experts on the theme of 'Green and Resilient Logistics'.

The AfA continues to advocate globally on behalf of freight forwarders, ensuring their voice is heard on issues that shape international logistics, trade policy, and supply chain resilience.

The AirCargo Conference, co-hosted by AfA, will take place in Orlando, Florida, in February 2026, bringing together airlines, airports, forwarders, and regulators to discuss the next phase of industry modernization and collaboration.



Magma Aviation Highlights Growth Focus For 2026 And Beyond



Magma Aviation attended Air Cargo Europe 2025 in Liège, one of the leading events for logistics and air freight professionals. In an interview during the event, Magma's CEO Peter Kerins discussed Magma's growth priorities, evolving market strategies, and how the company continues to position itself as a trusted global cargo operator, and its commercial priorities in the upcoming years.

Magma is seeing demand shifts in today's air cargo market. Regions such as Asia and Africa continue to hold their steady position as lucrative markets for Magma. Along with these shifts, customers' expectations continue to adapt to these changes, making reliability, speed, and quality of service a number one priority.

Magma focuses on continuous fleet expansion and new destinations Last August 2025, Magma recently introduced a new B747 aircraft into its growing fleet in line with its fleet expansion ambition for the upcoming years. "Our biggest goal now is to add more aircraft to our fleet, ensuring that we get the right price and right lease rates. We have just recently increased our capacity in August, and we intend to increase it again before the end of the year," **Peter Kerins, CEO of Magma,** shared.

Peter highlighted that Magma's focus is to penetrate new, underserved destinations instead of competing in saturated markets. This strategy helps Magma establish strategic partnerships and a more balanced, resilient network, especially in markets that demand reliable service, yet currently have limited options.

Building new strategic partnerships at industry-leading events, Magma Aviation participated in this year's Air Cargo Europe (ACE) 2025 event in Liège as a Diamond Host Airline Sponsor, joining global industry leaders, partners, and customers during the 3-day event. The event served as an important avenue for Magma's team to reconnect with long-standing partners, explore new business opportunities, and share insights on the evolving market landscape.

ACI Group leads the way for UK distributors with Silver Social Value Quality Mark accreditation



Leading distributor and supply chain expert ACI Group has achieved a prestigious Social Value Quality Mark® (SVQM) certification of Silver, underscoring its commitment to supporting its local economy, reducing its impact on the planet, and helping its customers to deliver high social value through their supply chains.

Social Value Quality Mark CIC is an independent social enterprise that challenges rigour, celebrates high standards, and drives local spend. It awards 4 levels of accreditation, each acknowledging an increasing level of maturity in terms of social value measurement, development, and reporting. It is one of the most rigorously tested standards of its kind in the UK. Silver certification establishes ACI as the benchmark for other distributors to be measured against, highlighting the strength of its core values of social responsibility and ethical excellence.

Karsten Smet, CEO of ACI, was delighted at the news, saying, "Our latest achievement is great news for us, as a business that believes strongly in doing the right thing and having a positive impact on society. But it's even better news for our customers, who know they can rely on us to provide complete transparency across their supply chains when they need it most.

"Trust and credibility are commodities that money can't buy – they have to be earned. Yet with a number of new regulations driving increased scrutiny on supply chains, such as the EU's Deforestation Regulation, they are more valuable than ever. We're proud to be a business that our partners know they can trust, and SVQM certification is a testament to that."

To achieve Silver accreditation, businesses are required to provide evidence of a strong value culture and the best practice processes that are in place to support it. A business's strategic decision-making must be informed by its social value ethos, demonstrating an unshakeable commitment to carbon reduction, investing in its local community, and more.

ACI Group became the UK's first distributor to achieve the esteemed SVQM certification in 2022. In recent years, it has engaged in a number of community projects and has invested heavily in upskilling its staff and suppliers with relevant industry qualifications in order to progress through the four levels of certification.

"We're not taking this latest achievement for granted," added Karsten. "We're going for Gold, and we're committed to improving every day to create an even stronger social impact for our customers."

Huw Evans, Director of Quality at SVQM CIC said, *"ACI Group's Silver Social Value Quality Mark demonstrates that meaningful change is both possible and necessary. Their commitment to environmental accountability across the supply chain, and investment in education, skills and training, reflects a growing recognition that distribution has a role to play in shaping a more sustainable and inclusive economy. We're pleased to recognise their progress and encourage others in the sector to follow their lead."*

The news follows another prestigious accreditation for ACI, which recently achieved an Ecovadis Bronze award, highlighting its commitment to sustainability and placing the company in the top 35% of all assessed businesses.

CSafe Elevates Sustainable Pharma Logistics with Launch of Silverskin RE

A next-generation reusable thermal cover promises to redefine temperature-controlled transport for the life sciences sector.



In a major step toward greener cold chain logistics, **CSafe** has unveiled its latest innovation—the **Silverskin RE**, a reusable thermal cover engineered specifically for the stringent demands of **pharmaceutical shipments**. The product represents a convergence of **reliability, operational efficiency, and sustainability**, addressing one of the most pressing challenges in modern pharma logistics: how to maintain strict temperature integrity while reducing environmental impact.

The Silverskin RE has been **designed from the ground up** to endure repeated use across multiple shipping cycles without compromising thermal performance. Constructed from **durable, weather-resistant materials**, the cover ensures robust protection against fluctuating ambient conditions—from airport tarmacs under blazing sun to unplanned delays in transit. Its **cleanable exterior** and **zip-closure door** allow for easy handling by a single operator, enhancing usability and operational efficiency on the ground.

Among its standout features are **adjustable straps** that accommodate varying pallet heights across US and EU standards, **integrated tracking** for end-to-end visibility, and a **patent-pending air security solution** designed to deter tampering and maintain product integrity throughout the journey. These design choices make the Silverskin RE particularly appealing to logistics providers and pharmaceutical manufacturers seeking reliable, compliant, and sustainable temperature-controlled solutions.

The cover supports **two key temperature ranges—+2°C to +8°C and +15°C to +25°C**—which are critical for most biologics, vaccines, and specialty pharmaceuticals. It can be deployed for both active and passive transport modes, offering flexibility across multimodal logistics operations.

CSafe has made the Silverskin RE available through **both purchase and rental models**, backed by a comprehensive **lifecycle management program** that includes **inspection, cleaning, refurbishment, and return logistics** after each use. This circular model not only reduces waste from single-use covers but also helps companies quantify their environmental savings through measurable reductions in material consumption and CO_2 footprint.

"**Sustainability has become a top priority for pharmaceutical companies worldwide, and we are committed to helping our customers achieve their environmental goals,**" said **Patrick Schafer, CEO of CSafe**. "**With Silverskin RE, we're offering an advanced, reusable alternative to single-use thermal covers—combining the reliability CSafe is known for with the tangible benefits of waste reduction and long-term value.**"

The launch of Silverskin RE comes at a time when **pharma logistics providers are under increasing pressure** to balance performance and sustainability. As global regulations tighten and ESG standards rise, solutions that extend product lifecycles and reduce landfill impact are gaining strong traction across the supply chain.

By integrating **smart design, reusable materials, and traceability**, CSafe continues to position itself at the forefront of sustainable cold chain innovation—reinforcing its role as a partner of choice for life sciences companies navigating the complex landscape of global distribution.

CEVA Logistics adds Manhattan WMS, OMS to global warehouse innovation initiative



CEVA takes next step in innovation program to accelerate AI, automation, efficiency in contract logistics operations

- CEVA Logistics is beginning a phased rollout of Manhattan Associates' Active® solutions across its global contract logistics operations.
- The deployment includes Manhattan Active® Warehouse Management (WMS) and Order Management (OMS) systems, integrated with CEVA's existing tech stack to provide tailored, future-ready contract logistics services.
- CEVA manages over 11 million m^2 of warehouse space across ~800 sites, and the Manhattan solutions will initially be deployed at select locations in North America and Europe, eventually covering more than half of CEVA's sites.
- Manhattan's cloud-native solutions to provide scalability, resilience, and agility under CEVA's longer-term strategy
- Manhattan solutions to balance with the internal CEVA Matrix® warehouse management system (WMS) across the global footprint to perfectly align to customer needs

CEVA Logistics, a global leader in third-party logistics, announced today that the company is starting a phased rollout of Manhattan Associates' Active® solutions into its global contract logistics operations.

CEVA will deploy Manhattan Active® Warehouse Management and Manhattan Active® Order Management as part of its on-going innovation initiatives aimed at reinforcing its future-ready tech stack. The integration of Manhattan's cloud-native tools into CEVA's existing tech stack will provide a solid base to tailor its contract logistics offerings based on customer-specific requirements. CEVA manages more than 11 million square meters of warehouse space across approximately 800 sites in its contract logistics business.

Manhattan's SaaS solutions are capable of handling large volumes with zero downtime, supporting CEVA in quickly onboarding new customers and new sites. The Manhattan WMS and OMS solutions will also allow CEVA to provide customers with advanced visibility and self-service data dashboards through its MyCEVA customer portal.

CEVA will begin deployment at select locations across North America and Europe before moving to other global locations. Following the deployment, Manhattan systems will run at more than half of CEVA's contract logistics sites, with most of the remaining sites using CEVA's Matrix® systems.

Chris Walton, SVP of global contract logistics, CEVA Logistics, said: **"CEVA's commitment to our customers requires agility to respond to needs, to continuously innovate and to grow alongside them. The ability to add new technologies plays a major role in how we do this and, at the same time, how we drive our business forward. So, this latest deliverable on our longer-term strategy ensures we are perfectly placed to accelerate the deployment of the latest advances in data, AI, wearables, cobots, and other solutions for the maximum benefit to our customers, while also driving maximum efficiency into all aspects of our global operations."**

Eric Clark, CEO, Manhattan Associates, added: **"Manhattan and CEVA place innovation and customers at the core of everything we do, so the business philosophy and synergy between both our companies was clear from the start. We look forward to providing CEVA with the technology innovation needed to stay ahead of competitors, react to global events, and turn challenges into opportunities in the fast-moving world of third-party logistics and supply chain."**

Kuehne+Nagel strengthens global air logistics network with new Bengaluru gateway

- *Greater support for India's growth industries: high-tech, healthcare and automotive*
- *Direct access from Bengaluru to major intercontinental trade lanes*
- *Improved efficiency with digital integration and specialised handling capabilities*

Kuehne+Nagel has launched a new air logistics gateway in Bengaluru, India, underscoring its commitment to adapt quickly to shifting market conditions and evolving customer requirements while expanding its global network.

The gateway handles consolidation and deconsolidation of cargo, streamlines customs processes, and provides temperature-controlled handling to ensure reliability and efficiency. Integrated with Kuehne+Nagel's digital platforms, including the customer booking tool myKN, it also offers real-time visibility and seamless customer experience.

Bengaluru was selected for its strong connections to major regional and international hubs such as Frankfurt, Hong Kong, Dubai and Chicago, its role as a centre for technology and trade, and its increasing relevance in cross-border logistics. The location strengthens Kuehne+Nagel's ability to improve load efficiency, lower costs, enhance routing flexibility and manage capacity across commercial and charter networks, while remaining close to customers in one of India's fastest-growing regions.

With direct access to trade lanes spanning Europe, Asia Pacific, the Middle East and Africa, and North America, the Bengaluru gateway will also serve high-growth sectors such as high-tech and semicon, healthcare, automotive and new mobility.

Yngve Ruud, Executive Vice President, Air Logistics, Kuehne+Nagel Group, says: "*With the opening of the Bengaluru gateway, we are giving customers greater connectivity, efficiency, and resilience as part of our global Air Logistics strategy. Together with our recently inaugurated gateways in Milan, Madrid and Toronto, this development strengthens our network to better serve time-critical and high-growth industries. India's rapid development makes it a key market, and this investment reflects both our commitment to its industries and our ambition to expand Kuehne+Nagel's global footprint.*"



Kuehne+Nagel opens its first independent operation in Iceland





- *Supporting Iceland's growing export and import sectors*
- *Focusing on general cargo and perishables*
- *Targeting No. 1 position as Iceland's top freight forwarder within 5 years*

Kuehne+Nagel opens its first independent office and warehouse in Hafnafjördur, Iceland. From the location at the harbour, a team of 13 experienced specialists will provide customers with services in sea and air logistics, as well as customs solutions.

Helgi Ingólfsson, Cluster Manager for Sweden and Iceland, says: "Iceland is a high-potential market, and we are committed to supporting customers in Iceland reach their growth potential as they can benefit from our expertise in navigating and planning their supply chains. While we have had a presence in Iceland for decades, this is the first time we have a fully independent operation, and I am proud to announce the opening today, adding to the global network of Kuehne+Nagel."

Valdimar Óskarsson, Managing Director for Iceland, comments: "Having been active in the Icelandic market for many years, we are happy to join the Kuehne+Nagel family. Together with my team of industry experts within sea and air logistics, and customs, we look forward to contributing to Iceland's import and export sector."

Iceland's export industries have seen significant growth with a surging tourism sector, contributing to a higher demand for imported general cargo. Also, the fish farming industry, which produced 54,800 tonnes of fish in 2024, is projected to further increase in the coming years.

In sea logistics, Kuehne+Nagel will offer services from Denmark, Sweden, Belgium, and The Netherlands for Less-than-Container-Load and Full-Container-Load, while the export market will be focusing mainly on reefer containers meeting the demands of the fish industry. As the largest air logistics provider, Kuehne+Nagel Iceland will further strengthen the global team by offering connections to world markets through its perishable's gateways in London, Amsterdam, and Liege with a focus on exports of farmed fish.



Challenge Group Renews IATA CEIV Live Animals Certification, Strengthening Global Leadership in Equine and Livestock Transport

Challenge Group has renewed its **IATA CEIV Live Animals Certification**, reaffirming its position as a global leader in the safe and professional air transport of live animals. The certification underscores the Group's commitment to animal welfare, operational excellence, and continuous innovation across its specialized cargo network.

For decades, Challenge Group has been recognized as one of the world's most trusted carriers for equine and live animal logistics. Its success stems from deep industry expertise, rigorous operational standards, and sustained investment in people, infrastructure, and technology—all focused on ensuring that every animal is handled with the utmost care throughout its journey.

At the center of this capability lies the Group's **Horse Inn facility in Liège, Belgium**, a world-class hub that sets the benchmark for equine transport. More than just a transit station, the Horse Inn combines advanced logistics infrastructure with top-tier animal welfare standards, handling around **8,000 horses annually**. The facility's design allows for seamless transfers between ground and air operations, minimizing stress and ensuring comfort for the animals.

Challenge Group's live animal operations are supported by a **dedicated and specially trained workforce**, certified to IATA standards. Every member of the team plays a crucial role in maintaining safety and welfare standards—from meticulous documentation to in-flight monitoring. Complementing this human expertise are **customized equipment and operational solutions**, including specialized ULDs, purpose-built cleaning and storage areas, and an innovative prototype horse trailer designed to enable quick, secure movements between the Horse Inn and the aircraft.

The Group operates a fleet of **Boeing 747 freighters**, which are uniquely equipped for animal transport. Features such as pre-cooling systems, temperature-controlled holds, and designated grooms' seating ensure that horses and other live animals travel in optimal conditions. More than **5,000 horses** are flown annually on these aircraft, primarily across the Atlantic, reflecting the Group's growing influence in global equine logistics.

Beyond equine transport, Challenge Group's **charter division** has seen increasing demand for livestock flights, particularly on routes from France and Denmark to Asia. The Group also continues to support major international equestrian events, including the recent **50th anniversary of Spruce Meadows** in Canada, where it managed the safe transport of elite competition horses.

Commenting on the certification renewal, **Or Zak, Chief Commercial Officer of Challenge Group**, said:

"Thanks to the dedication of our vertical and operational teams, and the support of IATA Certification Auditors, we are proud to be recertified. This recognition reinforces our commitment to operational excellence and to raising standards in this highly specialized vertical. Our goal is to provide customers with a top-quality service, complemented by comprehensive logistics solutions that meet their global needs."

With the renewal of its **IATA CEIV Live Animals Certification**, Challenge Group continues to set new standards in specialized air cargo logistics. By combining technical expertise, compassionate handling, and a robust operational framework, the Group cements its reputation as a **global reference for the safe, ethical, and efficient transport of live animals**.

Manohar International Airport Handles First IL-76 Charter Flight for Antarctic Expedition



In a significant milestone for Goa's growing air cargo capabilities, **Manohar International Airport (MIA)** has successfully handled its **first-ever IL-76 charter flight**, transporting essential expedition supplies for India's **National Centre for Polar and Ocean Research (NCPOR)** to Antarctica via Cape Town, South Africa.

The special charter marks the **first operation of an IL-76 "Gajraj"** — a heavy-lift, four-engine strategic airlifter — from MIA. The aircraft carried critical cargo, including medicines, food supplies, and other essential materials to support India's ongoing polar research programs.

Developed and operated by **GMR Goa International Airport Ltd. (GGIAL)**, MIA continues to strengthen its position as a capable and reliable gateway for specialized and mission-critical cargo operations. This Antarctic charter movement represents the **third specialized cargo charter** managed by **GMR Goa Air Cargo** within the last two years, underscoring the airport's operational excellence and readiness for complex logistics requirements.

A Historic First for Goa's Air Cargo Sector

The IL-76 "Gajraj," a Soviet-designed aircraft known for its long-range endurance and heavy payload capacity, is often used for transporting large volumes of freight, vehicles, and personnel to remote and challenging destinations. Its successful departure from Manohar International Airport highlights the growing operational maturity and infrastructure capability of Goa's newest international aviation hub.

"This movement demonstrates MIA's capability to handle complex and specialized air cargo missions with efficiency and precision," said a GMR spokesperson. "We are proud to support India's scientific community by facilitating this crucial expedition and reaffirming our role in enabling diverse cargo operations — from perishables and pharmaceuticals to critical project and research shipments."

Reinforcing MIA's Cargo Credentials

Since commencing operations, **GMR Goa Air Cargo** has rapidly built a reputation for its **world-class facilities**, **efficient ground handling**, and **specialized infrastructure** designed to accommodate a variety of cargo aircraft and commodities. Its growing portfolio of successful charters — including project logistics, relief consignments, and now scientific expeditions — reinforces MIA's emergence as a key logistics hub for Western India.

By enabling complex, high-precision movements like the **NCPOR Antarctic mission**, MIA and GGIAL continue to play a pivotal role in India's broader aviation and logistics network — combining strategic location, advanced cargo infrastructure, and technical expertise to handle diverse cargo requirements with global reach.

Jason Berry Named COO of Alaska Airlines, to Continue Overseeing Group Cargo Operations

Alaska Air Group has announced a series of senior leadership transitions across its portfolio of airlines, reinforcing its commitment to operational excellence and growth as it moves closer to completing the integration of Hawaiian Airlines.



Jason Berry, currently President of Horizon Air and Executive Vice President of Cargo at Alaska Air Group, has been appointed Chief Operating Officer (COO) of Alaska Airlines, effective November 3, 2025. In his expanded role, Berry will continue to lead the group's cargo division — a business he has helped transform into a strategic growth driver for the company.

Berry succeeds Constance von Muehlen, who will retire in early 2026 after nearly 15 years with Alaska Airlines. Von Muehlen, who has served as COO since 2021, will remain with the airline in an advisory role until February to ensure a seamless transition.

"Her leadership has been instrumental in advancing safety, reliability, and innovation across the airline's operations," the company said in an official statement.

Leadership Evolution Amid Integration Milestone

Berry's appointment comes at a pivotal moment for **Alaska Air Group**, which is in the final stages of integrating **Hawaiian Airlines** under a single operating certificate (SOC) from the **Federal Aviation Administration (FAA)**. The SOC, expected later this year, will mark the unification of both carriers into a single mainline operator while retaining their individual brands.

"Constance will retire after Alaska and Hawaiian Airlines achieve a single operating certificate this fall, then stay on in an advisory role into early 2026," said **Ben Minicucci**, President and CEO of Alaska Air Group.

"These transitions mark an exciting moment for Alaska Air Group. The milestone of a single operating certificate is a natural time to evolve our leadership team as we grow into a global premium airline."

A Proven Cargo and Operations Leader

Berry's career at Alaska Air Group has come full circle. He rejoined the company in 2023 to lead Horizon Air after previously spending more than six years overseeing cargo operations at Alaska Airlines and nearly two years as President of **McGee Air Services**, the group's ground handling and aviation services subsidiary. Before returning to Alaska, he led **Air Canada Cargo**, where he steered the carrier's cargo transformation through the pandemic and post-pandemic recovery phase.

Following the completion of the Hawaiian Airlines acquisition in 2024 — a **$1.9 billion transaction** approved by regulators — Berry was also named **Executive Vice President of Cargo**. Under his leadership, Alaska Air Group established a unified cargo business under **Ian Morgan**, Vice President of Cargo, combining the strengths of both Alaska and Hawaiian's freight operations.

"Berry brings deep operational expertise and a strong track record of leading teams with heart and precision," Alaska Air Group said. "His experience spans cargo, ground services, and regional operations, with leadership roles at Air Canada, Cargolux, and McGee Air Services."

Expanding Cargo Horizons

Alaska Air Group's cargo division has become an increasingly vital contributor to the company's financial and strategic goals. As part of its **'Alaska Accelerate'** three-year plan launched in late 2024, the group targets **$1 billion in incremental profit**, with cargo expected to contribute **$150 million** of that total.

The merger with Hawaiian Airlines has also brought Alaska

Air Group into **Amazon's cargo network**, inheriting a long-term contract to operate **10 Airbus A330 converted freighters** dedicated to the e-commerce giant's U.S. distribution system. Additionally, Alaska's new Boeing 787 long-haul services from **Seattle to Tokyo Narita and Seoul Incheon** have significantly boosted its belly-hold cargo capacity and strengthened its presence in the Asia-Pacific market.

"This is an incredibly exciting time at Alaska and Hawaiian Airlines," Berry said. "As we move toward the next integration milestone, we're bringing together incredible frontline teams who will continue to lead the industry in safety, remarkable customer service, and operational excellence."

A Smooth Transition and a Strong Foundation

Von Muehlen reflected on her tenure with gratitude and optimism for the future:

"It has been an absolute privilege to lead Alaska's frontline teams these past five years — out of the pandemic, into an integration, and always putting safety and excellence at the forefront," she said. "Every day, I get to see how Alaska regularly leads the industry in care and performance, and it's because of the dedication of thousands of technicians, flight attendants, pilots, and service agents. I know they will continue this excellence with Jason at the helm."

With Berry assuming the COO role, **Andy Schneider**, currently Senior Vice President of People at Alaska Airlines, will become **CEO and President of Horizon Air**, continuing Alaska Air Group's focus on leadership continuity and culture-driven growth.

A Growing Network and Future Ambitions

Alaska Air Group now operates a network spanning **over 140 destinations** across **North America, Central America, Asia, and the Pacific**, anchored by major hubs in **Seattle, Honolulu, Portland, Anchorage, Los Angeles, San Diego, and San Francisco**. The group's subsidiaries include **Alaska Airlines, Hawaiian Airlines, Horizon Air**, and **McGee Air Services**. The company's shares are traded on the **New York Stock Exchange (NYSE)**.

As Alaska Air Group evolves into a stronger, more globally connected airline, Berry's leadership in both operations and cargo is expected to play a crucial role in steering the next phase of growth — integrating fleets, people, and networks while maintaining the brand's hallmark operational reliability.

"I am honored to be taking on this new role as we build on the great foundation Constance and her team have established," Berry said. "Horizon is in great hands with Andy, and together we're charting an exciting path forward for Alaska Air Group."

AIR ONE appoints Clair Gunn as Commercial Operations Director as expansion continues

AIR ONE has appointed Clair Gunn as Commercial Operations Director as it continues to strengthen its position in the air charter, scheduled cargo, and wet lease sectors globally. In her new role, Clair leads the Group's commercial operations, with responsibility for fleet capacity planning, network and schedule design, and driving revenue performance across both charter and scheduled services. She will also work closely with the management teams of AIR ONE's subsidiary and affiliate airlines to optimise fleet utilisation and strengthen customer value.

Clair joined AIR ONE in January 2023 and held the post of Deputy Head of Charters prior to this latest promotion. During her 25+ year aviation industry career, she has held senior Operations, Commercial and Key Account Management roles. Peter Scholten, Chief Commercial Officer at AIR ONE, commented: "Clair's appointment is an important step in aligning our commercial and operational functions as we continue to grow. Her deep understanding of cargo markets and proven leadership will ensure we maximise efficiency across the network while creating new opportunities for our customers worldwide."



Clair's appointment marks another step in AIR ONE's ambition to strengthen its global cargo offering, ensuring customers benefit from an agile network, optimised capacity, and tailored solutions for every shipment. Over the past five years, AIR ONE and its airline partners have operated over 3,750 full charters carrying more than 345,000 tonnes of cargo to 100+ destinations globally.

In September, AIR ONE also launched its first-ever scheduled freighter services with a new four-times weekly Boeing 747-400F operation connecting Hong Kong and the United Kingdom. More destinations will be added shortly.

Ostend-Bruges Airport Appoints Johan Leunen as Cargo Development Director to Drive Strategic Growth



Ostend-Bruges Airport has announced the appointment of **Johan Leunen** as its new **Cargo Development Director**, underscoring the airport's commitment to expanding its cargo operations and accelerating sustainable growth in the regional logistics sector.

With more than **23 years of experience in the air cargo industry**, Leunen brings deep expertise in cargo development, airline partnerships, and market strategy. His appointment marks a key step in the airport's efforts to strengthen its role as a vital logistics hub in Western Europe.

A Veteran in Cargo Development

Leunen began his air cargo career in 2000, gaining hands-on experience in **cargo handling, forwarding, and airport development**. Over the years, he advanced through diverse roles in customer service, sales management, and business development—building a well-rounded understanding of the global cargo ecosystem.

He spent a significant part of his career at **Brussels Airport Company**, where he joined in 2012 as **Cargo Marketing Manager**. In this role, he focused on supporting airline partners, promoting cargo growth, and positioning Brussels as a key European logistics hub.

Until early 2025, Leunen served as **Senior Business & Development Manager Cargo** at Brussels Airport, where he played an instrumental role in **attracting new airlines, logistics companies, and expanding international cargo connectivity**. His strategic insights and strong industry relationships have made him a respected figure in the European air cargo sector.

Strengthening Ostend-Bruges' Cargo Vision

In his new position, Leunen will collaborate closely with **Cargo Sales Director Rose Yiqian Qiu** and **Egis Group's Director of Cargo Strategy, Steven Verhasselt**, to expand the airport's network, develop new cargo routes, and enhance operational efficiency.

Their joint focus will be on **building Ostend-Bruges Airport's reputation as a reliable, sustainable, and customer-focused cargo hub**, capable of handling a diverse mix of freight—from e-commerce and perishables to specialized and time-critical shipments.

Leadership Confidence and Future Outlook

Commenting on the appointment, **Nathan De Valck, CEO of Ostend-Bruges Airport**, said:

"We strongly believe in the opportunities that the air cargo sector holds for Ostend-Bruges Airport. Johan's expertise, industry knowledge, and extensive network will be a great asset to our team. With his support, we are confident that we can strengthen our position as a key cargo gateway and contribute to the economic development of the region."

As Ostend-Bruges Airport continues to evolve its infrastructure and partnerships, the appointment of Johan Leunen reflects a **strategic focus on long-term cargo growth and sustainability**, aligning with the region's broader ambitions to reinforce Belgium's position as a European logistics powerhouse.

Thomas Yu Returns to dnata as Divisional Vice President, Cargo UAE; Bharat Bhatia Rejoins as Head of Cargo Operations



Thomas Yu



Bharat Bhatia

dnata strengthens leadership team to drive growth, operational efficiency, and innovation across Dubai's cargo hubs

dnata has announced the return of Thomas Yu as Divisional Vice President, Cargo UAE, effective October 2025. Yu will lead the company's cargo business operations across Dubai International Airport (DXB) and Al Maktoum International Airport (DWC), overseeing revenue generation, hub development, and the execution of dnata's global cargo strategy with an emphasis on digital transformation, product innovation, and safety compliance.

Yu shared the news on LinkedIn, expressing excitement at returning to dnata after nearly six years at Cainiao Group. During his tenure at Cainiao, he managed global hub operations and product development across multiple continents, building teams and launching logistics hubs. Yu highlighted that his international experience had refined his leadership approach and deepened his understanding of customer service and innovation.

Returning to Dubai, Yu participated in dnata's Annual Leaders Forum during his first week, engaging with senior executives on strategy and recent achievements. He acknowledged Guillaume Crozier, dnata's Chief Cargo Officer, for laying a strong foundation for the cargo division and expressed enthusiasm for collaborating with colleagues and partners to drive future growth.

In his new role, Yu will play a key part in dnata's transition readiness for the Dubai AMI Project and support the development of DWC as a major cargo hub. He will also oversee infrastructure initiatives designed to enhance scalability and operational efficiency, while ensuring alignment with dnata's cargo standards and regulatory compliance through Safety Management Systems.

Bharat Bhatia Rejoins dnata

In a related move, dnata has welcomed back Bharat Bhatia as Head of Cargo Operations. Bhatia rejoined the company in June 2025 after three years at WestJet Cargo in Canada, where he led cargo operations. He previously spent 18 years at dnata in various leadership roles spanning operations control, business improvement, and airport services.

Based at DWC, Bhatia is responsible for managing cargo operations, driving process improvements, and ensuring operational efficiency across dnata's network.

Commenting on Yu's return, Crozier wrote on LinkedIn: "Great to have you with us, Thomas; together we will rock it."

Yu's appointment, alongside Bhatia's return, underscores dnata's commitment to strengthening its leadership bench to support its cargo operations and long-term growth ambitions. Yu previously served as Head of Commercial for dnata's International Airport Operations from 2017 to 2019 and has held key roles at Cathay Pacific Services Ltd and Hong Kong Air Cargo Terminals Limited, gaining extensive experience in business development, operations planning, and customer relations within the cargo and logistics sector.

DHL Supply Chain Appoints Martin Willmor as CEO for UK & Ireland



DHL Supply Chain has announced the appointment of **Martin Willmor** as its new **Chief Executive Officer for the UK and Ireland**, effective **1 October 2025**. He succeeds **Saul Resnick**, who is stepping down from the role to pursue opportunities outside the DHL Group.

Willmor will report directly to **Hendrik Venter**, CEO, DHL Supply Chain, and brings more than two decades of experience within the DHL Group, having built a career that spans operations, digital innovation, and strategic leadership across multiple business units and regions.

A Proven Leader from Within the DHL Family

Martin Willmor currently serves as **CEO of DigiHaul**, DHL's digital freight platform designed to simplify and automate carrier and load management. Under his leadership, DigiHaul has evolved into one of the Group's key digital ventures, streamlining tender management, haulier integration, and subcontractor coordination to deliver more efficient road transport operations across the UK and Europe.

Since taking the helm at DigiHaul in 2021, Willmor has led its successful international expansion into four markets and driven consistent, double-digit growth.

Having joined DHL in 2002, Willmor's two-decade journey includes senior roles that have combined operational expertise with customer-focused innovation. He was appointed **Vice President of Passenger Gateways** in 2013 and later became **Managing Director for Supply Chain Solutions** in 2017 — roles that allowed him to shape large-scale logistics strategies for diverse industry sectors.

Leadership Transition and Strategic Continuity

Announcing the appointment, **Hendrik Venter**, CEO, DHL Supply Chain, said:

"Martin has a proven track record of driving sustainable growth, innovation, and customer excellence. His deep industry knowledge, strategic mindset, and strong leadership make him exceptionally well positioned to lead DHL Supply Chain UKI into its next chapter.

"At the same time, I would like to sincerely thank Saul for his outstanding leadership and contributions. He has strengthened customer experience and employee engagement, enhanced financial performance, and laid the foundations for future growth. We wish him every success in his next endeavours."

Building on Strong Foundations

Reflecting on his new role, **Martin Willmor** said:

"I am honoured to be taking on this role. Having grown my career within DHL, I know first-hand the dedication and talent of our people. Together, we will continue to build on our strong foundations — delivering exceptional service to our customers and continuing to lead the market by example. I am excited to shape the next phase of our journey in the UK and Ireland."

A Strategic Step Forward

The leadership change marks the start of a new chapter for **DHL Supply Chain UK & Ireland**, one of the logistics giant's largest and most diverse regional operations. The business has played a pivotal role in DHL's global success, serving a wide spectrum of industries — from retail, technology, and life sciences to automotive and e-commerce.

With Willmor at the helm, DHL Supply Chain is expected to continue accelerating its digitalisation agenda, sustainability goals, and operational excellence initiatives, ensuring it remains a leader in an increasingly competitive and technology-driven logistics landscape.



FedEx Appoints Kawal Preet as Executive Vice President, Planning, Engineering, and Transformation

FedEx Corporation has announced the appointment of **Kawal Preet** as **Executive Vice President (EVP), Planning, Engineering, and Transformation**, effective **October 1, 2025**. Preet, who previously served as **Regional President for Asia Pacific (APAC)**, will now join the **FedEx Executive Committee** and report directly to **Raj Subramaniam**, President and CEO of FedEx Corporation.

A Strategic Leader with Deep Operational Expertise

In her new role, Preet will lead the company's **Transformation Office**, overseeing the **DRIVE framework and initiatives**—a cornerstone of FedEx's ongoing transformation program. DRIVE focuses on improving operational efficiency, network integration, and digital innovation across all business units to strengthen service delivery and long-term value creation.

Preet will also head FedEx's **global centralized planning and engineering function**, responsible for integrating the company's vast global air and ground networks. This effort aims to create a more unified, data-driven, and agile logistics infrastructure to support FedEx's strategic vision for a global, connected network.

Proven Leadership Across Asia Pacific

Preet brings nearly three decades of experience at FedEx, with a career spanning leadership roles in operations, planning, and engineering. As **Regional President for Asia Pacific** since 2020, she guided the company through one of the most dynamic and challenging periods in modern logistics — including the COVID-19 pandemic and subsequent shifts in global trade and supply chain structures.

Under her leadership, FedEx APAC strengthened its market presence, optimized cross-border capabilities, and enhanced customer experience through digital transformation and operational resilience. Preet was instrumental in advancing the company's sustainability goals and expanding its footprint in emerging markets.

Driving FedEx's Transformation Agenda

Announcing the appointment, **Raj Subramaniam**, President and CEO of FedEx Corporation, said:

"With her institutional knowledge and industry expertise, Kawal's leadership in this new role will enable a holistic approach to our DRIVE transformation efforts that are creating long-term value for our customers, team members, and stockholders.

Her collaborative, thoughtful approach and commitment to excellence will further our progress toward a global integrated network as she leads a centralized planning and engineering team."

Shaping the Future of Global Logistics

Preet's appointment underscores FedEx's focus on **leadership continuity and strategic transformation** as it continues to evolve into a more flexible, technology-enabled, and customer-centric organization.

Her promotion also reflects FedEx's commitment to empowering leaders with deep operational insight and cross-regional experience to drive innovation and efficiency across its global network.

With Preet at the helm of Planning, Engineering, and Transformation, FedEx is poised to accelerate its long-term strategy of integrating its air, ground, and digital operations into a single, optimized network — a critical step in reshaping the logistics giant for the next era of global trade.

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