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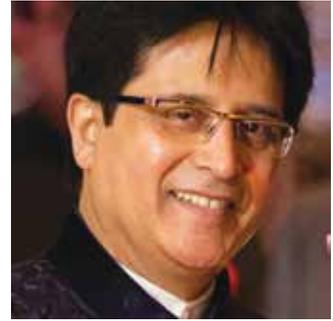
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EDITOR'S NOTES

Assessing the Impact of the Iran War on Airfreight Flows



The outbreak of hostilities following attacks on Iran by forces from the United States and Israel has sent immediate shockwaves through global airfreight networks, highlighting once again how geopolitical disruptions in the Middle East can reverberate across global supply chains.

Within hours of the first strikes on Saturday, 28 February, retaliatory action from Tehran targeting major Gulf aviation hubs forced the closure of several airports across the region. Airlines based in the Gulf temporarily grounded fleets, resulting in a sudden

withdrawal of a significant share of global cargo lift. According to analysis compiled by WorldACD Market Data, nearly half of all airfreight capacity originating in the Middle East and South Asia (MESA) was effectively stranded over the weekend, equivalent to roughly **15% of global air cargo capacity**.

Although affected airports gradually resumed operations by mid-week and Gulf carriers began restoring schedules, the immediate disruption underscored the critical role that the MESA region plays as a bridge between Asian production centers and Western consumer markets.

Immediate disruption to global cargo flows

Exports from the MESA region dropped sharply as airport closures and grounded aircraft halted operations across key hubs. Compared with the same day a week earlier (week 8), total airfreight exports from the region fell **27% on Saturday 28 February**, before plunging **56% on Sunday 1 March**, producing a combined **40% week-on-week decline** over the two days.

Within the region, the Levant and Gulf markets experienced the steepest contraction, registering a **week-on-week slump exceeding 70% on Sunday**.

The wider ramifications were immediate. Because the MESA region acts as a major transit corridor between Asia and Western markets, disruptions rapidly spread across intercontinental routes. Overall, approximately **21% of global air cargo traffic** was directly affected by the conflict, illustrating the region's strategic role in global logistics networks.

South Asian exports suffer steep decline

The most visible impact on trade lanes emerged in South Asia's export flows to major consumer markets.

By Sunday 1 March, chargeable weight departing South Asia had

Air Cargo Market Trends Past 5 weeks



Latest week: Mon 23 Feb - Sun 01 Mar 2026

Worldwide last 5 weeks
 ○ Rate (US\$) Previous year ● Rate (US\$) Current year □ Ch.weight Previous year ■ Ch.weight Current year



Origin Regions last 2 to 5 weeks

Region	Capacity ¹			Chargeable weight ¹			Rate ¹		
	Last 5 wks	2Wo2W	YoY	Last 5 wks	2Wo2W	YoY	Last 5 wks	2Wo2W	YoY
Africa		+1%	+15%		-10%	+4%		-2%	+10%
Asia Pacific		-15%	-4%		-30%	-17%		-6%	-1%
C. & S. America		-7%	+8%		-17%	+3%		-0%	+0%
Europe		-4%	+3%		-6%	-9%		+2%	+11%
M. East & S. Asia		-12%	-2%		-5%	+5%		+5%	-6%
North America		-4%	+0%		-3%	-1%		-1%	-3%
Worldwide		-8%	-0%		-18%	-9%		-5%	+0%

¹2Wo2W 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)



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dropped dramatically compared with the previous Sunday (22 February). Shipments bound for Europe plunged **57%**, while exports to the United States declined **33%**, producing an overall **near-50% fall in outbound**

volumes for the day.

This collapse reflects the heavy reliance of South Asian freight on Gulf hub connectivity. Major carriers operating through regional hubs typically consolidate shipments from

South Asia before onward transport to Western destinations. When those hubs shut down—even temporarily—cargo flows can grind to a halt.

Forwarders reported that shipments were stranded at multiple origin airports as airlines suspended operations and ground-handling facilities halted throughput.

Ripple effects across Asia-Pacific

The disruption also affected flows further upstream in the supply chain across the Asia-Pacific region.

Exports from China and Northeast Asia to Europe, which had been recovering steadily during the week, reversed course over the weekend. Shipments from the region declined **4% week-on-week**, reflecting the sudden reduction in available transit capacity through Middle Eastern hubs.

Meanwhile, Southeast Asia's exports to Europe experienced an **8% weekend decline**, slowing momentum after several days of recovery following the Lunar New Year holiday period.

While the impact varied by market, the underlying cause remained the same: a temporary loss of key transfer capacity linking Asian manufacturing centers with European and North American markets.

Charter capacity steps in

As the crisis unfolded, freight forwarders and logistics providers began scrambling for alternatives to maintain supply chain continuity.

With commercial capacity restricted, many forwarders turned to **ad-hoc charter operations out of Asia-Pacific**, particularly for urgent shipments destined for Europe and the United States. These charters are intended to bypass congested Gulf hubs and reduce the risk of accumulating backlogs at origin.

Industry observers warn that congestion risks remain high. If regular passenger and cargo schedules in the Gulf do not fully normalize, **backlogs of airfreight bound for Western markets could begin to accumulate**

by the coming weekend, particularly for high-value electronics and e-commerce shipments.

A complicated week for market analysis

The timing of the conflict has made interpretation of weekly market data unusually complex.

Week 9 (23 February to 1 March) effectively represents **two different market conditions**: five days of normal trading followed by two days of severe disruption triggered by the conflict.

Before the outbreak of hostilities, global air cargo demand had been strengthening. The post-Lunar New Year recovery was already underway across Asia-Pacific, with outbound tonnage rising **13% week-on-week**. This rebound helped push overall global volumes **2% higher week-on-week**, despite the late-week disruption.

Certain technology supply chains showed particularly strong momentum. Demand for servers and semiconductors drove dramatic increases in shipments from key manufacturing centers. Week-on-week tonnage surged **66% from Taiwan to the United States** and **54% from South Korea to the United States**, reflecting ongoing investment in data centers and artificial intelligence infrastructure.

However, not all markets experienced similar growth. Shipments from China and Japan declined **5% and 9% respectively**, reflecting uneven post-holiday recovery patterns.

Rate trends reflect softening demand

Freight rate movements during the week also reflected mixed market signals.

Spot rates from Asia-Pacific to the United States increased **3% week-on-week**, driven by double-digit increases from Japan, South Korea, and Malaysia. These gains were partially offset by declining rates out of China and Hong Kong.

On a year-on-year basis, however, pricing from Asia-Pacific to the United States was **5% lower**, reflecting double-digit declines from several major origin markets.

Rates from Asia-Pacific to Europe also weakened slightly, declining **3% week-on-week** due primarily to lower pricing from China, Hong Kong, and Japan.

Across global markets, pricing trends showed a modest retreat. With the exception of the MESA region (+2%) and North America (unchanged), all regions recorded lower week-on-week pricing. The sharpest drop occurred in Asia-Pacific, where rates fell **8%**.

Overall, global air cargo rates declined **3% week-on-week and 1% year-on-year**, suggesting that demand was softening even as available capacity contracted.

Capacity constraints deepen

Capacity trends have added another layer of complexity to the market outlook.

Following a **7% drop in week 8**, global air cargo capacity fell a further **2% in week 9**, according to WorldACD Market Data.

Compared with the same period a year earlier, total available capacity over the previous two weeks remained roughly flat. Gains in several regions—Africa (+15%), Central and South America (+8%), and Europe (+3%)—were largely offset by declines in Asia-Pacific (-4%) and the Middle East & South Asia region (-2%).

These figures highlight the delicate balance between demand and available lift in the global cargo market.

Industry growth continues despite disruption

Despite the volatility created by geopolitical tensions, the broader air cargo market has continued to show underlying growth momentum.

After posting **8% year-on-year growth in January**, the industry recorded a **7% increase in global chargeable weight during February**.

With the exception of Europe, which

experienced a **3% decline**, all major regions reported higher volumes. Asia-Pacific led the expansion with **14% growth**, while the Middle East & South Asia region recorded **12% growth** in outbound traffic.

Pricing trends were more uneven. Freight rates from Europe rose **9% year-on-year**, while Asia-Pacific and Africa saw increases of **6% and 7% respectively**. By contrast, pricing from MESA declined **8%**, North American rates dropped **3%**, and Central and South America recorded a **2% decrease**.

Strategic uncertainty ahead

The escalation of conflict involving Iran has amplified uncertainty for the global logistics industry.

If hostilities persist, the implications for air cargo could extend far beyond short-term flight disruptions. Prolonged conflict could lead to:

- restrictions on major flight corridors linking Asia and Europe
- sustained spikes in aviation fuel costs driven by rising oil prices
- increased airline surcharges
- potential economic slowdown affecting global trade volumes

For the moment, the industry is responding with characteristic flexibility. Airlines are gradually restoring schedules, forwarders are deploying charter capacity, and supply chains are adjusting routing strategies.

As history has repeatedly shown, the air cargo sector has demonstrated remarkable resilience in the face of geopolitical shocks. The coming weeks will determine whether the current disruption proves temporary—or marks the beginning of a more prolonged shift in global airfreight dynamics.

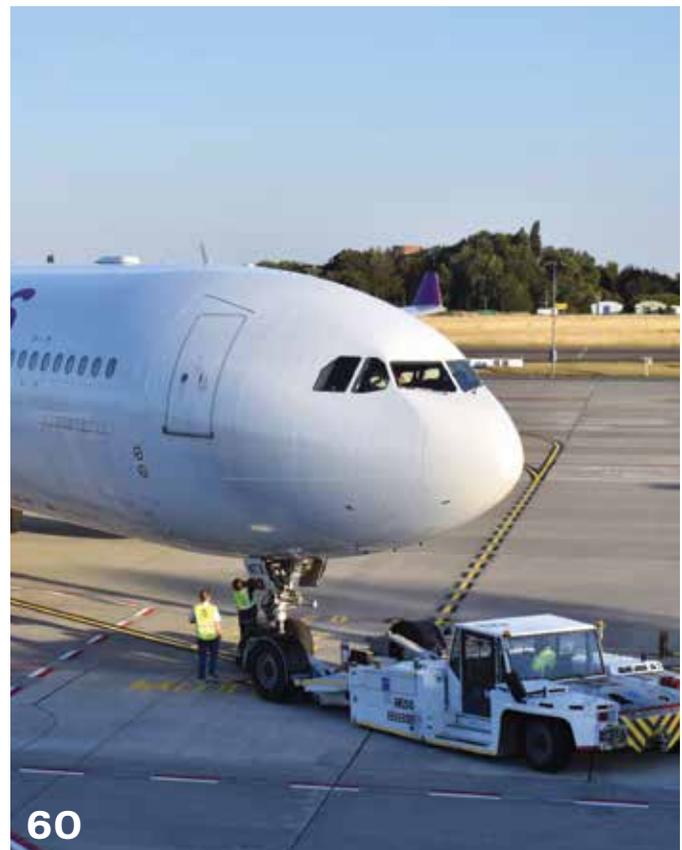
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Digitalisation Takes Centre Stage at IATA World Cargo Symposium: ONE Record Emerges as Industry's Unifying Standard



At the heart of this year's International Air Transport Association (IATA) World Cargo Symposium (WCS), digitalisation emerged not just as a theme but as a business imperative for the global air cargo industry. With customer expectations for speed, transparency and reliability intensifying, seamless and consistent data exchange is now recognised as vital rather than optional for supply chain efficiency and competitiveness. Central to this transformation agenda is **ONE Record** — IATA's flagship data-sharing standard designed to unify how cargo information is created, shared and used across the entire air freight ecosystem.

ONE Record: A Single Language for Cargo Data

ONE Record represents a fundamental shift in air cargo operations, replacing fragmented data formats, point-to-point integrations and legacy messaging with a unified digital model. The standard creates a **single record view of each shipment**, enabling real-time visibility and collaboration among airlines, freight forwarders, ground handlers, IT providers and regulatory authorities. By defining a common data model and modern API-based exchange mechanisms, ONE Record facilitates plug-and-play interoperability across platforms that were previously disconnected.

"The vision for ONE Record is an end-to-end digital supply chain where data is easily and transparently exchanged," IATA has stated, underscoring its ambition to move beyond traditional messaging protocols and usher in a new era of interconnected cargo logistics.

Driving Industry Awareness and Adoption

IATA's recent survey of cargo stakeholders reveals that digitalisation momentum is building: **over 70% of respondents are aware of ONE Record**, and **nearly 50% indicate readiness to adopt the standard**, which became the association's **preferred method for cargo data exchange as of 1 January 2026**.

More than **30 pilot projects** are underway worldwide, exploring practical applications of ONE Record across critical areas such as electronic Air Waybill (eAWB) submission, realtime shipment tracking, customs status updates, digital booking exchanges, and piece-level export processing. Participants in these pilots include major carriers and logistics players such as Cathay Pacific, CHAMP Cargosystems, Turkish Cargo, Lufthansa, Korean Air, and Schenker.

Industry feedback has also highlighted what stakeholders want most: **78% want more pilots and demonstrations**, **75% seek additional peer examples and shared learnings**, and **80% are calling for ongoing communication and guidance** from IATA as adoption accelerates.

From Awareness to Implementation

In response to these calls for support, IATA is stepping up efforts

to broaden technology adoption and implementation guidance. Initiatives include expanding pilot participation across stakeholder groups, offering targeted training and certification, hosting webinars and hackathons, and publishing best-practice implementation case studies. The goal is to help airlines, forwarders, ground handlers and regulators navigate their digital transformation journeys and embed the ONE Record standard into operational systems.

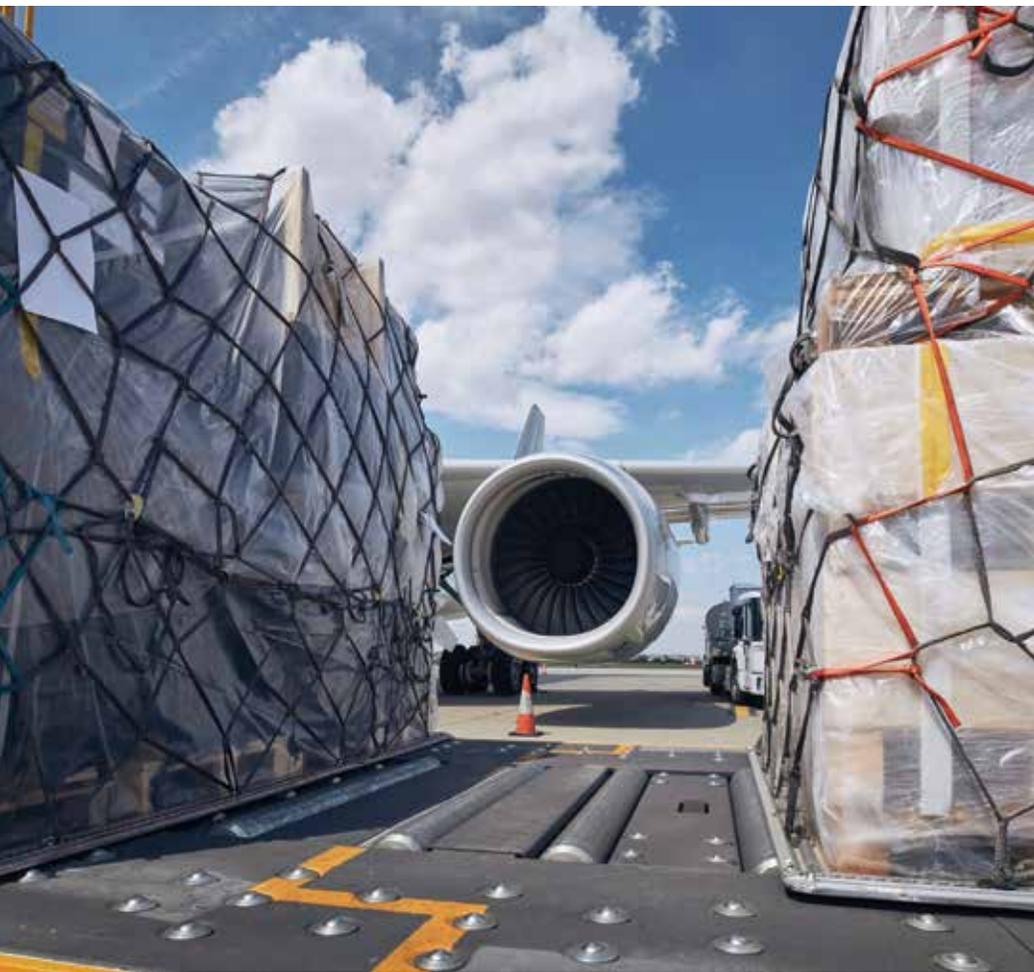
IATA has also worked with industry leaders through its Digitalisation Leadership Charter, launched at the 2024 World Cargo Symposium in Hong Kong, which now counts more than 40 signatories committed to driving a harmonised digital future for the air cargo sector.

Business Imperative, Not Just Technology

Speakers and delegates at the WCS emphasised that digitalisation is no longer a technical sideline but a strategic requirement. Modern customers demand visibility and predictability; digital processes reduce manual work and error rates, enabling automation and the use of artificial intelligence to further enhance supply chain performance. The consistent message from IATA's cargo leadership is clear: **digitalisation unlocks value, it does not add complexity** — and the backbone of this transformation is the ONE Record standard.

As the industry progresses toward the full implementation deadline in 2026, ONE Record stands as a testament to what collaborative digital innovation can achieve — transforming air cargo into a more transparent, efficient and future-ready business.

Ecommerce Navigates Regulatory Headwinds but Remains a Cornerstone of Air Cargo Growth, Says IATA



As the air cargo industry converges on this year's World Cargo Symposium, the narrative around ecommerce is one of resilience amid regulatory turbulence. After a rocky 2025 marked by shifting trade policies and heightened customs scrutiny, the **International Air Transport Association (IATA)** maintains that the ecommerce vertical will remain a key engine of air cargo demand through 2026 and beyond.

IATA's latest figures show global air cargo demand achieved record volumes

in 2025, with cargo tonnekilometres (CTKs) increasing **3.4% year on year** over 2024 — underscoring the sector's capacity to adapt to market shocks and sustained consumer demand for rapid delivery.

According to **Andre Majeres**, IATA's Head of Ecommerce and Cargo Operations, optimism for 2026 remains strong. "Ecommerce will remain one of the strongest drivers of air cargo demand in 2026," he said, pointing to forecasted volume increases and the rising share of crossborder online trade.

IATA anticipates **global air cargo volumes will grow by around 2.4%, surpassing 71.6 million tonnes**, with a significant proportion attributed to ecommerce flows. **Asia Pacific** is expected to lead regionally with robust growth near **6%**, reflecting enduring demand within and beyond the region.

Regulatory Friction and Shifting Trade Lanes

The backdrop to these projections includes a series of regulatory changes that have curtailed some traditional ecommerce corridors, most notably the **removal of the U.S. de minimis tax exemption** on lowvalue imports, which previously allowed many Chinaorigin packets valued under \$800 to enter without import duties. That policy shift triggered a notable drop in shipments on the **Asia-North America trade lane**, with industry data showing contraction in that corridor for an extended period, as supply chains recalibrated to new tax obligations.

While this has dampened traffic to the U.S., Majeres stresses that overall demand has not evaporated. "The removal of de minimis led to an initial drop in lowvalue ecommerce shipments on the Asia-North America trade lane ... but it hasn't meant a collapse in ecommerce demand," he said. Other corridors, including intraAsia and AsiaEurope flows, have recorded **doubledigit growth**, indicating **redistribution rather than loss of demand**.

This rebalancing is also influenced by broader shifts in global supply chains. Southeast Asia continues to gain prominence as a manufacturing and distribution hub as shippers pursue diversification strategies beyond China — a trend accelerated by the trade

tensions of the past few years and evolving tariff landscapes.

Operational and Infrastructure Challenges

Despite the underlying demand, IATA identifies several structural hurdles that could temper the pace of growth. Regulatory complexity remains an immediate concern: frequent changes to customs requirements and tax thresholds continue to create friction in crossborder ecommerce logistics.

The nature of ecommerce parcels — typically smaller, varied and requiring rapid sorting — places added strain on cargo handling operations. “Ecommerce shipments are often smaller and more fragmented, putting pressure on handling and agility in capacity planning,” Majeres explained.

Looking ahead, capacity management will also be critical. Industry watchers have flagged potential constraints in widebody and freighter capacity, which could complicate efforts to match supply with demand across peak periods. Sustainability continues to feature prominently in strategic discussions, as consumers and regulators alike demand greener logistics solutions. IATA emphasises the importance of accelerating sustainable aviation fuel (SAF) adoption and enhancing emissions transparency across supply chains.

Critical to meeting both current and future ecommerce demand is adequate infrastructure. IATA’s white paper on the **‘2025 Vision for the Future of Air Cargo Facilities’** highlights the need for enhanced sorting automation, scalable handling technologies, and facilities designed specifically for express and lastmile operations.

Digitalisation and Strategic Priorities

To optimise ecommerce operations, IATA is championing five strategic areas of focus for industry players:

1. Prioritise ecommerce-specific products and services to capture market share.

2. Accelerate digitalisation to increase speed and transparency across logistics networks.

3. Harmonise systems and standards for smoother customs clearance.

4. Invest in air cargo products that address capacity and crisis risks.

5. Compete through responsiveness and value-added services, reducing processing times and enhancing customer experience.

Central to these efforts is data standardisation. IATA’s digital datasharing framework, **ONE Record**, has been widely endorsed by the industry as a critical tool for improving visibility, speeding operations, and reducing friction in multipartner workflows.

Service innovation is similarly central; tailored solutions such as advanced trackandtrace capabilities, prioritised handling, and integrated first/lastmile networks are seen as

competitive differentiators in an increasingly crowded marketplace.

The Bigger Picture: Ecommerce’s Expanding Role

IATA’s own estimates and independent market forecasts point to a rapidly rising share of ecommerce volumes in the broader air cargo mix. As much as **20% of air cargo volumes were linked to online trade**, with projections suggesting this could climb to **30% by 2027** as global online retail sales continue to expand toward an estimated **\$8 trillion** globally.

Even as overall cargo growth moderates from the extraordinary pandemic-era peaks, ecommerce remains a structural growth engine — reshaping trade patterns, prompting investment in next-generation logistics infrastructure, and driving continued innovation across the air cargo value chain.

ECommerce & Air Cargo: Key Takeaways (2026 Outlook)

Global Trends

- Air cargo volumes expected to reach **71.6 million tonnes** in 2026, up **2.4%**, with ecommerce driving a major share.
- **Asia Pacific** leads regional growth at **6%**, benefiting from China+1 supply chain diversification.

Trade Lane Shifts

- **Asia-North America**: Softening due to U.S. de minimis removal; six consecutive months of contraction.
- **China-Europe**: Gains from regulatory changes; future growth under threat from EU ecommerce tariffs (€3 per parcel < €150 from July 2026).
- **Intra-Asia and Middle East-Europe**: Strong double-digit growth; ecommerce demand redistributed rather than lost.

Operational Challenges

- Smaller, fragmented parcels require agility in handling and capacity planning.
- Potential widebody freighter shortages may limit flexibility.
- Regulatory complexity and evolving customs rules create friction.
- Sustainability pressures demand accelerated adoption of **SAF** and improved emissions transparency.

IATA Recommendations

1. Prioritise ecommerce-specific products & services.
2. Drive **digitalisation** via standards like **ONE Record**.
3. Harmonise systems for efficient customs compliance.
4. Invest in air cargo solutions for capacity and crisis resilience.
5. Enhance responsiveness and value-added services to reduce processing times.

Market Outlook

- Currently, **1 in 5 packages** are bought online; projected to rise to **1 in 3 by 2027**.
- **Cross-border e-commerce** could account for **30% of total air cargo volumes** by 2027.
- **Global online retail sales** expected to reach **\$8 trillion** by 2027.

Infrastructure & Efficiency

- Automation, advanced sorting, and express handling facilities critical for growth.
- Adopting IATA standards ensures operational efficiency and excellence, enabling a resilient, future-ready air cargo industry.

TIACA Reports Strong Sales Momentum for Air Cargo Forum 2026 in Miami; Registration Now Open

The International Air Cargo Association (TIACA) has announced powerful early momentum for the Air Cargo Forum 2026, taking place October 26 to 28, 2026 in Miami. With over 50 percent of exhibit space already sold and strong global demand continuing, TIACA has expanded the original floorplan to accommodate additional exhibitors. Prime booth locations remain available.

Registration for Air Cargo Forum 2026 is now officially open, and with the full event schedule published, attendees and exhibitors can begin planning their participation in one of the industry's most anticipated global gatherings. Responding to exceptional demand from across the air cargo community, TIACA has expanded the exhibit floorplan to enhance visibility, increase access, and create an even more dynamic environment designed to foster productive business conversations and deliver measurable commercial results.

"The response to Air Cargo Forum 2026 demonstrates the strength and resilience of our global community. Miami is a strategic gateway linking the Americas with the world, and we are seeing great enthusiasm from across the supply chain. The expanded floor plan allows us to welcome even more organizations while maintaining the high-quality networking and business environment that ACF is known for." stated **Roos Bakker, TIACA Chair**

Air Cargo Forum 2026 has been structured to ensure strong networking flow across all three days, with evening functions carefully designed to enhance exhibitor visibility and industry connection.

Opening Reception in the Exhibit Hall

The event will officially launch with a reception held directly within the exhibit hall. This extended opening session provides additional hours for exhibitors to engage attendees in a vibrant and interactive setting, generating immediate traffic and business conversations from day one. Entertainment will feature some of Miami's most creative talent.

Second Evening Reserved for Corporate Hospitality

The second evening will remain open for attendees to participate in privately hosted corporate events and industry gatherings throughout Miami Beach. This approach supports long standing industry traditions and allows companies to further strengthen client and partner relationships.



Closing Beachclub Reception at the National Hotel

The Air Cargo Forum will conclude on the third evening with a Beachclub Reception at the iconic National Hotel. Set in a classic Miami backdrop, the closing event will provide a relaxed and memorable environment to solidify new partnerships and celebrate the industry's shared momentum.

"Air cargo is built on relationships, and we have intentionally structured the evening program to maximize meaningful connections. From the opening reception inside the exhibit hall to the final Beachclub gathering, every touchpoint is designed to give exhibitors and attendees extended visibility and create relaxed, high value networking opportunities that continue well beyond standard show hours." stated **Glyn Hughes, TIACA Chair**

Secure Your Participation

With over 50 percent of space already confirmed and demand continuing at pace, organizations are encouraged to secure their booth and sponsorship opportunities promptly. Prime exhibit locations remain available within the expanded floorplan.

Hactl Honoured as Top Global Cargo Handler at STAT Trade Times 2026



Hactl, Hong Kong's largest independent cargo handling company, has been named "**International Cargo Handler of the Year**" and awarded "**Best Marketing Campaign in Air Cargo of the Year – Highly Acclaimed**" at the 2026 International Award for Excellence in Air Cargo, hosted by STAT Trade Times. The accolades recognise outstanding performance, innovation, and leadership in the global air cargo sector.

The **International Cargo Handler of the Year** award acknowledges Hactl's commitment to operational excellence and technological innovation. Highlighted in the company's submission was its **5G private network**, a pioneering digital backbone for Hong Kong's busiest cargo terminal. This advanced infrastructure is set to support the next stage of Hactl's growth roadmap and enhance efficiency, connectivity,

and operational resilience across its terminal operations.

Hactl also showcased its **second-phase intelligent cargo thermal detection system**, raising the global benchmark for cargo safety intelligence. The system integrates cutting-edge thermal monitoring and data analytics to improve the handling of temperature-sensitive goods, ensuring compliance with stringent safety standards while enhancing reliability for shippers and airlines.

In addition to operational excellence, Hactl received recognition for its marketing initiatives. The **Best Marketing Campaign in Air Cargo – Highly Acclaimed** award celebrates the company's success in promoting its brand on a global scale, maintaining a consistent and high-profile presence across international media and industry platforms.

Michelle Choi, Acting Chief Executive of Hactl, commented:

"These two honours are a tremendous testament to the hard work of all our colleagues who have been recognised for their ongoing dedication to being the best in air cargo. We are privileged to receive these awards for our efforts to set the highest possible standards for our industry. We thank the organisers and those who took the time to vote for Hactl."

The recognition underscores Hactl's position as a **global leader in air cargo handling**, demonstrating its focus on innovation, operational excellence, and industry leadership. With continued investments in technology and safety, Hactl is setting benchmarks for cargo handling efficiency and customer service globally.

United Airlines Cargo Advances Digital Innovation, Strategic Partnerships, and Resilient Growth to Shape the Future of Global Air Freight

As global supply chains become increasingly digital, resilient, and customer-centric, the air cargo industry is undergoing a profound transformation. Airlines are no longer simply moving freight between destinations—they are building intelligent logistics ecosystems powered by technology, data, and strategic partnerships. In this evolving landscape, innovation, operational agility, and network strength are becoming critical differentiators for carriers seeking to meet the complex demands of modern commerce.

Among the industry leaders navigating this shift is United Airlines Cargo, the cargo division of United Airlines. With one of the world's most extensive passenger networks supporting its cargo operations, the carrier is investing heavily in digital tools, advanced analytics, and customer-focused service solutions to enhance transparency, efficiency, and reliability across its global logistics network.

At a time when shippers expect real-time visibility, flexible capacity, and specialized handling for time-critical goods, United Cargo is expanding its digital capabilities while strengthening partnerships across the logistics ecosystem. The airline is also positioning its network to capture emerging opportunities in high-growth markets, including Asia-Pacific and the Americas, where e-commerce expansion and shifting manufacturing hubs are reshaping global trade lanes.

In this exclusive interview with Cargo Newswire, United Cargo shares insights into how it is leveraging automation, data intelligence, and collaborative partnerships to improve operational performance and elevate the customer experience. The discussion also explores the company's approach to risk management in an increasingly volatile global environment, as well as its long-term vision for sustainable growth and operational excellence in the decade ahead.



Q The air cargo industry is undergoing rapid digital transformation. How is United Airlines Cargo leveraging AI, automation, and data analytics to improve operational efficiency and customer experience?

United Cargo is accelerating its digital evolution through expanded self-service tools and enhanced API connectivity, enabling customers to quote, book, track, and manage shipments with greater speed and autonomy. By integrating digital touchpoints across the cargo journey, the airline is simplifying processes while improving transparency and control. Behind the scenes, advanced automation and data analytics are strengthening operational precision. Intelligent capacity allocation, dynamic routing decisions, and performance monitoring allow United Cargo to optimize aircraft utilization and network

flows. These data-driven capabilities support faster decision-making, minimize inefficiencies, and enhance overall service reliability. Customer experience is further elevated through improved shipment visibility and proactive disruption notifications. By combining predictive insights with automated communication tools, United Cargo ensures customers remain informed and empowered throughout the transport cycle.

Q Customer expectations are evolving rapidly. How is United Airlines Cargo enhancing service offerings to meet growing demands for real-time visibility, flexible capacity, and premium logistics services?

United Cargo continues to invest in enhanced tracking capabilities and milestone visibility solutions, providing customers with greater transparency

from booking through final delivery. Expanded digital tracking tools allow for more precise shipment monitoring, reinforcing confidence in time-critical supply chains. Specialty products remain a key differentiator. United Cargo continues refining its portfolio to support time- and temperature-sensitive freight, ensuring that pharmaceuticals, perishables, and other high-value commodities move under strict compliance and quality controls. This balance of visibility, flexibility, and premium handling reflects the airline's commitment to meeting increasingly sophisticated customer requirements.

Q Market diversification is crucial. Which emerging markets or trade lanes does United Cargo see as priority growth areas over the next 3–5 years, and why?

United Cargo is prioritizing trade lanes shaped by global manufacturing



realignment, sustained e-commerce expansion, and evolving consumer demand patterns. Particular focus is being placed on Asia-Pacific, Southeast Asia, and select markets across the Americas where economic growth, industrial output, and digital commerce are accelerating.

These regions offer strong alignment with United's existing network strengths. By leveraging its strategically positioned U.S. hubs and extensive passenger network reach, United Cargo can provide efficient, scalable connectivity that supports long-term, sustainable growth.

Rather than pursuing expansion for volume alone, the airline is concentrating on trade lanes where network depth, operational reliability, and specialty capabilities create meaningful competitive advantage.

Q Cross-industry partnerships are increasingly important. What kinds of collaborations (tech, logistics partners, ports, e-commerce platforms) are you pursuing to extend United Airlines Cargo's reach and capabilities?

United Cargo recognizes that innovation and service excellence increasingly depend on ecosystem collaboration. The airline works closely with marketplace providers to enhance digital booking platforms, improve shipment visibility, and expand API-driven data integration capabilities. Strategic partnerships with freight

forwarders and global logistics providers remain central to extending market reach and delivering end-to-end solutions. These collaborations strengthen service consistency across regions and customer segments. Additionally, close coordination with airports, ground handlers, and operational partners supports smoother cargo flows and improved handling performance. By aligning with ecosystem stakeholders, United Cargo reinforces operational efficiency while elevating the overall customer experience.

Q Global risks—from pandemics to climate events—impact cargo flows. What strategic risk management frameworks has United Airlines Cargo adopted to anticipate and adapt to sudden disruptions?

United Cargo maintains structured contingency and recovery planning frameworks designed to respond rapidly to major operational disruptions. Cross-functional coordination ensures that planning, execution, and communication remain aligned across the network. Data analytics and continuous network monitoring provide early visibility into emerging risks, enabling proactive adjustments to capacity allocation, routing, and shipment prioritization. This forward-looking approach strengthens agility while minimizing downstream impact. Resilience is grounded in

three core pillars: operational agility, transparent communication, and rapid recovery execution. By maintaining disciplined preparedness and data-driven responsiveness, United Cargo ensures stability even in volatile global conditions.

Q Looking ahead to the next decade, what is your long-term vision for United Airlines Cargo, and how do you balance growth with sustainability and operational excellence?

United Cargo's long-term vision centers on digitally enabled, customer-focused, and sustainable growth. Continued investment in advanced technology, automation, and analytics will deepen operational intelligence while enhancing the end-to-end customer experience. The airline will further expand specialty solutions and e-commerce-driven services, positioning itself to capture high-value, time-sensitive market segments. Growth initiatives will remain aligned with network strengths and scalable infrastructure. Equally important, expansion will be balanced with disciplined operational excellence and environmental responsibility. By integrating efficiency improvements, resilience planning, and sustainability initiatives into strategic decision-making, United Cargo is building a future-ready operation designed for long-term, responsible leadership in the global air cargo industry.

IAG Cargo delivers 2025 revenues of €1,238 million



- IAG Cargo reports revenues of €1,238 million for 2025, up 0.3 per cent on 2024
- Demand for premium priority services remained strong, with Critical volumes up 41 per cent year-on-year
- Perishable volumes increased 12 per cent year on year, with notable growth on Latin America–Europe trade lanes
- In 2025, IAG Cargo announced a Global Cargo Joint Business with Qatar Airways Cargo and MASkargo to create one of the world's most extensive air cargo networks

increase year-on-year. Cargo tonne kilometres (CTKs) were up 0.4 per cent compared to 2024, while overall yield for the year was maintained at 2024 levels.

Demand for time-critical services remained strong as customers relied on trusted partners for high-value and sensitive shipments. Volumes in Critical, IAG Cargo's premium priority solution, rose by 41 per cent year-on-year, while perishables volumes increased by 12 per cent over the same period.

Growth was also notable on trade lanes from Latin America into Europe, particularly into Madrid, where cargo volumes increased by 22 per cent year-on-year, supported by strong perishables flows.

David Shepherd, Chief Executive Officer at IAG Cargo, said: *"In a year shaped by shifting global trade flows and evolving tariff policies, we ended 2025 with a solid performance. Through improved capacity planning, we delivered greater consistency across our network, while continued investment in digital and operational capability strengthened the long-term resilience of the business. As a result, we enter 2026 on a firmer footing, with greater near-term stability and clear foundations for sustainable growth."*

"At the same time, we are embedding new ways of working that reduce complexity, improving how we serve customers and how we operate day to day. Overall, we are more agile, more responsive, and better equipped to deliver."

"This progress also means we can now operate in new ways and bring the strength of our network to more markets. We are already starting to see this take shape through the expansion of our third-party handling capabilities and our plans to form a Global Cargo Joint Business with Qatar Airways Cargo and MASkargo, announced last year. Together, these steps reflect the growing scale and role of IAG Cargo in the global market."

IAG Cargo, the cargo division of International Airlines Group (IAG), has reported its financial results for the year ended 31 December 2025.

The business reported commercial revenues of €1,238 million representing a 0.3 per cent



IAG Cargo

Strengthening global reach through partnership

In June 2025, IAG Cargo announced its intention to launch a Global Cargo Joint Business with Qatar Airways Cargo and MASkargo. Subject to regulatory approval, this landmark agreement is intended to create one of the world's most extensive air cargo networks, bringing together complementary expertise to offer broader market access, improved connectivity and more consistent service across regions.

Alongside this, IAG Cargo continued to expand its third-party

handling capabilities, with MASkargo shipments now being processed through its London Heathrow hub. This demonstrates the business's growing role in supporting global carriers and extending its operational footprint.

Investing in modernisation and operational efficiency

Throughout the year, IAG Cargo continued to modernise its operations, focusing on making it easier for customers to do business and improving performance across its network.

Investment in digital systems

and data tools has strengthened forecasting and planning, improving how the business matches capacity with customer demand. The booking experience has also been simplified with a best price online commitment and enhancements to online tools and self-service functionality that provide greater visibility, speed and ease when arranging shipments.

Operationally, the business maintained a strong focus on reliability and efficiency across its global network, supported by ongoing improvements to processes and infrastructure.

ECS Group Honoured as International GSSA of the Year at STAT Trade Times 2026

ECS Group has been named **International GSSA of the Year** at the 2026 STAT Trade Times International Award for Excellence in Air Cargo, recognising its global network strength, commercial performance, and strategic airline partnerships.

The award was presented by Qatar Airways Cargo SVP Cargo Sales, Eric Wilson, highlighting ECS Group's continued excellence in the international airfreight market. The accolade celebrates general sales and service agents that demonstrate **robust global reach, customer-focused solutions, and operational efficiency** across multiple markets.

ECS Group was singled out for its sustained expansion and operational strength in key regions worldwide, cementing its reputation as a leader in international cargo representation. The award was received by **Girish Kunder, Regional Manager Indian Subcontinent (ISC)**, on behalf of the ECS Group team, marking a significant milestone in the company's global growth trajectory.

This recognition underscores ECS Group's commitment to delivering strategic value to airline partners and customers, combining **commercial excellence, operational expertise, and innovative cargo solutions** across its worldwide network.



Emirates SkyCargo deploys two additional freighters to India, expanding capacity to cater to increased demand

Building on its four-decade commitment, Emirates SkyCargo eyes further growth in India, with the deployment of two additional weekly freighters, one to Mumbai and one to Ahmedabad. The cargo arm of the world's largest international airline continues to strengthen trade lanes and connect businesses in India with their partners, suppliers and customers all over the world, with an average uplift of **3,000 tonnes weekly**.

Emirates currently serves India with **three weekly freighters** – one to Mumbai and two to Ahmedabad – as well as bellyhold capacity in 167 passenger services to nine gateways. The new freighter service to Mumbai will launch on 4 March 2026, and connect Dubai, Singapore and India,

while the Ahmedabad service will be a direct and dedicated freighter, and also launch in March. The airline expects to carry key commodities such as pharmaceuticals, fresh fruits, vegetables and other perishables as well as personal electronic devices on both freighters.

In addition to the freighters to India, Emirates SkyCargo will also **deploy a dedicated weekly freighter to Dhaka, Bangladesh**, from April 2026. This further expands the airline's freighter network, reaffirming the burgeoning demand and Emirates SkyCargo's longstanding commitment to the region.

"Our new freighter frequencies to India reflects both the strength of India's trade corridors, and our long-



term commitment to supporting them," said **Badr Abbas, Divisional Senior Vice President, Emirates SkyCargo**. "India is a powerhouse of manufacturing, pharmaceuticals, perishables and eCommerce and the demand for reliable and stable capacity continues to grow. These additional freighters bolster our existing operations, by offering more connectivity and capacity to ensure we continue to serve our customers in India and across the globe."

As the third anniversary of the UAE-India Comprehensive Economic Partnership Agreement (CEPA) nears, bilateral trade is booming, with India's exports to the UAE growing faster than its overall export growth. Emirates SkyCargo supports the trade agreement, moving goods every week including 600 tonnes of pharmaceuticals, 500 tonnes of perishables, a significant tonnage of garments, textiles and clothing and a growing number of personal electronics





such as mobile phones, laptops and tablets.

Beyond aircraft capacity, Emirates SkyCargo has built a vast trucking network, to reach more offline destinations across India. In 2025, **over 1,000 Emirates SkyCargo trucks** transported almost **5,500 tonnes of cargo** across India, carrying shipments such as automotive and aircraft spare parts, clothing and textiles, machinery, tools, spices and even a satellite. The airline also deployed temperature-controlled reefer trucks to transport delicate pharmaceuticals and medical equipment.

The airline recently added **Coimbatore and Goa to its road network as offline stations**, unlocking new opportunities for businesses in these cities and

surrounding areas to access global markets, via Emirates SkyCargo. Coimbatore in particular is a thriving hub of manufacturing and is home to a large number of SMEs working in engineering, textiles, automotive and more, so this access significantly contributes to India's export economy.

Since starting operations to Mumbai and Delhi in 1985, Emirates SkyCargo has significantly scaled its network, and now serves nine cities: Ahmedabad, Bengaluru, Chennai, Delhi, Hyderabad, Kochi, Kolkata, Mumbai and Thiruvananthapuram. With the Cargo Open Sky policy for exports in India, the airline continues to grow its reach, strengthen outbound capabilities, and connect more primary and secondary cities to its well-established global network.

This week, Emirates SkyCargo

has been participating in industry discussions and workshops at Air Cargo India, one of the industry's premier events. In addition to a full schedule of meetings, networking events and media briefings, the airline's leadership joined panel discussions alongside other industry leaders to explore the significant evolution in India's logistics ecosystem over the last two years. Emirates SkyCargo was also named **International Airline of the Year at the STAT Times International Awards for Excellence in Air Cargo**, as voted for by the outlet's international readers. The accolade, which Emirates SkyCargo received for the third consecutive year, is a testament to the airline's commitment to facilitating the world's rapidly changing supply chains.

LATAM ranks among the world's most sustainable airlines for the second consecutive year, according to S&P Global

- *The Group was recognized as the fifth best-performing airline worldwide in sustainability and the leading airline in the Americas, and was also included in S&P Global's Sustainability Yearbook 2026.*
- *Additionally, it was distinguished as Top Sustainability Performer and Industry Mover 2025, a recognition that highlights the company with the greatest sustainability improvement within its industry.*

For the second consecutive year, LATAM Airlines Group ranked among the airlines with the strongest sustainability performance worldwide, being recognized by S&P Global as a Top Sustainability Performer in the 2025 Corporate Sustainability Assessment (CSA), placing fifth globally and first in the Americas, according to the evaluation published on February 18, 2026.

In this edition, LATAM achieved a score of 77 in environmental, social and governance performance, marking a historic increase of 10 points compared to the previous year out of a maximum of 100, representing a 15% improvement. As a result, the Group was recognized as Industry Mover 2025, a distinction granted by S&P Global to the company with the greatest improvement within its industry.

With this result, the Group ranked in the 92nd percentile of the global airline industry, surpassed only by airlines from Asia and positioning itself as the leading airline in the Western Hemisphere. This outcome reflects the Group's consistent efforts to integrate sustainability as a strategic pillar of its business.

Additionally, LATAM Airlines Group has once again been included in S&P Global's Sustainability Yearbook 2026, a publication that recognizes

companies with outstanding sustainability performance. To qualify for the Yearbook, companies must rank within the top 15% of their sector and meet additional performance thresholds defined by S&P Global. In the 2026 edition, more than 9,200 companies were assessed globally, of which 848 were selected for inclusion. In the airline industry, only eight airlines were included.

"Ranking fifth worldwide reflects the commitment we have assumed as a Group to advance toward more sustainable aviation through concrete actions and measurable results. At the same time, it motivates us to look ahead with greater ambition. That is why we have strengthened our medium-term goals by incorporating a clear emissions intensity reduction target for 2030, which we aim to achieve through a more efficient fleet incorporating the latest available technologies, improvements in operational efficiency and the use of Sustainable Aviation Fuels," said **Roberto Alvo, CEO of LATAM Airlines Group.**

Looking ahead to 2030, LATAM has defined two key milestones on its path toward net-zero emissions by 2050. The first is to reduce emissions intensity by approximately 6% compared to 2019 levels, supported by three pillars: fleet renewal, which



will allow 50% of its aircraft to be next-generation, doubling the current proportion; operational efficiency, driven by intensive use of data, artificial intelligence and incremental operational improvements; and the expansion of Sustainable Aviation Fuel (SAF) use.

In addition, the Group estimates that it will manage 10.8 million net tons of CO₂ between 2019 and 2030, combining operational efficiencies,

SAF use, fleet renewal, as well as offset projects with high strategic value for the region as a complementary measure.

Regarding fleet modernization, during 2025 alone the Group incorporated 26 next-generation aircraft that consume approximately 15%–20% less fuel, according to manufacturer data. This is complemented by sustained efforts in operational efficiency, which through initiatives implemented since 2010 have prevented approximately 6.5 million tons of CO₂ emissions, a volume equivalent to more than the combined annual emissions generated by LATAM's operations in Chile, Colombia and Ecuador.

Additionally, since 2019 the Group has offset more than 3 million tons of CO₂, supporting the conservation of more than 420,000 hectares of floodplain savannas in Colombia, a key ecosystem due to its high carbon capture capacity, and has reduced single-use plastics in its operations by 97%, equivalent to more than 1,700 tons.

Through its "Solidarity Plane" program, LATAM makes its connectivity and cargo capacity available free of charge to support health, environmental and emergency response causes across its five South American affiliates. Since 2021, the Group has transported more than

22,000 people and 1,700 tons of cargo free of charge, maintaining nearly 50 partnerships with nonprofit organizations in the region.

Finally, in line with its commitment to the sustainable development of the countries where it operates, LATAM commissioned Oxford Economics to conduct an independent study assessing the economic and social contribution of its operations during 2024. According to the analysis, that year the LATAM Group contributed US\$28.1 billion to the Gross Domestic Product (GDP) of Brazil, Chile, Colombia, Ecuador and Peru, and supported more than 1.6 million direct and indirect jobs in those countries.





Norse Atlantic Airways Selects CargoAi to Advance Digital Cargo Booking

“Digitalisation is a key pillar of Norse Atlantic Airways’ long-term strategy,” and we are excited to cooperate with CargoAi to improve our online distribution said Magnus Engström, Director Cargo Norse Atlantic Airways.

- *Norse Atlantic Airways today announced to have selected CargoAi, the industry’s fastest-growing digital enabler for airfreight, as its chosen partner to accelerate the digital transformation of its cargo operations.*
- *This strategic decision marks a key milestone in Norse Atlantic Airways’ online distribution roadmap, enabling the airline to offer real-time rate visibility and eBooking capabilities to forwarders worldwide through CargoAi’s advanced platform.*

Long-haul carrier Norse Atlantic Airways has partnered with digital airfreight platform CargoAi to enhance its cargo distribution capabilities, marking a significant step in the airline’s strategy to accelerate the digital transformation of its cargo business.

The agreement will see Norse Atlantic integrate CargoAi’s booking and distribution technology to provide freight forwarders with real-time rate visibility and instant eBooking functionality. By adopting the platform, the airline aims to simplify cargo capacity access for logistics partners while improving operational efficiency and market reach.

Expanding Digital Access to Cargo Capacity

Through the integration, Norse Atlantic's cargo services will become available to CargoAi's global network of more than 27,000 freight forwarders. Customers will be able to search rates, check availability and book shipments via the CargoAi digital marketplace, as well as through direct connections with leading transport management systems (TMS).

The digital interface will provide forwarders with faster and more transparent access to Norse Atlantic's cargo capacity across multiple markets, supporting streamlined workflows and automated booking processes.

Initially, the integration will focus on general cargo shipments transported on the airline's Boeing 787-9 Dreamliner aircraft, with a maximum single-piece weight of 1,500 kg. The offering will cover several key origin markets, including United Kingdom, Italy, Norway, Sweden, Thailand, United States and South Africa.

A primary focus will be the airline's long-haul cargo flows between London Gatwick Airport and John F. Kennedy International Airport, a key transatlantic route for both passenger and freight traffic.

Strengthening Interline Collaboration

In addition to improving booking accessibility, the partnership will allow Norse Atlantic to utilise CargoAi's digital interline module. This tool enables airlines to collaborate more efficiently by facilitating digital interline bookings, improving visibility over shared capacity and streamlining coordination between carrier partners.

By digitising these processes, airlines can accelerate interline agreements and reduce the manual administrative workload traditionally associated with cargo partnerships.

Supporting a Broader Digital Strategy

For Norse Atlantic Airways, the move represents a key component of its

broader cargo digitalisation strategy. Magnus Engström, Director of Cargo at Norse Atlantic Airways, emphasised that improving digital access and connectivity is central to the airline's long-term operational roadmap.

He noted that partnering with CargoAi will allow the airline to offer customers a modern and frictionless booking experience while strengthening its online distribution channels.

"Digitalisation is a key pillar of Norse Atlantic Airways' long-term strategy," Engström said. "Partnering with CargoAi allows us to bring our services closer to customers worldwide by offering a modern and seamless booking experience. It reinforces our commitment to innovation and to delivering agile, responsive solutions that meet the evolving needs of the airfreight industry."

Growing Momentum for Digital Airfreight

CargoAi, which has rapidly expanded its digital ecosystem in recent years, views the partnership as another milestone in the ongoing shift toward digital cargo booking across the airfreight sector.

Matthieu Petot, Chief Executive Officer of CargoAi, said the addition of Norse Atlantic Airways to the platform

strengthens the company's mission to simplify and modernise air cargo distribution.

"We are proud to welcome Norse Atlantic Airways to the CargoAi ecosystem," Petot said. "This partnership demonstrates the airline's commitment to digital excellence while giving freight forwarders greater access and control through real-time booking and data visibility."

A Step Toward a More Connected Cargo Marketplace

As the air cargo industry continues to prioritise digital transformation, partnerships between airlines and digital platforms are becoming increasingly central to modern cargo distribution strategies.

By integrating with CargoAi's global marketplace and system connections, Norse Atlantic Airways is positioning itself to capture growing demand for transparent, real-time cargo booking solutions while expanding its reach among freight forwarders worldwide.

The collaboration reflects a broader industry shift toward more connected, automated and customer-centric cargo operations, as airlines seek to streamline booking processes and improve the accessibility of airfreight capacity across global logistics networks.





Air France KLM Martinair Cargo Launches New Freighter Service to Seoul–Incheon



European carrier Air France KLM Martinair Cargo (AFKLM Cargo) is expanding its dedicated freighter network in Asia with the launch of a new Boeing 747 service linking Amsterdam Airport Schiphol and Incheon International Airport in Seoul.

The service is scheduled to begin on 30 March 2026 at the start of the Summer 2026 aviation season, marking the group's return of main deck cargo capacity to South Korea and reinforcing its presence across Northeast Asia's rapidly growing logistics markets.

Operating three times per week, the new route will be incorporated into a wider AMS–ICN–HKG–AMS freighter rotation, linking two of Asia's most significant cargo hubs and strengthening connectivity between Europe and key Asian manufacturing centres.

Expanding Capacity in Northeast Asia

The introduction of the Seoul service reflects growing demand for reliable, high-capacity airfreight solutions across the Europe–Asia corridor, particularly for high-value and time-sensitive shipments.

By integrating Incheon into the rotation, AFKLM Cargo will also increase its dedicated freighter frequencies to Hong Kong, raising weekly services from five to six flights. The additional frequency enhances flexibility for customers while improving network connectivity between two of Asia's most important cargo gateways.

The new operation will be flown using the iconic Boeing 747-400ERF and Boeing 747-400BCF freighter aircraft, which remain a cornerstone of the group's long-haul cargo fleet and provide substantial main deck capacity for oversized, heavy and specialised shipments.

Supporting High-Value Cargo Flows

South Korea's growing importance as a global manufacturing and technology hub has been a key driver behind the route launch. The country plays a pivotal role in sectors such as semiconductors, advanced electronics, automotive production and battery technology—industries that rely heavily on high-performance logistics networks.

The new service is expected to support the transport of high-value and specialised cargo from Europe, including semiconductor manufacturing equipment, aerospace components, pharmaceuticals and large project shipments.

Outbound flows from South Korea will primarily consist of semiconductors, consumer electronics, automotive and electric vehicle components, medical technology products and rapidly expanding e-commerce volumes destined for European markets.

According to **Pierre-Olivier Bandet, Executive Vice President**

Cargo at Air France-KLM, the expansion reflects the strength of the economic relationship between Europe and South Korea.

“The economic corridors between Europe and South Korea are among the most dynamic in the world,” he said. “With this new freighter service, we reinforce our position in Northeast Asia and offer our customers increased reliability, flexibility and access to dedicated main deck capacity.”

Leveraging Schiphol's Global Connectivity

A key advantage of the new route lies in its integration with the extensive network of the Air France-KLM group and its transatlantic partner Delta Air Lines.

Via the Amsterdam hub at Schiphol, cargo arriving from Seoul will gain onward access to major markets across Europe, Africa and the Americas. This network connectivity enables freight forwarders and shippers to move goods efficiently across multiple regions through a single logistics gateway.

The flights will support the full portfolio of AFKLMP Cargo's

specialised logistics products, including temperature-controlled pharmaceutical transport, perishables handling, high-value electronics shipments, and heavy or outsize cargo solutions.

Reinforcing Europe-Asia Supply Chains

The launch of the Seoul freighter service highlights AFKLMP Cargo's ongoing investment in main deck capacity and its strategy to strengthen global trade corridors linking Europe with Asia's key manufacturing centres.

By expanding dedicated freighter operations and reinforcing Schiphol's position as a major cargo gateway, the airline group aims to support increasingly complex supply chains that demand speed, reliability and specialised handling capabilities.

As global trade patterns evolve and demand for advanced logistics solutions grows, the new AMS-ICN service is expected to play an important role in supporting the flow of high-value goods between two of the world's most dynamic economic regions.





Boeing delivers 35 777Fs in 2025

Boeing secured 15 orders and completed 35 deliveries of its 777 Freighter (777F) in the past year, even as the manufacturer moves to ensure the long-term marketability of the aircraft by seeking a regulatory emissions exemption beyond 2027.

Order activity reflected continued, if measured, demand for large widebody freighters. FedEx placed orders for eight 777Fs, while Qatar Airways added one aircraft to its fleet. In addition, three unidentified customers each ordered two aircraft, contributing to the year’s overall total.

Deliveries remained robust, with 777Fs handed over to 15 operators and lessors worldwide, underscoring the aircraft’s central role in long-haul air cargo operations. Recipients included Aerotranscargo (2), Air China Cargo (2),

Atlas Air Worldwide (2), CES Leasing Corporation (4), China Airlines (1), China Southern Airlines (2), CMA CGM Air Cargo (2), DHL Aviation Americas (6), Emirates (3), Ethiopian Airlines (2), FedEx (2), Qatar Airways (1), Silk Way West Airlines (1), Turkish Airlines (3) and Yangtze River Finance Leasing Co., Ltd (2).

Alongside production and delivery momentum, Boeing is working to preserve the 777F’s sales runway. At the end of last year, the manufacturer filed a petition with the US Department of Transportation (DOT) seeking an exemption from upcoming fuel-efficiency and emissions requirements. The formal filing, submitted on 19 December, would allow Boeing to continue delivering up to 35 additional 777Fs that would otherwise fall outside

compliance thresholds.

Without the exemption, newly produced 777Fs would be ineligible for a Certificate of Airworthiness from 1 January 2028, as the current variant does not meet revised fuel-efficiency standards designed to curb aviation emissions.

The requested relief is intended to bridge the gap until Boeing’s next-generation 777-8F freighter enters service. Originally expected to reach the market in 2027, the 777-8F’s entry into service was pushed back to 2028, according to an update issued by Boeing in October 2024.

For cargo operators, the outcome of the exemption request will be closely watched, as the 777F remains one of the most capable and widely used long-haul freighters in the global fleet.

For the fourth consecutive year:

LATAM Group leads air shipments of flowers to the United States for Valentine's Day



In just over three weeks, LATAM Group's cargo affiliates transported more than 24,000 tons of flowers from Colombia and Ecuador, reinforcing their position as the leading air carrier of flowers to the United States.

LATAM Group, through its cargo affiliates, successfully concluded another Valentine's Day season, reaffirming its leadership for the fourth consecutive year in the air transport of flowers from Colombia and Ecuador, with more than 24,000 tons shipped to the United States and Europe.

To meet the season's high demand, the group deployed an intensive three-week operation with approximately 430 flights from Bogotá, Medellín, and Quito, ensuring on-time performance, proper product handling, and direct connectivity to the United States, the primary destination for the flowers transported.

"Valentine's Day is one of the most demanding seasons for the flower industry in the region, and leading this market for the fourth consecutive year directly reflects the trust our customers place in LATAM Cargo. Our role as a partner to the industry goes beyond specific peak seasons: we support our customers year-round, ensuring capacity, operational flexibility, and reliable service when they need it most," said Claudio Torres Faini, Commercial Director South America at LATAM Cargo Group.

Of the total volume transported, approximately 12,000 tons originated in Ecuador, while more than 12,300 tons were shipped from Colombia. These results were made possible by the robust capacity of LATAM Group's freighter fleet and its operational flexibility to respond to the season's heightened demand.

The group's leadership this season is underpinned

by a strong, consistent operation with solid on-time performance in both flight departures and final delivery, supported by close and ongoing collaboration with customers, suppliers, and airport teams, focused on developing alternatives that ensure best-in-class service and proper product care. This approach has enabled LATAM to continue

expanding within the region's floriculture sector. In this context, during 2025 the company transported more than 245,000 tons of flowers from both countries, reaffirming the relevance and scale of its operation.

LATAM group's cargo affiliates operate the largest freighter fleet in the region, in addition to having access to the belly capacity of the group's passenger aircraft. This combination, together with extensive expertise in handling perishables, allows the company to adapt flexibly to market needs and ensure the proper care of flowers at every stage of their journey.

DP world opens its first contract logistics warehouse in Türkiye

Facility strategically located in north-western Türkiye for regional and global connectivity



A team of 70 logistics professionals manages daily operations using an integrated Warehouse Management System (WMS) connected to DP World’s Terminal Operating Systems (TOS), ensuring precise, transparent and efficient handling from inbound shipments through to outbound delivery.

Sustainability is central to the facility’s design and operation, with energyefficient, lithiumion batterypowered handling equipment enabling greener logistics practices across the site.

Balçık’s strategic location in Kocaeli Province places the warehouse close to major transport corridors, industrial zones, İstanbul and the Gulf of İzmit. Its proximity to DP World’s Körfez and Yarımca terminals -- part of the largest port complex in East Marmara -- provides fast and reliable access to both regional and international markets.

The opening marks a key milestone in the company’s contract logistics strategy for Türkiye and Eastern Europe. By integrating its contract logistics capabilities with established strengths in Ports and Terminals and Freight Forwarding, DP World can deliver greater speed, reliability and cost efficiency from factory floor to customer door.

DP World has started operations at its first Contract Logistics warehouse in Türkiye, located in Balçık in the northwest of the country, strengthening supply chain services for customers across key regional trade corridors.

The 20,000 m² facility features 26 loading ramps and is designed to optimise storage efficiency and streamline operations, offering customers faster and more flexible supply chain

management. The warehouse supports a broad range of product categories across DP World’s strategic verticals, including automotive, technology, industrial and chemicals, retail and consumer and healthcare.

DP World aims to expand its regional contract logistics footprint to 150,000 m² of warehouse capacity in Eastern Europe by 2028.

Jacques Hartman, Chief Operating Officer for Contract Logistics in Europe, said: “Türkiye is

at the heart of our regional growth strategy and our new Balçık warehouse is a key step in our plan to grow to 150,000 m² of contract logistics capacity in Eastern Europe by 2028. The warehouse’s proximity to our terminals will help customers reach regional and international markets with greater speed and certainty. It strengthens our end-to-end service and supports growing demand for integrated, costeffective and sustainable solutions across the region.”

Kuehne+Nagel strengthens global air cargo connectivity through strategic expansion in Frankfurt

- *Signing lease with Fraport AG for 7,600 sqm cargo facility*
- *Supports customers' future needs and trade volume growth with greater connectivity and faster turnaround times*

Kuehne+Nagel has signed a lease agreement with Fraport AG for a new 7,600 sqm air cargo facility in CargoCity South at Frankfurt Airport. Developed by Fraport AG, the facility marks a strategic investment in Kuehne+Nagel's global air logistics network with the aim to strengthen air cargo connectivity across key international trade lanes. Completion and handover are set for the end of 2028.

Frankfurt Airport is a major global cargo hub. The facility provides airside access within the secure airport zone. It supports efficient cargo movements between the terminal and aircraft parking areas, reduces aircraft turnaround time for handling, and enables seamless transfers across Kuehne+Nagel's operations.

The layout features 16 gates and

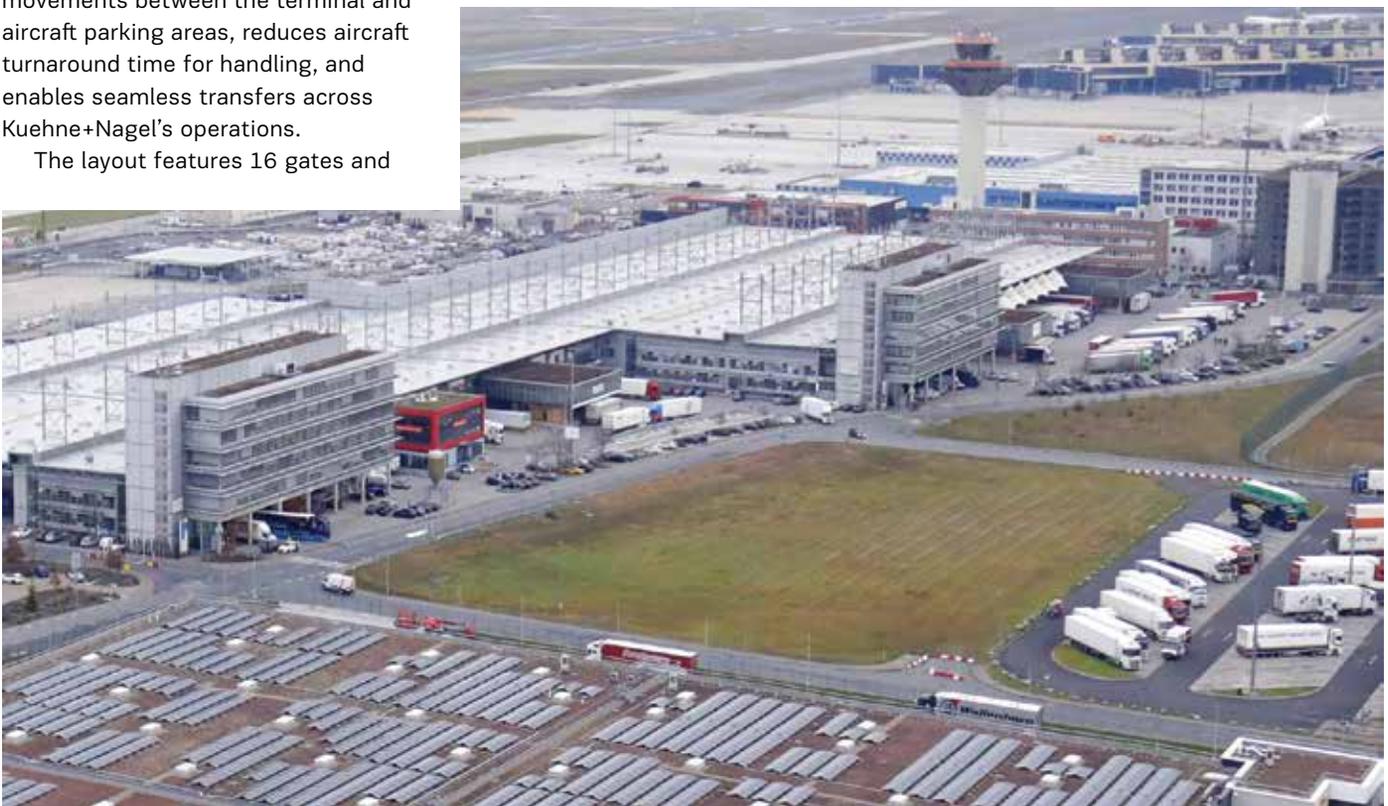
truck docks for efficient, scalable operations. It aims to improve logistics efficiency and boost flexibility to meet evolving customer and market needs.

Additionally, the facility design aligns with Kuehne+Nagel's sustainability commitments. It has been awarded a German Sustainable Building Council (DGNB) gold standard certification, guaranteeing it will meet strict environmental standards. Besides LED lighting, heat pumps, EV charging stations, and smart metering, a large photovoltaic system will also be installed on the roof to generate

renewable energy for the airport grid.

With the new facility, Kuehne+Nagel will grow its total footprint in CargoCity South to over 20,000 sqm, confirming the company's long-term commitment to Frankfurt Airport as a key global air cargo gateway.

"Frankfurt is a key global gateway in the Kuehne+Nagel air logistics network. As supply chains become more dynamic, our new cargo facility provides the infrastructure, capacity, and connectivity needed to support our growth ambitions and keep goods moving. This enables us to better serve customers in fast-growing sectors like healthcare, semiconductor, high tech, and cloud infrastructure," says Martin Schaefer, SVP Air Logistics Germany at Kuehne+Nagel.



Lufthansa Cargo business results significantly increased for the second time in a row



- Adjusted EBIT improves by 29 percent to 324 million euros
- Positive developments in capacity, load factor, unit costs, quality, and EBIT margin
- Significant improvement in employee engagement and customer satisfaction
- Stable market demand, strong business ex Asia and Europe, and capacity expansion led to increased revenues
- Lufthansa Cargo back among the top five global air freight providers

Lufthansa Cargo significantly improved its business results in 2025 compared to the previous year: Revenue increased by four percent to 3.4 billion euros (previous year: 3.26 billion euros), the adjusted EBIT rose

by 29 percent to 324 million euros (previous year: 251 million euros). The adjusted EBIT margin improved by 1.8 percentage points to 9.5 percent (previous year: 7.7 percent). Available freight capacity was also expanded in

2025: a total of 14.45 billion freight tonne kilometers (+ 5.4 percent) were offered. Sales increased by seven percent year-on-year to 9.1 billion freight tonne kilometers. The average load factor improved by 1.1 percentage

points to 63 percent (previous year: 61.9 percent). Furthermore, quality measured in “delivery on time” increased by 5 percentage points compared to previous year.

Lufthansa Cargo is back among the top 5 global air freight providers

In addition to generally stable market demand and continued strong performance in the Asian business during the reporting period, the BOLD MOVES corporate strategy significantly contributed to Lufthansa Cargo’s success in 2025. BOLD MOVES has been implemented since the end 2023 with the goal of firmly re-establishing Lufthansa Cargo among the world’s top three cargo airlines by 2030, based on Revenue Freight Kilometers. By the end of the 2026 financial year, a Top 5 position had been targeted. Lufthansa Cargo has now reached this important interim milestone ahead of schedule, already achieving it by the end of the 2025 financial year. At the same time, both employee engagement and customer satisfaction increased significantly in the 2025 financial year. The core elements of BOLD MOVES focus on three priorities: competitive core, profitable growth and focusing on its people and culture; enabling sustainable growth; and further developing the corporate culture.

Capacity expansion through ITA cooperation, Rome becomes Lufthansa Cargo’s fifth hub

In the 2025 financial year, Lufthansa Cargo significantly expanded its global offering and advanced key strategic initiatives. Since June 2025, the company has been marketing the cargo capacities of ITA Airways; since the winter schedule, this includes nearly the entire continental and intercontinental network of the Italian airline — excluding routes to and from the U.S. and Canada until regulatory approval is granted. With Rome as the fifth hub, Lufthansa Cargo strengthens its presence in Southern Europe and will expand global belly hold capacity by around 20 percent in the long term.

Already today, Lufthansa Cargo is the home carrier in five of Europe’s ten most important air freight markets, including Germany, Switzerland, Italy, Belgium, and Austria.

Ashwin Bhat, CEO of Lufthansa Cargo, comments: “Being back among the top 5 global air freight providers already in 2025 is proof of the impact of our BOLD MOVES strategy and of the outstanding commitment and ambition of our team worldwide. We have taken decisive steps in a short period of time to continue improving quality, customer satisfaction, and efficiency at the same time - exactly where our customers experience the greatest value. In parallel, we are advancing our network in a targeted way: Our partnerships with ITA Airways and Swiss WorldCargo open additional opportunities for our customers. Both bring us closer to our goal of making Lufthansa Cargo one of the world’s top three air freight providers by 2030.”

Gregor Schleussner, CFO and CHRO of Lufthansa Cargo, adds: *“Lufthansa Cargo grew by 7.3 percent last year - more than double the growth of the overall market, which stood at 3.4 percent. This development impressively underscores the quality, reliability and economic strength of our business model. It is particularly noteworthy that we also exceeded our margin target – a clear sign of our consistent cost management and the high profitability of our operating business. This strong performance gives us additional financial leeway to continue investing in future technologies, infrastructure and high-quality services for our customers. At our hub Frankfurt alone, we are currently investing 600 million euros in our new, modern freight center.”*

Further improvements in the Lufthansa Cargo network

With new A321F destinations such as Katowice (KTW), Rome (FCO) and Beirut (BEY) in 2025, the company strengthened its European presence as well as its position in the Middle East.

Freighter operations to Tel Aviv (TLV) were resumed and increased to up to seven weekly flights. In intercontinental traffic, freighter connections to Almaty (ALA) and a new route from Shanghai (PVG) to Los Angeles (LAX) over the Pacific were added, complemented by a broad offering of up to 50 weekly frequencies in Asia-Pacific and more than 30 destinations in North and South America. Belly hold capacity was also expanded through new routes from Vienna (VIE) to Los Angeles (LAX) and from Munich (MUC) to Orlando (MCO), as well as to Windhoek (WDH) and Calgary (YYC).

Progress in key industries and digitalization

In 2025, Lufthansa Cargo further strengthened its position in sectors such as Pharma, Automotive, Aviation and Semiconductors, including through joining Silicon Saxony, introducing new standards for vehicle transport, and optimizing processes for transportation of aircraft engines. At the same time, significant progress was made in digitalization: a new online booking system accelerates processes, an improved tracking solution increases transparency, and AI-powered tools – as automated email bookings and VR training – boost efficiency and service quality.

Growing, Together: Expanding collaboration with Swiss WorldCargo

In the current 2026 financial year, Lufthansa Cargo will continue focusing on expanding its offering: the company is deepening its collaboration with Swiss WorldCargo and unlocking additional synergies in key commercial and operational areas. With a harmonized product and service portfolio, customers of both companies gain access to one of the industry’s most comprehensive networks. With Zurich as the sixth cargo hub in the European network, Lufthansa Cargo is laying the foundation for further joint growth and an even stronger market presence in the global air freight sector.



UPS Surpasses FedEx to Claim Title of World's Largest Express Air Cargo Hub

In a significant shake-up of the global express cargo landscape, **UPS** has overtaken **FedEx** to operate the world's busiest express air cargo hub. The carrier's **Worldport facility at Louisville Muhammad Ali International Airport (SDF)** now surpasses FedEx's Memphis hub (MEM) in both daily flights and tonnage capacity, according to the latest **"Global Cargo Hub Review"** from the Chaddick Institute for Metropolitan Development at DePaul University in Chicago.

"In every scenario for flight activity and available tonnage capacity we considered, Louisville is now larger than Memphis," the report notes. Lead author **Joseph Schwieterman** adds, "People often immediately think of FedEx's

Memphis hub when discussing express air cargo, but UPS's Louisville hub has firmly elbowed its way to the top."

Investment and Adaptation Drive Louisville's Rise

- The report attributes Louisville's ascent to a combination of strategic investment, changing demand patterns, and operational shifts within the express sector. UPS's focus on **Worldport's capacity expansion** has allowed it to maintain strong peak-day operations even as FedEx has scaled back daytime flights at MEM.

On a typical peak day, UPS averages **202.3 flights** from Louisville, outpacing FedEx's **164.7 departures** at Memphis by nearly 40 flights. Even

accounting for weather impacts, Louisville's activity exceeds Memphis by more than 20 flights. FedEx's reduction in daytime departures—down **66 flights (60.3%)** since September 2022—contrasts with UPS, whose afternoon flight bank has only slightly diminished.

Schwieterman notes that FedEx's MEM adjustments are part of the broader **"FedEx 2.0" initiative**, aimed at integrating ground and air operations to improve payload utilisation and streamline its delivery network.

Beyond peak flights, Louisville also surpasses Memphis in **off-peak operations and cumulative weekly flying**, solidifying its position as the leading hub by total activity.



Tonnage and Volume Leadership

• Louisville now also leads FedEx on **tonnage and volume capacity**, with **33.4% more tonnage** and **33% more volume** on peak days. The report ranks other major express hubs as follows: FedEx’s Liege hub (Belgium), **DHL’s Leipzig hub**, and **SF Airlines’ Ezhou hub** in China occupy third through

fifth positions, each with more than 45 departures per day, while FedEx’s Paris hub is close behind.

Despite Louisville’s dominance, FedEx MEM retains **unmatched geographic reach**, serving **116 nonstop destinations** on a typical peak day, compared with 98 for Louisville. The Memphis hub also maintains the highest number of **nighttime departures before 6 a.m. (82 vs. 69 at SDF)**, and still operates **three of the world’s six largest express hubs**, reflecting its continued influence in the sector.

Global Hub Expansion Beyond the U.S.

• While U.S. hubs continue to dominate, the report highlights rapid growth in **China and Europe**. SF Airlines and China Postal Service have replicated Western-style hub models, building operations at Ezhou Huahu International (50 flights per day) and additional facilities in Beijing, Shenzhen, Hangzhou, and Nanjing. Japan’s Kansai International Airport also hosts significant hub operations from SF Airlines and Shandong Airlines.

Nonetheless, the concentration of express air cargo hubs remains **heavily northern hemisphere-centric**, with the world’s 12 largest hubs operated by **FedEx, UPS, DHL, SF Airlines**, or their strategic partners. Similar-scale hubs have yet to emerge in **Africa, India, South America**, or other regions.

A Changing Landscape

• Louisville’s rise underscores the evolving dynamics of the express air cargo market: strategic infrastructure investment, responsiveness to changing freight patterns, and operational flexibility are reshaping hub hierarchies. As global trade and e-commerce continue to drive air cargo demand, Louisville’s Worldport now sets the benchmark for efficiency, capacity, and peak-day throughput in the sector.

Other Insights:

o UPS SDF has **33% more volume capacity** than FedEx MEM on peak days.

o FedEx MEM has **highest number of pre-6 a.m. departures: 82 vs 69** at Louisville.

o Top 12 global hubs are concentrated in the **northern hemisphere**, operated by UPS, FedEx, DHL, SF Airlines, and partners.

o Rapid growth in **China and Europe** hubs reflects replication of Western hub models.

o US hubs still lead in efficiency, but geographic reach favors Memphis.

Takeaway: Louisville’s Worldport not only surpasses Memphis in flight activity and capacity but also signals a **shift in global express cargo dominance**, emphasizing investment, operational flexibility, and responsiveness to market changes.

Top Express Air Cargo Hubs – Peak Day Snapshot

Rank	Hub	Carrier	Avg. Daily Flights	Tonnage Capacity	Key Notes
1	Louisville Muhammad Ali Intl (SDF)	UPS	202.3	+33.4% vs MEM	Largest hub globally; strong peak & off-peak operations
2	Memphis Intl (MEM)	FedEx	164.7	Baseline	Retains largest network reach: 116 nonstop destinations
3	Liege Airport (LGG)	FedEx	45+	-	Major European hub
4	Leipzig/Halle Airport (LEJ)	DHL	45+	-	Leading European express hub
5	Ezhou Huahu Intl (EHU)	SF Airlines	45+	-	Growing Chinese hub; 50 peak-day flights
6	Paris Charles de Gaulle (CDG)	FedEx	40+	-	European feeder hub

Kale Logistics Marks 15th Anniversary with Launch of AvSys, a Cross-Border E-Commerce Visibility Platform

- Kale Logistics Solutions has launched AvSys, a next-generation cross-border e-commerce platform designed to provide airlines, e-tailers, and shippers with enhanced visibility, operational control, and compliance management for both individual and high-volume parcel shipments.
- The platform supports piece-level tracking for single or consolidated air cargo shipments, enabling stakeholders to monitor each parcel in real time while ensuring adherence to cross-border customs and regulatory requirements.
- AvSys addresses critical gaps in e-commerce logistics by combining transparency, operational efficiency, and compliance within a single, integrated platform.

Kale Logistics Solutions has celebrated its 15th anniversary by unveiling **AvSys**, a cutting-edge cross-border e-commerce visibility platform designed to transform how airlines, e-tailers, and shippers manage parcel shipments. The platform addresses growing demands for transparency, operational control, and regulatory compliance in global e-commerce logistics.

AvSys offers **piece-level tracking** for both individual and consolidated air cargo shipments, enabling stakeholders to monitor each parcel while adhering to cross-border customs and regulatory requirements. The platform focuses on end-to-end operational visibility, with particular attention to the **middle mile**, including first-mile and last-mile tracking — areas that have historically posed challenges for e-commerce operators.

“The rise of e-commerce has created a need for modern, piece-level parcel logistics that traditional airline air waybill-based systems alone cannot support,” said Amar More, Chief Executive Officer and Co-founder of Kale Logistics Solutions. “Legacy systems were built on kilo-based calculations, not the piece-level transparency e-commerce demands. With AvSys, airlines, ground handling companies, e-tailers, and consignees



can now gain real-time operational insight and control while remaining fully compliant in domestic and cross-border operations.”

E-Commerce-Ready Capabilities

AvSys enables airlines to **offer e-commerce-ready services** by maximising point-to-point direct operations without relying solely on costly hub-and-spoke networks. The system ensures **real-time data sharing** across all stakeholders, driving operational efficiency while maintaining full regulatory compliance.

The platform launch follows Kale’s acquisition of AVLOG Systems, a specialist in express and e-commerce logistics technology, which



strengthened Kale’s capabilities in digital parcel management.

Celebrating 15 Years of Innovation

The launch of AvSys coincided with Kale Logistics’ 15th anniversary at **Air Cargo India**, where the company engaged with representatives from over 150 airports and seaports in its global network. To mark the milestone, Kale unveiled a **new brand identity**, reflecting the company’s commitment to enabling seamless collaboration through technology.

“With AvSys, we are not only celebrating 15 years of innovation but also setting a new standard for cross-border e-commerce visibility,” said More. “Our goal is to empower airlines and logistics partners to operate at the speed, scale, and transparency that modern e-commerce requires.”

The platform positions Kale Logistics as a key enabler for the rapidly expanding global e-commerce sector, bridging gaps in piece-level tracking, operational oversight, and compliance, while helping airlines and logistics providers enhance service offerings and customer satisfaction.

Awery appointed software provider for Group Concorde

Aviation technology specialists to drive digitalisation of Group Concorde's network across India, the Middle East, South Asia, and Asia Pacific region



Awery Aviation Software (Awery) has been appointed software provider for General Sales and Service Agent (GSSA), **Group Concorde**, supporting its operations with a total cargo management solution, as announced today at the Air Cargo India exhibition in Mumbai.



Under the agreement, Awery's fully integrated Enterprise Resource Planning system will provide a single digital platform to centralise Group Concorde's data, improving visibility and responsiveness across the business.

The solution will enable Group Concorde to manage complex, multi-airline workflows more efficiently while supporting scalability and long-term growth.

"Our total cargo management solution is designed to handle the overwhelming volume of data generated by businesses such as Group Concorde, enabling them to scale with stability and speed," said Vitaly Smilianets, Founder and Chief Executive Officer (CEO), Awery.

"As India's air cargo market continues to grow, we look forward to working with Group Concorde as it scales alongside, building on

its reputation as the leading GSSA provider in the region."

Founded in 1985, Group Concorde operates a network spanning 16 countries across the Middle East, South Asia, and Asia Pacific, and is India's leading GSSA provider, supported by a nationwide network of over 30 offices and its global headquarters in Delhi.

"Throughout the last two decades, we have consistently embraced technology as a key driver of efficiency," said Ralph van Eijk, Chief Airline and Marketing Officer, Group Concorde.

"Our search for a dedicated software partner reflects Group Concorde's commitment to investing in the very best solutions for our airline partners, and Awery quickly emerging as the right partner to take this forward."

Both companies are exhibiting at Air Cargo India this February, with Awery at booth E51 and Group Concorde at booth D21.

CHAMP Cargosystems adds new aircraft type (Boeing 777-300ERSF) to its load planning solution Cargospot Weight & Balance



Bringing automated load planning to the industry's newest highvolume freighter, helping airlines maximize payload, fuel efficiency, and operational reliability.

CHAMP Cargosystems, a global leader in air cargo technology, has rolled out a significant update to its Cargospot Weight & Balance solution, expanding support to a broader range of freighter aircraft, including the Big Twin Freighter Boeing 777-300ERSF. This makes CHAMP the first worldwide to fully support this freighter modification in live operations.

This enhancement enables airlines to seamlessly manage increasingly

complex and diverse freighter fleets, including aircraft that have undergone passenger-to-freighter (P2F) conversions, streamlining load planning, AI-powered autoloading optimization, load sheet generation, and operational workflows. This is particularly significant given the weight and balance complexities due to structural modifications, airline-specific customizations, and safety considerations in P2F conversions.

CHAMP's robust support for complex

P2F weight and balance configurations ensures precise load control. For airline operators considering expanding their fleet with the Boeing 777-300ERSF, Cargospot Weight & Balance offers an intuitive tool that can streamline load planning for existing and new models in one system.

The Boeing 777-300ERSF is particularly well-suited for low-density cargo operations, making it an ideal option to support growing global e-commerce demands. Its volumetric

capacity enables airlines to maximize revenue on lightweight, high-volume shipments while maintaining long-range operational efficiency.

With the latest updates to Cargospot Weight & Balance, CHAMP further positions itself at the forefront of enabling more sustainable and economically optimized fleet strategies. The solution automatically calculates aircraft-specific weight distribution, optimizing the center of gravity for each flight. This accelerates turnaround

times, avoiding schedule disruptions, and enables airlines to operate more efficiently without manual entry bottlenecks for loadmasters.

CHAMP serves as an innovation partner for airlines operating multiple complex freighter aircraft sizes and types, including converted aircraft. With greater automation, advanced AI-driven optimization, compliance assurance, and aircraft-type scalability, partner airlines can rely on CHAMP to future-proof operations, protect margins, and

maintain their competitive edge in a dynamic market.

Khaled Chamsuddine, Product Manager Aircraft Operations, said: “CHAMP is proud that Cargospot Weight & Balance supports the world’s first live Boeing 777-300ERSF freighter operations. As fleets grow more complex, our AI-powered solution automates calculations for these P2F configurations, standardizing load planning while ensuring safety, compliance, and peak operational performance.”

Chapman Freeborn UAE Office Reports Strong Start to 2026 Across Core Charter Divisions

Chapman Freeborn’s UAE office exceeded its monthly targets across passenger, cargo and ACMI charter operations in January 2026, marking a strong start to the year for the company’s IMEA (India, Middle East and Africa) region.

According to the company, all three operational divisions reported performance above plan, supported by steady regional charter demand, cross-team collaboration, and disciplined execution across operational units. While January results represent only the first month of the year, they indicate stable operational activity across the UAE hub. The passenger charter division achieved the highest performance, reaching 140% of its January target under the leadership of Claudia Krajhanzl. The cargo division, led by Gerhard Coetzee, reached 170% of its monthly target, driven by a mix of regional logistics demand and intercontinental charter shipments. The ACMI division, headed by Daniel

Huggins, recorded 107% of target, reflecting ongoing airline demand for short-term capacity and operational support.

“The strong start to the year reflects both market demand and the experience

of our regional teams,” said **Linas Dovydenas, President – IMEA at Chapman Freeborn.** *“Although it is still early in the year, these results give us confidence that our UAE operations are well positioned to support customers as charter aviation needs continue to evolve across the region.”*

Chapman Freeborn expects charter demand across the IMEA region to remain dynamic through 2026, supporting the company’s broader operational objectives for the year ahead. Airlines, logistics operators, and corporate customers are expected to continue relying on flexible charter capacity to respond to changing operational requirements.



cargo.one acquires ocean platform Cargofive, launches AI-native operating system for multimodal logistics

Air and ocean rates in one AI-native operating system for logistics



- cargo.one acquires ocean rate platform Cargofive to unify air and ocean rate data, creating the industry's most comprehensive multimodal rate infrastructure
- The AI-native operating system builds upon integrated air and ocean rate infrastructure and enables agentic workflows to work alongside teams
- cargo.one raises \$20M from Bessemer Venture Partners and other leading technology investors to accelerate AI investments

Cargo.one, the AI technology provider for logistics, today announced the acquisition of ocean rate platform Cargofive and the launch of the industry's first AI-native operating system for multimodal freight. The platform unifies air and ocean freight data into a single robust foundation, powering accurate agentic workflows to operate natively alongside teams. The strategic move, complemented by around \$20M investment from investors including Bessemer Venture Partners, positions cargo.one as the prime infrastructure layer for AI transformation in global logistics.

Freight forwarders and carriers alike are investing heavily in AI programs, but most solutions remain bolt-on tools that sit disconnected from the most relevant knowledge source: structured data. The result is a fragmented technology landscape where AI promises efficiency but delivers complexity and does not progress beyond the pilot phase. cargo.one's multimodal AI-native operating system addresses these challenges with a unified approach where agentic workflows and operational data exist natively in a single system.

The acquisition of Cargofive, which closed on February 25, fundamentally expands cargo.one's rate data foundation by adding connections to the top 10 ocean carriers and scalable ocean rate data ingestion and management capabilities. Cargofive offers a full spectrum of ocean rates spanning four million trade lanes and is trusted by hundreds of forwarders globally. cargo.one is now the industry's most complete rate database, enabling freight forwarders to automate air and ocean workflows from a single platform rather than managing fragmented tools.

As a go-to logistics AI partner, cargo.one combines renowned technology quality, fully integrated rate data, and in-house logistics expertise. cargo.one's AI-native operating system equips logistics companies to deploy ready-made AI agents or build custom ones using open protocols like MCP servers. Built on comprehensive multimodal rate data, cargo.one's infrastructure includes RAG-based knowledge retrieval and supervision layers that monitor AI outputs to ensure accuracy and reliability.

Unlike bolt-on AI tools that require integration with separate systems and third-party data, cargo.one's workflows operate natively within the same platform. Humans and AI work side by side using the same data, ensuring teams maintain full control while automation handles repetitive tasks.



Moritz Claussen

“Most AI projects in logistics fail to deliver ROI because they lack access to robust, structured data”, says **Moritz Claussen, Founder and Co-CEO of cargo.one**. “Real returns come from unified data infrastructure operating at enterprise scale. With Cargofive, we're expanding the foundation already embedded inside many of the world's top forwarders' operations to encompass ocean needs, and we are delivering what makes AI actually work in production.”

Sebastian Cazajus, Founder & CEO of Cargofive, added, “Across the industry, forwarders are asking for integrated air and ocean solutions that eliminate data silos. cargo.one has already set the standard in air. Together, we are bringing that same quality and scale to ocean freight, creating a truly multimodal operating foundation to enable agentic workflows.”

“Data and AI are inseparable – quality data is the foundation for quality AI”, says **Stefan Borggreve, Member of the Management Board at Hellmann Worldwide Logistics**, “cargo.one has built a comprehensive operating system that our teams trust.

When AI workflows operate using the same reliable data our people use daily, we can confidently deploy automation and focus on delivering the best customer experiences”.

“When evaluating AI partners, logistics leaders should look beyond individual features to the underlying foundation,” says **Bob Goodman, Partner at Bessemer Venture Partners**. “Features become commoditized quickly; what matters is having a partner with comprehensive data infrastructure and industry-specific expertise that can evolve with your needs. cargo.one has built exactly that foundation for multimodal logistics.”

cargo.one's AI-native operating system is available now, enabling freight forwarders and carriers to run agentic workflows, including those for rate management, quoting, booking, and customer support, using consistent data and under their teams' full control. The first cargo.one customers have already been onboarded to its ocean rate management and quoting solution, with cargo.one's wider customer base to benefit in the coming weeks.

CHAMP Enhances Cargospot Weight & Balance to Support Boeing 777-300ERSF Freighter



300ERSF, often referred to as the “Big Twin” converted freighter, has emerged as a particularly attractive option for airlines targeting high-volume cargo markets. Its large volumetric capacity makes it well suited for low-density shipments such as e-commerce, enabling operators to maximise revenue on lightweight cargo while maintaining long-range performance.

Commenting on the development, **Khaled Chamsuddine**, Product Manager Aircraft Operations at CHAMP Cargosystems, said the software upgrade reflects the growing complexity of modern freighter fleets.

“CHAMP is proud that Cargospot Weight & Balance supports the world’s first live **Boeing 777-300ERSF** freighter operations,” he said. “As fleets become more diverse, our AI-powered solution automates calculations for these P2F configurations, standardising load planning while ensuring safety, regulatory compliance and peak operational performance.”

The latest update forms part of CHAMP’s broader strategy to enhance digital tools for airlines and cargo operators as the global air freight sector continues to expand its fleet of converted widebody freighters to meet rising demand for capacity.

Cargo software specialist **CHAMP Cargosystems** has expanded the capabilities of its **Cargospot Weight & Balance** solution to support a broader range of freighter aircraft, including the converted **Boeing 777-300ERSF**, one of the latest large passenger-to-freighter (P2F) aircraft entering service.

According to the Luxembourg-based technology provider, the system update makes CHAMP the first software company to fully support the freighter modification in live airline operations. The development enables carriers operating the converted widebody to manage weight

and balance calculations digitally within an integrated platform designed to handle increasingly complex cargo fleets.

The enhancement allows airlines to seamlessly incorporate P2F aircraft into their operational workflows while maintaining accuracy and compliance with safety requirements. By automating load planning processes—including AI-driven autoloading optimisation, load sheet generation and operational coordination—the system reduces manual workload for loadmasters and improves turnaround efficiency.

CHAMP said the update is particularly relevant for aircraft that have undergone passenger-to-freighter

conversion programmes, where structural modifications, cargo door installations and airline-specific configurations can introduce additional weight distribution and centre-of-gravity complexities.

Through the upgraded platform, the system automatically calculates aircraft-specific weight distribution parameters and optimises the centre of gravity for each flight. This capability enables operators to streamline ramp operations, minimise potential scheduling disruptions and avoid manual data entry bottlenecks that can slow cargo handling processes.

The **Boeing 777-**

Tap Air Portugal Appoints Aeroprime Group as Exclusive Cargo GSSA Pan-India



TAP Air Portugal has appointed Aeroprime Group as its Exclusive Cargo General Sales & Service Agent (GSSA) Pan-India, marking a significant step in strengthening the airline's cargo footprint across the Indian market, effective March 2026.

The appointment reflects TAP Air Portugal's strategic focus on expanding cargo capacity utilisation and deepening engagement with India's fast-growing trade and logistics ecosystem. Under this mandate, Aeroprime Group will manage TAP's cargo sales, marketing, customer engagement, and operational coordination across India, leveraging its strong regional presence, technology-driven processes, and established relationships with freight forwarders and logistics partners.

TAP Air Portugal, the national airline of Portugal, connects with key destinations across Europe, Africa, and the Americas. India is a rapidly growing cargo market for pharmaceuticals, perishables, e-commerce, etc and hence TAP Air Portugal plays an important role in strengthening

global trade corridors. Strategically positioned as a gateway between Europe and the Americas, Portugal continues to gain importance in global air cargo flows. With rising demand from India to Europe and the Americas, including several key destinations exclusively served by TAP Air Portugal, this partnership aims to enhance connectivity and facilitate seamless trade movements across the airline's extensive international network.

Commenting on the appointment, Bruno Aires, Global Cargo Senior Director, TAP Air Portugal said, "India represents a high-potential market for our cargo business. Partnering with Aeroprime Group as our Exclusive Cargo GSSA Pan-India strengthens our local presence and enables us to better serve the evolving needs of the Indian cargo community while expanding our reach across key global markets."

Headquartered in New Delhi, Aeroprime Group is a leading global aviation services provider with expertise across airline representation, cargo management, sales, marketing, and digital solutions. With operations

spanning multiple countries and cities, the Group is well positioned to support TAP Air Portugal's cargo growth ambitions while ensuring seamless service delivery to customers nationwide.

"We are delighted to be appointed as the Exclusive Cargo GSSA for TAP Air Portugal in India," said Abhishek Goyal, Executive Director & CEO, Aeroprime Group. "This partnership allows us to bring a focused, data-driven approach to cargo market development. With our strong pan-India cargo sales network and commitment to service excellence, we look forward to strengthening TAP Air Portugal's cargo presence and unlocking new opportunities for trade between India and its global destinations."

TAP Air Portugal operates a modern fleet and serves a comprehensive international network, offering reliable air cargo solutions. The airline continues to enhance its cargo proposition by supporting time-sensitive and high-value shipments, reinforcing trade connectivity between India, Europe, and beyond.

Jettainer Extends Strategic ULD Partnership with CMA CGM Air Cargo Amid Fleet Expansion Plans



Jettainer has strengthened its long-term collaboration with CMA CGM Air Cargo, extending its role as the airline's dedicated ULD (unit load device) management partner to support a planned expansion of its freighter fleet. The renewed agreement encompasses customized ULD supply, maintenance, and repair services, complemented by advanced digital tracking solutions, ensuring CMA CGM Air Cargo is fully equipped for its growth trajectory.

Originally formalized

in 2022, the contract has been renewed ahead of schedule to meet additional requirements arising from the airline's ambitious fleet expansion. Under the extended partnership, Jettainer will continue to provide end-to-end ULD management, guaranteeing that CMA CGM Air Cargo has access to the required equipment at all times, while maintaining the highest operational efficiency.

To meet the airline's evolving demands, Jettainer supplies a tailor-made ULD fleet optimized

for performance and sustainability. Utilizing cutting-edge steering technologies, the company ensures that each unit is transported efficiently, tracked seamlessly, and monitored in real time. Through its proprietary IT platform, JettwareNG, Jettainer offers CMA CGM Air Cargo comprehensive visibility and transparent data on all ULDs within the network.

Since its launch in March 2021, CMA CGM Air Cargo has been a key pillar in the CMA CGM Group's strategy to deliver integrated

maritime, land, air, and logistics solutions. This multimodal approach allows the Group to provide tailored transport solutions, including last-mile delivery, across global markets. Currently, CMA CGM Air Cargo operates a fleet of eight aircraft, including five Boeing 777Fs, one Airbus A330F, and two Boeing 747Fs. The airline plans to expand its fleet from 2027 with the addition of eight Airbus A350Fs, operating from strategic hubs in France, the United States, and Belgium to ensure seamless connectivity on major international cargo routes.

Dr Jan-Wilhelm Breithaupt, CEO of Jettainer, commented on the renewed partnership: *"We sincerely thank CMA CGM Air Cargo for their continued trust in our services. Our commitment is to deliver the best possible ULD management solutions every day. We are continuously innovating, particularly in digitalisation, to leverage standards such as ONE Record for more efficient and transparent ULD operations."*

The extension solidifies Jettainer's role as a critical enabler of CMA CGM Air Cargo's expansion, ensuring that the airline's growing fleet is supported with reliable, technologically advanced ULD solutions.

European Cargo to Launch China-Teesside Freighter Operations with New UK Base

European Cargo has announced plans to expand its freighter network to the northeast of the UK, establishing a new operational base at Teesside International Airport and launching regular services between China and the airport.

The airline will operate five flights per week using its converted A340-600 freighters, each capable of carrying up to 76 tonnes of payload or 440 cubic metres of cargo. The new route is primarily designed to support e-commerce shipments from China,

providing UK businesses with faster and more direct export connections. While the exact Chinese destinations for the services have not yet been confirmed, European Cargo currently operates flights to Chengdu and Chongqing.

The establishment of the new base at Teesside International Airport coincides with the launch of the flights and includes a multi-million-pound investment in facilities at the Teesside Airport Business Park. According to the airport, the services will provide capacity for up to

375 tonnes of freight weekly, offering a strategic boost to regional exporters.

Phil Forster, managing director of Teesside International Airport, described the development as a “pivotal moment” for the airport. “Securing a new freight base and direct links to China significantly strengthens our commercial offering and demonstrates the confidence global operators have in what we are building here,” he said. “The impact of this deal will be substantial – not only enhancing cargo operations and revenue

but also positioning the airport as a strategic hub for aviation, freight, and future investment. It underlines our ambition to develop a commercially successful airport that drives the region’s economic growth.”

European Cargo’s chief operating officer, Iain Edwards, added that the new base represents a major step in the airline’s expansion strategy. “We are incredibly pleased to establish this operational hub at Teesside International Airport. This investment reflects our confidence in the region’s infrastructure and its potential as a premier logistics gateway. It allows us to better connect UK businesses with global markets,” he said.

Historically, European Cargo has operated primarily from “Bournemouth Airport”, Bournemouth, UK”, with a more recent expansion to Cardiff Airport in 2024. The move to Teesside aligns with the airport’s long-term ambitions, which include the development of a new cargo hub. The planned Airlink facility, to be built on a 750,000 sq ft site, will feature direct apron access to allow for swift and efficient loading and unloading of aircraft, further reinforcing the airport’s role as a key logistics center for the region.

With this development, Teesside International Airport positions itself as an emerging gateway for international air freight, offering UK manufacturers and businesses accelerated access to the fast-growing Chinese e-commerce market.



My Freighter Expands Europe Connectivity with New Hong Kong–Maastricht Service via Tashkent Hub

My Freighter has strengthened its European network with the launch of scheduled cargo flights from Hong Kong International Airport (HKG) to Maastricht Aachen Airport (MST) in the Netherlands, routing via its central hub at Tashkent International Airport (TAS), Uzbekistan. The service, operating twice weekly on Boeing 767-300 freighters, aims to provide efficient and flexible connectivity for shippers moving goods between East Asia, Europe, and the Middle East.

Sherzod Akbarov, Cargo Sales Director at My Freighter, explained: “With this new route, we are enabling seamless cargo flow across strategic trade corridors. Leveraging our Tashkent hub and dedicated trucking network, the service ensures fast transit times, efficient handling, and reliable connections to European markets.”

The new Hong Kong–Maastricht route builds on the airline’s existing European operations. My Freighter began flying to MST in August last year, linking Shanghai Pudong (PVG), TAS, Almaty (ALA) in Kazakhstan, and MST. Concurrently, the airline launched twice-weekly PVG–Amsterdam Schiphol (AMS) flights via Tashkent, demonstrating a systematic expansion of its East Asia–Europe network.

In addition to organic growth, My Freighter has broadened its reach through interline partnerships with airlines including Cargojet, Aeromexico, Icelandair Cargo, Biman Bangladesh Airlines, and Air Serbia, allowing for extended cargo connectivity across multiple global markets.

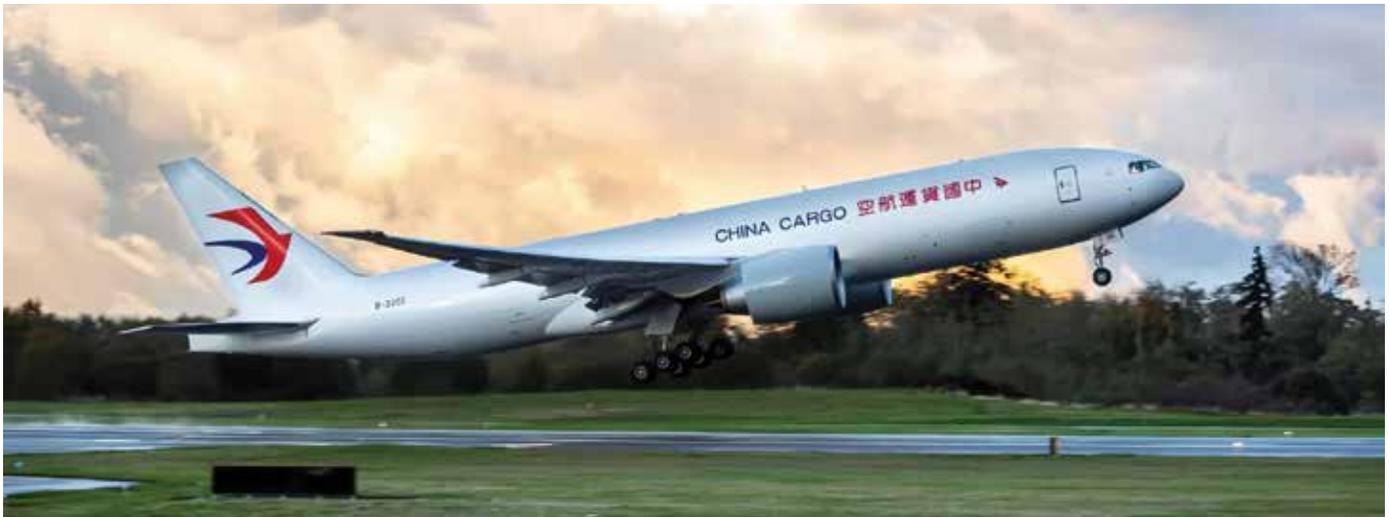
My Freighter operates a dedicated freighter fleet of eight Boeing 767-300Fs, including seven passenger-to-

freighter (P2F) conversions and one production freighter. Earlier this year, the airline also added a Boeing 757-200P2F to its fleet, further enhancing regional and intercontinental cargo capabilities. Its passenger fleet, comprising seven Airbus A319, A320, and A321 aircraft, supports cargo operations through bellyhold capacity where applicable.

By combining hub-and-spoke operations through Tashkent with a dedicated trucking network, My Freighter aims to provide shippers with a reliable, flexible alternative to existing air cargo options between East Asia and Europe. The carrier’s strategy highlights a growing focus on mid-capacity freighters serving niche routes, connecting emerging logistics corridors, and supporting e-commerce, pharmaceuticals, and time-sensitive shipments.



China Cargo Airlines Launches Chongqing–Budapest Freighter Route to Boost China–Europe Trade



China Cargo Airlines has expanded its European network with the inauguration of a new freighter service connecting **Chongqing Jiangbei International Airport (CKG)** in China to **Budapest Ferenc Liszt International Airport (BUD)** in Hungary. The service commenced on **15 January 2026** and will operate **three times weekly** using the carrier's **Boeing 777 freighter** fleet.

The airline, a joint venture between **China Eastern Airlines (70%)** and **China Ocean Shipping (30%)**, currently operates a fleet of **18 Boeing 777Fs**, positioning it as a major player in China's long-haul cargo market. This launch follows the airline's successful **Shanghai Pudong–Budapest** freighter route initiated in 2024 and reflects a strategic push to strengthen China–Europe logistics corridors.

Focus on E-Commerce and IT Products

Industry insiders note that the new Chongqing–Budapest route will

primarily cater to **cross-border e-commerce and high-value IT products**, enhancing supply chain connectivity between Western China and Central Europe. Huiru Zhang, sales manager at China-based freight forwarder **Air-Sea Pacers**, highlighted on LinkedIn:

“This is Chongqing's second international all-cargo route in 2026, serving cross-border e-commerce and local IT products, further strengthening the China–Europe industrial and supply chain connection.”

The route reflects Hungary's growing role as a **logistics gateway** in Central and Eastern Europe, as the first country in the region to participate in **China's Belt and Road Initiative (BRI)**. This strategic alignment supports China Cargo Airlines' long-term objective to integrate key economic hubs into its international cargo network.

European Expansion Strategy

The Chongqing–Budapest service is part of China Cargo Airlines' broader European expansion. In **November**

2025, the carrier **re-launched a freighter route between Paris Charles de Gaulle (CDG) and Shanghai Pudong (PVG)**, while in **May 2025**, it initiated scheduled flights connecting **Hefei Xinqiao International Airport** in China with **Liege Airport** in Belgium.

Additionally, China Cargo Airlines maintains freighter operations to other major European hubs, including **Frankfurt, Amsterdam, and London Stansted**, enabling seamless integration into global supply chains and reinforcing its presence across strategic logistics nodes.

By leveraging its **777F fleet**, China Cargo Airlines aims to provide **reliable, high-capacity freight services**, supporting both high-value manufacturing exports and the rapid growth of e-commerce shipments between China and Europe. The new Chongqing–Budapest route underscores the carrier's commitment to enhancing **connectivity, speed, and efficiency** across long-haul markets.

Integrated Logistics Takes Centre Stage at transport logistic India & air cargo India 2026

- India's logistics story is getting bigger, more ambitious and increasingly integrated — and that shift was visible this week at the Jio World Convention Centre in Mumbai, where transport logistic India and air cargo India 2026 brought together over 8,100 industry professionals over three days
- The event marked the 11th edition of air cargo India, long regarded as a barometer for the country's air freight sector. Running alongside it for the first time was transport logistic India, conceived as a broader platform to reflect how freight now moves — across air, sea, rail and road in connected chains rather than isolated silos.



India's logistics sector is entering a new phase of scale, integration and ambition—an evolution clearly on display this week at the **Jio World Convention Centre** in **Mumbai**, where **transport logistic India 2026** and **air cargo India 2026** jointly

attracted more than 8,100 industry professionals over three days.

The gathering marked the 11th edition of air cargo India, widely viewed as a benchmark event for the country's air freight sector. For the first time, the exhibition was held alongside transport

logistic India, a broader industry platform designed to reflect the modern reality of freight transport—where cargo increasingly moves across interconnected networks spanning air, sea, rail and road rather than through isolated logistics channels.

Together, the co-located events featured more than 230 exhibiting brands representing 38 countries, supported by a comprehensive conference programme that brought together over 120 speakers. Airlines, ports, freight forwarders, logistics parks, technology providers and policymakers converged at the venue, turning the exhibition floor into a central meeting point for stakeholders across the global supply chain.

Infrastructure and Connectivity at the Forefront

Addressing delegates, **Pratap Sarnaik**, Honourable Minister of Transport for the **Government of Maharashtra**, highlighted the state's ongoing infrastructure transformation and its implications for logistics.

"Maharashtra is seeing a major shift in its logistics landscape through focused investments in infrastructure and connectivity," he said. "Projects such as **Vadhavan Port**, **Navi Mumbai International Airport**, and corridors like the **Samruddhi Expressway** and **Atal Setu** will improve efficiency and reduce logistics costs for industry. The state is also working toward more integrated logistics hubs to simplify transport and operations."

He added that such initiatives are expected to attract new investment while creating employment opportunities, reinforcing Maharashtra's position as a key industrial and logistics hub within India.

A Sporting Icon for a Performance-Driven Sector

In a move aimed at broadening the sector's appeal, organisers appointed former international cricketer **AB de Villiers** as the face of transport logistic India 2026. Known globally for his adaptability and consistency under pressure, de Villiers was chosen to symbolise the agility and execution required in today's logistics environment.

The partnership reflects organisers' efforts to position the industry as both performance-driven and globally

competitive, aligning the image of India's logistics sector with the same qualities that underpin elite international sport.

Global Industry Participation

The exhibition floor showcased a wide cross-section of established logistics providers, airlines, manufacturers and technology firms. Among the companies present were **Air India Cargo**, **Amazon Air Cargo**, **Cathay Cargo**, **CEVA Logistics**, **DACHSER**, **DHL**, **Emirates SkyCargo**, **Etiihad Cargo**, **IndiGo CarGo**, **Maersk**, **Qatar Airways Cargo**, **Turkish Cargo** and **Transport Corporation of India**, alongside a range of emerging logistics and technology players.

Logistics Reform and Cost Reduction

From a national policy perspective, **Shyam Jagannathan**, Director General of Shipping at the **Ministry of Ports, Shipping and Waterways** and Additional Secretary to the **Government of India**, highlighted the country's progress in reducing logistics costs.

"India's logistics costs have fallen from around 13–14% of GDP in 2016 to approximately 7.9% today," he noted. "This reflects sustained reforms and a strong focus on ease of doing business. Logistics remains the backbone of cost-effective manufacturing and seamless first- and last-mile connectivity."

Jagannathan added that India's extensive coastline and inland waterways offer natural advantages that the government is seeking to leverage through a modal shift toward more efficient and economical transport solutions. Industry platforms such as transport logistic India, he said, play a critical role in encouraging collaboration, technology adoption and policy alignment.

Industry and Country Showcases

Dedicated pavilions added further depth to the exhibition. The German

Pavilion brought together logistics and technology firms with strong export capabilities and international supply chain expertise.

Meanwhile, the **All India Transporters' Welfare Association (AITWA)** Pavilion highlighted developments within India's road freight sector, which remains a vital component of the country's logistics ecosystem.

Ashok Goyal, National President of AITWA, emphasised the continuing importance of road transport in connecting ports, airports, industrial clusters and consumption centres.

"As trade volumes grow, integration between air cargo, surface transport and warehousing becomes critical," he said. "When transporters, freight forwarders, airlines and policymakers come together, we move closer to reducing transit times, improving reliability and lowering logistics costs for Indian industry."

Goyal also announced that the AITWA delegation has committed to developing dedicated driver facilities across five zones in India, offering medical support, safety training and welfare services. The initiative is expected to involve an investment of approximately 75 crore over the next three years.

Technology Driving the Next Phase

Digital transformation was a central theme at the Future Tech Pavilion, powered by **SmartKargo**. Exhibitors showcased artificial intelligence-driven cargo management platforms, automation tools, blockchain-based tracking systems and advanced analytics solutions aimed at improving efficiency across the logistics value chain.

Highlighting the growing intersection between technology and logistics, **Duddilla Sridhar Babu**, Minister for IT, Electronics & Communications, Industry & Commerce and Legislative Affairs for the **Government of Telangana**, emphasised the role of data-driven supply chains.

“Technology is reshaping logistics for both pharmaceuticals and manufacturing, where speed, reliability and product integrity are critical,” he said. “Telangana is advancing this vision through a new logistics policy and plans for a large logistics park to support tech-enabled cargo movement anchored in **Hyderabad**.”

Conference Themes Reflect Industry Dynamics

Running parallel to the exhibition were two complementary conference tracks addressing key challenges and opportunities across the logistics landscape.

The transport logistic India conference focused on the theme “Powering Vision 2030 with Logistics Performance Excellence,” with speakers from major industrial players including **Tata Chemicals, Tata Projects and Reliance Industries** discussing how logistics efficiency can support India’s manufacturing expansion and export ambitions.

Meanwhile, air cargo India hosted discussions under the theme “Global Air Cargo – Booming but Bumpy,” examining market volatility, capacity constraints and the continued growth of sectors such as pharmaceuticals and e-commerce.

A Platform for Industry Collaboration

Bhupinder Singh, President – IMEA at **Messe München** and CEO of **Messe Muenchen India**, said the event’s success lies in bringing together the right mix of industry stakeholders.

“What makes these shows effective is that they put the right decision-makers together—airlines with exporters, infrastructure players with manufacturers, technology firms with logistics operators,” he said. “When people meet in person, conversations are sharper and outcomes move more quickly.”

Looking Ahead

As India continues to invest heavily

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in infrastructure, digitalisation and export competitiveness, the combined platform of air cargo India and transport logistic India appears well aligned with the sector’s trajectory. The 2026 edition closed with a clear signal that the integrated format will continue, mirroring the increasingly interconnected nature of global freight movement.

Looking ahead, the platform’s global network will expand further in 2027 with **transport logistic Africa 2027** and **air cargo Africa 2027**, scheduled for 2–4 February at the **Sarit Expo Centre** in **Nairobi**, followed by **transport logistic India & Project Cargo 2027** on 25–26 February in Mumbai.

Together, these events aim to deepen industry collaboration across high-growth trade corridors linking **Africa** and **Asia**, while strengthening the focus on multimodal logistics and specialised cargo markets.

Key Highlights – transport logistic India & air cargo India 2026

- **Integrated Logistics Focus:**

The 2026 edition placed strong emphasis on the growing interdependence between air freight, maritime shipping, rail and road transport. The event highlighted how closer coordination across these modes can reduce logistics costs, improve

transit efficiency and support India’s ambitions to strengthen its position in global trade.

- **Co-located Industry Platform:**

The inaugural **transport logistic India 2026** was held alongside the 11th edition of **air cargo India 2026**, creating a single platform that brought together stakeholders from across the entire logistics ecosystem—from airlines and ports to freight forwarders, infrastructure developers and technology providers.

- **Industry Leadership and Policy Dialogue:**

The conference programme gathered senior industry executives, government representatives and logistics experts to address key issues shaping the sector. Participation from officials of the **Ministry of Ports, Shipping and Waterways** underscored the role of policy in enabling infrastructure development, regulatory reform and smoother trade flows.

- **Global Exhibition Network:**

Backed by the international exhibition portfolio of **Messe München**, the event connects India’s logistics sector to a wider global network spanning **Munich, Africa, Europe** and **North America**. This global linkage strengthens collaboration between markets and promotes cross-border logistics partnerships.

- **Focus on Emerging Industry Trends:**

Discussions throughout the event centred on the future of supply chains, with particular attention to digitalisation, sustainability, automation and security. Industry leaders explored how technology-driven logistics platforms and greener transport solutions will shape the next phase of supply chain development.

Together, the co-located exhibitions signal a significant moment for India’s logistics sector, reflecting the industry’s shift toward integrated, technology-enabled supply chains designed to support faster trade growth and stronger global connectivity.

Çelebi unlocks significant operational efficiencies through CHAMP A2Z Scan



- Çelebi has adopted CHAMP A2Z Scan to automate the conversion of paper Air Waybills and cargo documents into digital formats using AI
- The solution reduces manual processing time from around three minutes to 45 seconds while improving accuracy and integrating directly with Çelebi's cargo management systems
- Close collaboration and staff training between CHAMP and Çelebi have delivered efficiency gains and laid the foundation for ongoing digital transformation

By implementing CHAMP A2Z Scan in their ground handling operations, Çelebi will benefit from digitalized and automated document processing using AI technology

Turkish ground handler Çelebi has implemented CHAMP A2Z Scan, a smart application that automates the conversion from paper to digital Air Waybills and other documents.

Using CHAMP's first 100% AI-based product, Çelebi can dramatically reduce the time associated with manual data entry and comparison, from approximately 3 minutes to 45 seconds through CHAMP A2Z Scan. The data captured through CHAMP A2Z Scan automatically populates into Çelebi's cargo management system, including its independent platform.

In leveraging CHAMP A2Z Scan,

Çelebi enjoys numerous efficiency gains, including streamlined operations, time and cost savings, and decreased manual errors associated with paper-based processes. Çelebi identified the need to automate the manual data capture of Air Waybills and documents and chose CHAMP A2Z Scan after a market assessment. Not only were they impressed by the capabilities of the tool, but the shared values of innovation and collaboration that unite both CHAMP and Çelebi.

CHAMP and Çelebi worked closely to educate and train staff on how to use AI technology for the best results, and to ensure the CHAMP A2Z solution works for their operations and end users. The extra involvement and investment led to a strong partnership that is sure to lead to exciting developments in the future.

Ahmet Balakci, IT Manager from Çelebi said "We are excited by the impressive results we are seeing through CHAMP A2Z Scan, and the operational efficiencies we have unlocked by leveraging intelligent technology. It has been a pleasure working alongside CHAMP to explore the possibilities CHAMP A2Z Scan holds for our operations, and we look forward to continued digitalization and optimization.

Lucas Fernandez, VP Innovation & Insight from CHAMP said "I've thoroughly enjoyed working alongside Çelebi to implement CHAMP A2Z Scan in their operations. It's fantastic to see their enthusiasm and commitment to digitalization, and their impressive results in leveraging the tool. I look forward to seeing their continued success using innovative software solutions."

Logistics Leaders Gather in Vienna for LogiPharma 2026



- *LogiPharma 2026 will bring together more than 2,500 pharma, supply chain and logistics professionals in Vienna, providing a global forum to address industry challenges and advance a sustainable, patient-first supply chain strategy.*
- *Sponsors including Paxafe, Kuehne+Nagel, DP World and Project44 emphasise the event's role in fostering collaboration, innovation and technology adoption to strengthen healthcare logistics and improve patient outcomes.*
- *The 2026 agenda centres on Intelligent Futures, Resilient Networks and Global Health Impact, with more than 350 sessions exploring AI, real-time data visibility, cybersecurity and digital supply chain transformation in response to geopolitical, regulatory and economic uncertainty.*

Global pharmaceutical supply chain leaders will convene in Vienna this April for LogiPharma 2026, the world's leading event dedicated to the end-to-end life sciences supply chain.

Taking place from 14–16 April at the Austria Center Vienna, the conference is expected to bring together more than 2,500 senior leaders from the pharmaceutical, biotechnology and medical technology sectors. The gathering provides a global platform for industry stakeholders to address mounting operational pressures while advancing more resilient, sustainable and patient-centric supply networks.

At a time when pharmaceutical supply chains are facing increasing disruption—from geopolitical volatility and cost pressures to regulatory complexity and climate concerns—the event aims to foster collaboration between manufacturers, logistics providers and technology partners. Organisers describe the sector as reaching a critical inflection point, where companies must rethink traditional operating models and adopt smarter, digitally enabled supply networks.

Collaboration at the Core

Industry sponsors including Paxafe, Kuehne+Nagel, DP World and Project44 highlight the event's importance as a platform for strengthening collaboration across the healthcare logistics ecosystem.

For Ilya Preston, CEO of Paxafe, the conference's greatest value lies in its ability to bring together leaders from life sciences, logistics and technology to exchange ideas and develop practical solutions to shared challenges. The event, he notes, helps stimulate innovation and enables partnerships that ultimately support stronger, more resilient healthcare supply chains.

Returning sponsors echo this sentiment. Nico Sacco, Global Head of Healthcare Strategy at Kuehne+Nagel, describes LogiPharma as a cornerstone of the company's annual engagement with the pharmaceutical logistics

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community. The event offers a unique opportunity to present innovations, gain insight into evolving supply chain priorities and strengthen global professional networks in a collaborative environment.

Similarly, Magrietha Mallinson, Global Vice President at DP World, says the company views the conference as a key forum for exchanging expertise and showcasing new capabilities in healthcare logistics. Participation allows organisations to better understand the changing needs of pharmaceutical customers while collaborating on solutions that improve supply chain resilience and expand global access to healthcare.

Agenda Focus: Technology, Resilience and Global Health

The 2026 programme is structured around three central themes—**Intelligent Futures, Resilient Networks** and **Global Health Impact**—reflecting the industry's transition toward more autonomous, data-driven supply chains.

Across more than 350 sessions, participants will examine how emerging technologies are transforming pharmaceutical logistics and supply chain management. Discussions will focus on the role of artificial intelligence, real-time data visibility, cybersecurity and digital platforms in enabling organisations to move from reactive supply chain management toward predictive and autonomous operations.

The agenda also explores how pharmaceutical companies can strengthen network resilience while maintaining regulatory compliance

and patient safety in an increasingly uncertain global environment. Key topics include integrating sustainability and circularity into supply chain operations, improving end-to-end visibility across complex partner networks and accelerating the delivery of innovative therapies to patients worldwide.

Ewelina Bukowska, Head of Field Marketing at Project44, emphasises that digital intelligence and real-time visibility are becoming critical capabilities for pharmaceutical supply chains. Industry forums such as LogiPharma, she says, provide an important platform for discussing how advanced analytics and modern transportation management technologies can help organisations shift from reactive crisis management to proactive supply chain control.

Shaping the Future of Healthcare Logistics

As the life sciences industry continues to navigate rapid technological change and global disruption, the importance of cross-industry collaboration has never been greater. Events such as LogiPharma provide a forum for stakeholders across manufacturing, logistics and technology to exchange ideas, benchmark strategies and accelerate innovation.

With thousands of senior leaders expected to attend, LogiPharma 2026 is set to once again serve as a defining meeting point for the global pharmaceutical supply chain community—helping shape the next generation of intelligent, resilient and patient-focused healthcare logistics networks.

Unilode Aviation Partners with XPO Logistics to Streamline its Global Forwarding Across All Continents



Unilode Aviation Solutions, the world's largest provider and manager of aviation Unit Load Devices (ULDs), has selected XPO Logistics, a leading provider of innovative and sustainable end-to-end logistics solutions across Europe, as its strategic global logistics partner.

Under this partnership, XPO Logistics will manage Unilode's worldwide flows of shortlease equipment, digital tracking technology, critical spare parts and capital equipment delivered directly into airline networks across the globe.

This partnership marks a significant expansion for XPO Logistics into the global aviation and aerospace sector, positioning the company as Unilode's lead logistics partner for time-critical and highly complex international operations.

Through its Global Connect control tower, XPO Logistics will coordinate all global flows using integrated critical path planning, enabling Unilode to optimise stock positioning, reduce inventory levels, and ensure equipment reaches the right location at the right time. The control tower provides round-the-clock visibility and coordination across multiple time zones, allowing Unilode to proactively manage demand

surges, reposition assets quickly and prevent operational disruption.

XPO Logistics will provide Unilode with:

- Critical path planning to optimise equipment availability and reduce inventory
- Realtime visibility across all operational touchpoints
- Digital tracking and IoT-enabled logistics for enhanced control and traceability
- Sustainable logistics solutions aligned with global aviation decarbonisation goals
- Dedicated global forwarding services, backed by XPO's sector specialist aviation team

As one of the world's leading freight forwarders, XPO Logistics combines deep operational expertise, advanced digital capabilities, and a high touch service model to deliver resilient, responsive and sustainable global logistics for the aviation industry.

Janis Balkens, Chief Operations Officer, said: "Our partnership with XPO Logistics highlights the power of collaboration at scale. By combining Unilode's expertise in ULD management with XPO's global logistics expertise and operational

excellence, we are streamlining operations worldwide while making measurable progress toward reducing CO₂e emissions, supporting our carbon reduction ambitions, and adopting world-class technology to support our global network operations. XPO's professionalism and consistency worldwide make them a trusted partner in delivering smarter, more efficient, and more sustainable solutions for our customers, suppliers, and partners."

Christophe Verot, Senior Vice President, Forwarding – Europe, XPO Logistics, said: "We're delighted to be partnering with Unilode to help streamline its services. Global Forwarding is a core pillar of our business and a space where we truly excel. Combining this with our proven expertise in reducing CO₂e emissions, our proprietary technology that enhances visibility and efficiency across global operations, and Unilode's shared ethos means this partnership has exceptional potential for continued growth."

XPO's services extend beyond global forwarding. As your end-to-end logistics provider, we offer a wide range of services. These include multimodal solutions, 4PL, Control Towers, logistics services, and more.



TIACA and HACTL Partner to Sponsor the Rising Star Award Through 2028

The International Air Cargo Association (TIACA) is pleased to announce a multi-year sponsorship agreement with Hong Kong Air Cargo Terminals Ltd. (HACTL) for the TIACA Rising Star Award. HACTL will serve as the official sponsor of this prestigious award through 2028, reinforcing its commitment to supporting emerging talent within the global air cargo industry.

The Rising Star Award celebrates young professionals under the age of 35 who demonstrate excellence, innovation, inspiration and outstanding contributions to the air cargo and logistics community. The next Rising Star will be recognized at the TIACA Executive Summit, June 1-3 in Warsaw, Poland.

“We are delighted to partner with HACTL in fostering the next generation of leaders in air cargo,” said Roos Bakker, Chair of TIACA. “This collaboration highlights the importance of nurturing young talent and supporting innovation that will shape the future of our industry.”

“Nurturing the leaders of the

future is vital in any industry. It’s a commitment to ongoing success and that’s why HACTL is delighted to take on the long-term sponsorship of TIACA’s Rising Star Award. For the last half century we have designed, developed and implemented training programmes which enable us to grow our own future management so it is only fitting that we become the sponsor of this award.” stated Michelle Choi, Acting Chief, Hong Kong Air Cargo Terminals (HACTL)

Nominations for the 2026 Rising Star Award are open and will be accepted through April 8, 2026. Industry colleagues and organizations are encouraged to submit nominations

that showcase rising professionals making significant impacts across the sector.

“We are deeply grateful to HACTL for their generous and continued support of the association by sponsoring the Rising Star Award for the next three years,” said Glyn Hughes, TIACA Director General. “This long-term partnership reflects a shared commitment to investing in people and ensuring our industry’s future is shaped by talented, passionate professionals. HACTL’s dedication to recognizing and empowering emerging leaders sends a powerful message about the importance of developing the next generation of air cargo leaders.”

SAL Expands European Footprint with \$32.8 Million Acquisition of Aviapartner Liège

Saudi Logistics Services Company (SAL) has signed a **Sale and Purchase Agreement (SPA)** to acquire a **100% stake in Belgium-based airport ground handling company Aviapartner Liège** in a deal valued at **\$32.8 million**. The agreement was signed with **Aviapartner Belgium NV** and **Aviapartner Holding NV**, and will be executed as a **cash transaction financed through SAL's available financial resources**. The acquisition

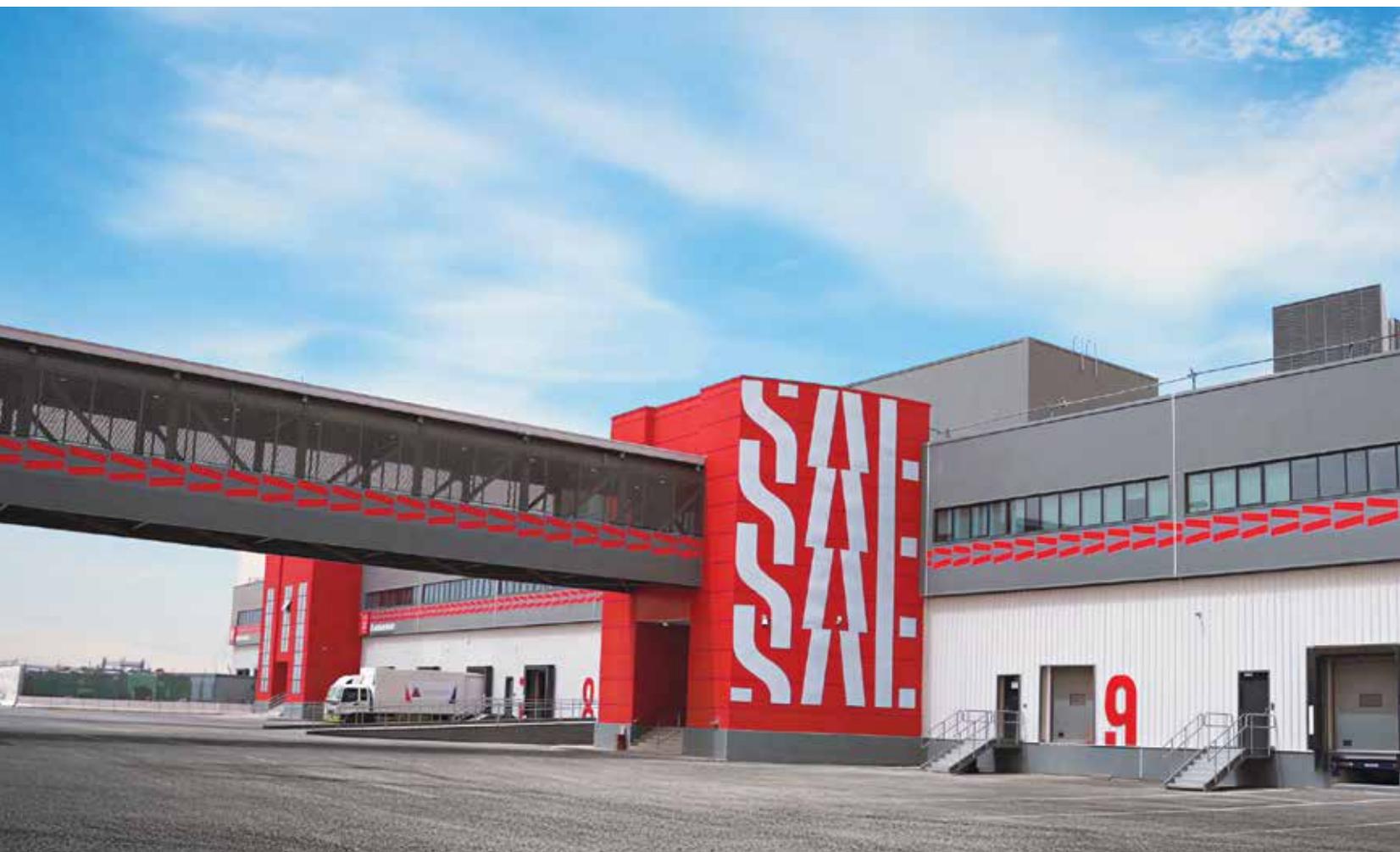
aligns with SAL's strategy to **expand its international footprint in air cargo logistics**, establishing an operational presence at one of Europe's key air cargo hubs. Through this acquisition, SAL aims to:

- **Strengthen its global presence in air cargo logistics**
- **Expand cargo handling and airport logistics services internationally**
- **Diversify revenue streams geographically**

- **Leverage existing infrastructure and airline partnerships**

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The Saudi logistics provider signed a Sale and Purchase Agreement (SPA) with Aviapartner Belgium NV and



Aviartner Holding NV to acquire the company's entire share capital. According to SAL, the transaction will be completed through a cash payment financed from its existing financial resources and remains subject to customary regulatory approvals and closing conditions.

The acquisition marks SAL's strategic entry into the European air cargo market and reflects the company's broader ambition to develop a global logistics network connecting major freight gateways across continents.

Strategic Presence at a Key European Cargo Hub

Aviartner Liège operates at Liège Airport in Belgium, widely recognised as one of Europe's leading cargo airports and a major hub for



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express freight and cross-border e-commerce traffic. The airport hosts cargo operations for a wide range of international airlines and logistics providers, positioning it as a critical node in global supply chains.

By establishing operations at this strategic gateway, SAL aims to strengthen its presence in the European air cargo sector while expanding its cargo handling and airport logistics capabilities beyond the Middle East.

The acquisition will enable SAL to extend its services to airlines, freight forwarders and logistics operators operating through Liège, while also leveraging the airport's strong connectivity to global cargo networks.

Expanding Global Cargo Handling Capabilities

Aviartner Liège provides a range of aviation support services including air cargo handling, airport ground handling operations, and cargo-related logistics solutions. The company plays an important role in supporting cargo airlines and logistics companies operating at the Belgian hub.

Through the integration of Aviartner Liège into its portfolio, SAL intends to enhance its ability to provide end-to-end cargo handling services at international airports and further develop its global logistics platform.

The deal also supports SAL's strategy to diversify its revenue streams geographically while building operational capabilities in key international markets.

Stable Revenue Performance

Financial disclosures indicate that Aviartner Liège has maintained steady operational performance over recent years, reflecting consistent demand in the air cargo handling sector.

The company reported revenues of approximately:

- **\$29.2 million in 2023**
- **\$33.7 million in 2024**
- **\$28.7 million in 2025**

These figures highlight the company's established presence within the European cargo handling market and its role in supporting airline and logistics operations at one of the continent's busiest freight hubs.

Supporting Long-Term Growth

SAL expects the acquisition to contribute positively to its long-term financial performance once the transaction is completed and the results of Aviartner Liège are consolidated into the group's operations.

The move forms part of SAL's broader vision to develop an integrated global cargo logistics network linking Saudi Arabia and the Middle East with major international air freight gateways, particularly in Europe.

As global trade and cross-border e-commerce continue to drive demand for air cargo services, SAL's entry into Liège is expected to strengthen its position as an emerging international logistics player while reinforcing connectivity between European and Middle Eastern cargo flows.

WFS Expands Belgian Cargo Operations with Aviapartner Acquisition at Brussels Airport



Global air cargo handler Worldwide Flight Services (WFS), a subsidiary of SATS Ltd, has completed the acquisition of Aviapartner Cargo NV at Brussels Airport, marking a significant expansion of its cargo handling capabilities in Belgium.

The transaction, which has now secured full regulatory approval,

strengthens WFS's operational footprint at the airport and enhances its service portfolio with the addition of full freighter ramp handling, towing and airside cargo transportation. The move also integrates more than 200 Aviapartner Cargo employees into the WFS workforce, reinforcing the company's local expertise and operational capacity.

Strategic Growth in a Key European Cargo Hub

The acquisition reflects WFS's broader strategy to expand its presence in key European air cargo gateways and invest in infrastructure capable of supporting the growing demand for specialised logistics services, particularly in sectors such as pharmaceuticals and e-commerce.

WFS has maintained a long-standing presence in Brussels, having launched its first operation at the airport in 1992. The company currently provides warehouse handling services for more than 50 airlines across two cargo facilities covering nearly 30,000 square metres. With the integration of Aviapartner Cargo's operations, WFS will significantly increase its operational scale and service capabilities at the hub.

A central element of the acquisition is the transfer of Aviapartner Cargo's 33,000m² cargo terminal at Brussels Airport. The facility includes two dedicated pharmaceutical handling areas designed to support temperature-sensitive healthcare shipments, a phyto-sanitary inspection point for agricultural products, and specialised areas for mail and courier handling.

The expanded infrastructure is expected to strengthen WFS's ability to support complex logistics requirements while meeting the strict compliance and quality standards demanded by pharmaceutical and high-value cargo shipments.

Strengthening Belgium's Cargo Logistics Network

The acquisition further consolidates WFS's growing presence in Belgium's air cargo sector. In addition to its expanded operations in Brussels, the company also operates in Liège, home to Liège Airport, one of Europe's

fastest-growing cargo hubs.

At Liège, WFS provides ramp and warehouse handling services for 12 airlines and logistics companies, including the e-commerce logistics provider Cainiao. The combined presence at Brussels and Liège positions WFS as a major logistics partner for both traditional air cargo operators and the rapidly expanding e-commerce sector.

Meanwhile, Aviapartner will continue its long-standing role in passenger and executive aviation ground handling at Brussels Airport, maintaining services for passenger airlines and private aviation customers.

Founded more than 75 years ago, Aviapartner has been a prominent player in cargo operations at Brussels Airport, providing handling services as well as warehousing solutions for freight forwarders operating at the hub.

Expanding Airside and Freighter Handling Capabilities

According to WFS management, the acquisition will deliver important operational synergies and unlock new growth opportunities for the company in the Belgian market.

Philippe Torry, Managing Director of WFS Belgium, said the integration of Aviapartner Cargo represents a major step forward for the company's local operations.

"We are delighted to have completed this acquisition and to be adding more

capacity, customers and skilled workers to the WFS operation at Brussels Airport," he said.

Torry added that incorporating freighter and ramp handling services into the company's portfolio in Brussels would significantly enhance WFS's ability to support both existing airline partners and potential new customers.

"The addition of freighter and ramp handling capabilities to the WFS portfolio in Brussels will also boost our growth opportunities with both existing and new clients," he noted.

Positioning for Future Growth

With global air cargo demand increasingly driven by high-value sectors such as pharmaceuticals, express logistics and e-commerce, the expansion at Brussels Airport positions WFS to capitalise on future market growth.

By combining expanded warehouse capacity, specialised cargo infrastructure and enhanced airside handling capabilities, WFS aims to strengthen its role as a key logistics partner for airlines, freight forwarders and supply chain providers operating across Europe.

For Brussels Airport, the integration of Aviapartner Cargo into the WFS network also reinforces the airport's status as a strategic European cargo hub, supporting the continued development of Belgium's air freight and logistics ecosystem.

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Wamos Air Extends Long-Term ULD Management Partnership with Jettainer



Spanish charter carrier **Wamos Air** has renewed and extended its long-standing partnership with **Jettainer**, securing continued access to unit load device (ULD) management services, cargo containers, and digital fleet oversight through the **JettwareNG** platform.

The renewed agreement ensures that Wamos Air will continue to receive a dedicated supply of modern cargo containers tailored to the operational requirements of its **Airbus A330** fleet. Under the contract, container capacity will be dynamically adjusted in response to operational demand, while Jettainer's digital management system

will provide real-time oversight of the airline's ULD fleet, enabling improved utilization, transparency, and operational efficiency.

Founded in 2003 and headquartered at **Adolfo Suárez Madrid-Barajas Airport**, Wamos Air has undergone a significant strategic evolution in recent years. In October 2024, the airline joined the **Abra Group**, one of Latin America's largest aviation groups. Since then, the Spanish carrier has strengthened its focus on flexible aviation services, including both short- and long-term charter operations as well as ACMI (Aircraft, Crew, Maintenance and Insurance) leasing for

passenger and cargo missions on behalf of other airlines.

The collaboration between Wamos Air and Jettainer dates back to 2018 and has supported the airline through a period of transformation in its business model. As the carrier transitioned from a traditional network operation to a specialist charter and ACMI provider, reliable access to scalable cargo infrastructure became increasingly important.

"Jettainer has been a strong partner from day one and a company we can consistently rely on," said **Salvador Martínez**, Vice President of Operations at Wamos Air. "Their operational excellence aligns

perfectly with our high-quality standards. Thanks to Jettainer, we benefit from comprehensive ULD availability and the flexibility to support our wet-lease operations with additional container capacity whenever required."

For Jettainer, the renewed agreement reinforces its position as a key provider of outsourced ULD management services to airlines worldwide. The company's integrated approach combines physical ULD fleet provision with digital monitoring and performance analytics, enabling airlines to optimize container usage while reducing operational complexity.

"Wamos Air is Spain's leading charter airline, consistently tailoring its services to the needs of its customers and placing the highest value on service quality," said **JanWilhelm Breithaupt**, Chief Executive Officer of Jettainer. "We look forward to continuing our collaboration and supporting the airline with our full range of ULD services in the years ahead."

The extended partnership underscores the growing importance of specialized ULD management solutions as airlines expand flexible operating models such as charter and ACMI, where the ability to rapidly scale cargo capacity is critical to maintaining operational reliability and service quality.

TIACA Opens Applications for the Next Director General

The International Air Cargo Association (TIACA) has announced the opening of applications for the position of Director General, inviting experienced, results-driven leaders from across the global air cargo industry to apply for this pivotal role.



As Chief Executive Officer of the Association, the Director General operates under the direction of the Board and is responsible for supervising the affairs of the Association, ensuring both financial and operational success.

The Director General leads the execution of TIACA's vision and strategy, developed in collaboration with the

Executive Committee and approved by the Board, and is accountable for delivering agreed projects and programs while providing robust operational and financial reporting. The role also serves as TIACA's primary representative and spokesperson, maintaining strong relationships with members, partners, media, and industry stakeholders worldwide.

In addition to strategic execution, the Director General is tasked with developing and implementing a commercial action plan to ensure TIACA remains relevant, attractive, and financially sustainable, meeting or exceeding revenue goals and identifying new revenue-generating opportunities. The position requires a leader with proven experience in maintaining effective teams, managing complex stakeholder relationships, and navigating the evolving air cargo landscape with clarity and credibility.

"The Director General plays a critical role in shaping the future of TIACA and ensuring we deliver measurable results for our members and the broader air cargo community. We are seeking a visionary yet practical leader who can execute our strategy with discipline, strengthen our global partnerships, and drive sustainable growth. This is a unique opportunity to guide a respected international association at a time of significant industry transformation." Stated **TIACA Chair, Roos Bakker**.

The current Director General, Glyn Hughes, who was appointed in 2021, reflected on the transition:

"Serving as Director General since 2021 has been an honor. Together with our Board, members, and team, we have reinforced TIACA's global presence and strengthened our value proposition. The next Director General will inherit a strong platform and an engaged global community, and I am confident they will continue to advance TIACA's mission with energy and purpose."

Candidates are expected to bring strong leadership capability, deep knowledge of the air cargo industry, experience in trade association governance, financial oversight, commercial development, and the ability to represent the Association with authority at international events and within the media.

Applications are now open and will be reviewed by the TIACA Board of Directors.

Interested parties can submit their resumes to secretariat@tiaca.org.

Thomas Schürmann appointed Managing Director Germany of Frankfurt Cargo Services (FCS)

Worldwide Flight Services (WFS), a SATS company, has announced Thomas Schürmann will take up the post of Managing Director Germany of its subsidiary Frankfurt Cargo Services (FCS) in April.

Thomas will join FCS having previously served as Head of Cargo Operations & Delivery at Etihad Airways in Abu Dhabi. Current FCS Managing Director, Claus Wagner, remains with the group, and will take over the management of the Frankfurt operation of parent company Worldwide Flight Services (WFS), a world-leading provider of aviation and air cargo solutions, to drive forward the development of freight forwarding and e-commerce handling services.

Thomas Schürmann has more than 20 years' experience in international management and cargo operations. Most recently, he was responsible for Etihad's global cargo operations at over 80 international passenger and cargo stations. Through his work at Etihad, and previously at Flughafen Düsseldorf Cargo GmbH, he will combine his airline and ground handling expertise to position FCS for a secure future, supported by a strong customer focus.

Claus Wagner has been Managing Director of FCS since 2019 and has successfully guided the company and expanded its position as the largest



Thomas Schürmann



Claus Wagner

airline-independent freight handler at Frankfurt Airport. A business graduate with more than 30 years of experience in logistics, prior to joining FCS he served in senior executive positions including Chief Financial Officer at Europcar and Chief Operating Officer at DPD. He will now leverage this experience to expand WFS's freight forwarding and e-commerce activities in Frankfurt. In January, WFS commenced operations in two warehouses and two

office buildings on a 24,000 m² site within the airport's Cargo City South with the capacity to handle some 100,000 tonnes of import and export freight annually for e-commerce and freight forwarding clients.

"With the appointment of Thomas Schürmann, we have significantly strengthened our already outstanding team in Frankfurt and are strongly positioned to achieve our ambitious goals at this important cargo hub," said John Batten, CEO of

WFS Europe, Middle East, Africa, and Asia (EMEA). "I am delighted that Claus Wagner will remain with our company in his new position as Managing Director of WFS Frankfurt. I have known and valued him for many years and am convinced that he is the right person to decisively advance our new freight forwarding and e-commerce business in Frankfurt. I wish them both a good start in their new positions and look forward to the coming years with the utmost confidence."

deugro Appoints Saida Sawyer as Corporate Vice President – Global Energy Solutions

Project logistics specialist **deugro** has appointed **Saida Sawyer** as Corporate Vice President – Global Energy Solutions, reinforcing the company’s leadership structure as it continues to expand its presence across the global energy and industrial logistics sectors.

Effective **March 1, 2026**, Sawyer assumes the role with a global remit and will be based in **Houston**, one of the world’s leading hubs for energy and project logistics. In her new position, she will focus on driving commercial growth, strengthening client engagement, and supporting the development of strategic logistics solutions for major energy and industrial projects worldwide.

Sawyer brings more than two decades of international experience in logistics and supply chain management, with a career that spans cross-functional leadership, strategic sales development, and market expansion initiatives. Her professional background has been closely tied to the energy and industrial sectors, where she has led commercial growth strategies, built long-term partnerships with global clients, and supported the execution of complex project logistics operations across multiple regions.

Prior to joining deugro, Sawyer held senior



commercial and leadership positions with several major global logistics providers, including **Kuehne+Nagel**, **Panalpina**, and **CMA CGM**. During her tenure at these companies, she played a key role in developing and delivering logistics solutions tailored to the requirements of energy, infrastructure,

and large-scale industrial projects, often involving highly complex transport operations and global supply chain coordination.

In her new role at deugro, Sawyer will work closely with the company’s global network of project logistics experts to strengthen the organization’s commercial

capabilities within the energy sector, which continues to experience rapid transformation driven by evolving infrastructure needs, energy transition projects, and large-scale industrial investments.

Her appointment reflects deugro’s ongoing strategy to enhance its specialized expertise and leadership in project logistics, particularly in sectors where highly customized transport and supply chain solutions are essential for the successful delivery of major energy and industrial developments.

In her new position, she will focus on driving commercial growth, strengthening client engagement, and supporting the development of strategic logistics solutions for major energy and industrial projects worldwide.

Glynn Hughes to Step Down as Director General of The International Air Cargo Association



After five years at the helm of The International Air Cargo Association (TIACA), Director General Glynn Hughes has confirmed he will step down from the role, marking the end of a tenure that has seen the global industry body expand its reach and strengthen its strategic positioning within the air cargo sector.

Hughes, who assumed the position in February 2021, announced his decision during a recent webinar with members and industry stakeholders. While TIACA has begun the search for his successor, the organization has not yet specified a formal departure date.

Reflecting on his time leading the association, Hughes described the experience as both rewarding and fast-paced. “Serving as Director General since 2021 has been an honor,” he said. “Together with our Board, members, and team, we have reinforced TIACA’s global presence and strengthened our value proposition. The next Director General will inherit a strong platform and an engaged global community, and I am confident they will continue to advance TIACA’s mission with energy and purpose.”

Although stepping down from the chief executive role, Hughes suggested he may continue contributing to TIACA in another capacity, potentially supporting initiatives aimed

at developing future industry leaders. “You won’t see me popping up in another organisation,” he remarked, signaling his intention to remain connected to the association rather than pursue a role elsewhere.

Hughes, a veteran of the air cargo sector with more than four decades of experience, previously served as global head of cargo at International Air Transport Association (IATA), where he held the position from 2014 before joining TIACA. In total, his career spans approximately 44 years across various leadership roles in the aviation and cargo industry.

Describing his time at TIACA as “amazing,” Hughes said the five-year period had “flown by,” adding that his departure timeline remains flexible. He indicated he will continue working closely with the TIACA Board during the leadership transition. “I will support the Board as they commence the search and will assist the next Director General for as long as the Board needs to ensure a smooth transition and handover,” he said.

TIACA Chair Roos Bakker expressed appreciation for Hughes’ leadership and contributions to the association. “From the bottom of my heart and from the whole Board and the leadership team, a big thank you,” she said.

As the chief executive of TIACA, the Director General operates under the direction of the Board and oversees the association’s operational and financial performance. The role includes executing the organization’s strategic vision—developed in collaboration with the Executive Committee and approved by the Board—while ensuring the successful delivery of key projects and initiatives.

The Director General also serves as TIACA’s primary spokesperson and representative, maintaining close relationships with members, partners, media and global industry stakeholders. In addition to strategic leadership, the role involves developing and implementing a commercial action plan designed to sustain the association’s relevance, expand its value proposition and secure long-term financial stability.

“The Director General plays a critical role in shaping the future of TIACA and ensuring we deliver measurable results for our members and the broader air cargo community,” Bakker said.

Highlighting the significance of the upcoming leadership appointment, she added that TIACA is seeking a candidate capable of navigating a rapidly evolving air cargo landscape. “We are seeking a visionary yet practical leader who can execute our strategy with discipline, strengthen our global partnerships and drive sustainable growth. This is a unique opportunity to guide a respected international association at a time of significant industry transformation.”

ACL Airshop appoints James Harris as new chief executive

Unit load device (ULD) solutions provider ACL Airshop has appointed James Harris as its new chief executive officer, succeeding Bernhard Kindelbacher, who has led the company for the past two years.

Harris, who joined ACL Airshop in November 2021 as chief financial officer, takes over the top leadership role after more than three years with the organisation. During that time, the company credits him with transforming its finance function while gaining a comprehensive understanding of the business's operational structure, commercial strategy and long-term development initiatives.

A certified public accountant by training, Harris brings extensive financial leadership experience to the role. Prior to joining ACL Airshop, he held senior executive positions in the energy and professional services sectors, including chief financial officer roles at Forum Energy Technologies and Pacific Drilling. Earlier in his career, he worked with global professional services firm PwC, where he developed expertise in corporate finance, capital markets and strategic planning.

Commenting on his appointment, Harris highlighted both the strategic importance of the ULD sector and the company's role in supporting global air cargo operations.

"I have greatly enjoyed my time at ACL Airshop, working in an important part of the air cargo industry, supplying critical equipment for freight transport," he said. "I am proud of our strong, global team dedicated to providing the most technologically advanced products and services for our customers."

The appointment comes as ACL Airshop continues to expand its global



service offering and invest in digital and operational capabilities designed to support airlines and logistics providers across the international cargo network.

Board member Jim Metcalfe welcomed Harris's elevation to the chief executive role, highlighting his financial expertise as well as his operational and commercial focus.

"We are excited to partner with Jim Harris on this important chapter of ACL Airshop's growth story," Metcalfe said. "In addition to his finance, capital markets and strategic planning capabilities, Jim brings a strong business development and operations-focused mindset, which he has honed through his tenure at ACL Airshop and prior experience with sponsor-backed businesses."

The company also acknowledged the contributions of outgoing chief executive Bernhard Kindelbacher, who will remain involved with the organisation in an advisory capacity during the leadership transition.

According to the company, Kindelbacher played a key role in strengthening ACL Airshop's international presence during his tenure. His leadership oversaw the expansion of the firm's full-service ULD management offering, the securing of major ULD management contracts across multiple regions, and the advancement of the company's digital capabilities.

Kindelbacher will continue to support the business as a senior advisor to ensure a smooth transition.

Headquartered in the United States, ACL Airshop is one of the world's largest independent providers of ULD leasing, management and logistics services. The company owns, maintains and manages a fleet of more than 100,000 unit load devices—including air cargo pallets and containers—distributed through a network of 55 airport hub locations across North America, Europe, Asia-Pacific, the Middle East and Latin America.

4RCargo appoints Olga Palec-Furga as Chief Operating Officer



Eastern Europe-focused general sales and service agent (GSSA) 4RCargo has appointed Olga Palec-Furga as its new chief operating officer, a move aimed at strengthening the company's leadership structure as it accelerates growth across the region.

The appointment forms part of the company's broader strategy to reinforce its management team while consolidating its position in the rapidly developing Eastern European air cargo market.

Palec-Furga brings more than two decades of industry experience to the role, having held positions across multiple segments of the aviation and air cargo ecosystem, including airlines,

general sales and service agents (GSSAs), and airport organisations throughout Poland. Her background spans commercial operations, network coordination and operational management, providing her with a broad understanding of regional market dynamics.

According to Pawel Kazmierczak, chief executive officer of 4RCargo, the appointment reflects the company's continued focus on combining regional expertise with operational excellence as it enters a new phase of development.

"As we enter our fifth year, we are building on the momentum achieved to date and looking to consolidate our position in the Eastern European

market," Kazmierczak said. "Since we founded 4RCargo, we have prioritised local expertise, and this remains central to our business."

He added that Palec-Furga's industry experience and regional insight would play a key role in supporting the company's next stage of expansion.

"Olga's appointment reflects our commitment to combining deep regional knowledge with operational excellence as we support our airline partners with scalable, future-focused solutions," he said.

In her new position, Palec-Furga will work closely with the senior leadership team to drive operational development and support the company's expansion into additional markets, while maintaining the GSSA's strong network and partnerships across Eastern Europe.

Commenting on her new role, Palec-Furga said she was looking forward to contributing to the company's ongoing growth and development.

"4RCargo is continuing to expand as a GSSA, and I am looking forward to playing a role in shaping how the company grows in the years to come," she said. "The Eastern European air cargo market is evolving rapidly, and 4RCargo is well positioned, combining operational experience with a fresh approach to how a modern GSSA should operate and a strong focus on supporting the next generation of air cargo professionals."

The leadership appointment follows a series of strategic developments for the company as it continues to scale its operations. Most recently, 4RCargo announced the launch of its Baltic operations and implemented updates to its senior management titles, part of a broader initiative designed to support its long-term growth strategy and strengthen its footprint across the region.

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