

Throughout the extensive construction, operations will continue 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

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## Lufthansa Cargo invests in the future of airfreight at Frankfurt Airport

- Investment of nearly 600 million euros: Lufthansa Cargo is fundamentally modernizing its cargo hub at Frankfurt Airport by 2030.
- **Sustainability and future viability**: The "LCCevo" project strengthens the logistics hub's competitive position in Europe and creates a modern, more sustainable infrastructure.
- Continuous operation: The basic renovation will be carried out in stages, with cargo handling continuing seamlessly in the 330,000 m<sup>2</sup> Lufthansa Cargo Center.

Lufthansa Cargo yesterday celebrated an important step in the further development of its central cargo hub at Frankfurt Airport. With an investment volume of almost 600 million euros, the cargo airline is focusing on a comprehensive modernization by 2030, which will make the Lufthansa Cargo Center (LCC) Europe's most modern airfreight hub. Numerous guests from the worlds of politics and business, as well as employees, customers and project partners, attended the ceremony at the "LCCevo" construction site to mark the start of construction, which has already begun. To commemorate this important milestone for the company, the participants filled and sealed a time capsule.

"Lufthansa Cargo enables global business and connects world markets in a more sustainable way. The 'LCCevo' project represents our drive for growth and excellence," said Ashwin Bhat, CEO of Lufthansa Cargo. "In times of global tensions and changing customer demands, we need innovative solutions that meet our, our customers' and society's needs. This is only possible with a modern infrastructure. For our customers, we want to optimize efficiency and quality and make our service even faster and more seamless. For our employees, we want to create attractive and future-proof jobs for the next generations in our newly designed 'Home of Cargo'. At the same time, 'LCCevo' underscores our strong ties to our home base and strengthens Frankfurt Airport's role as a central cargo hub in Europe".

"This investment by the Lufthansa Group is a clear commitment to the Frankfurt location and symbolizes our confidence in the long-term future of the airfreight business," said Michael Niggemann, member of the Executive Board of Deutsche Lufthansa AG. "This flagship project makes our cargo business at the Frankfurt hub fit for the future. It increases quality and efficiency for customers, creates sustainable jobs for our colleagues, and enables even more environmentally friendly ground processes. At the same time, we are making a significant contribution to the performance of airfreight in the heart of Europe and thus enabling global traffic for our economy".

"This is an impressive example of how investments in modern and sustainable infrastructure strengthen our state in the long term. Lufthansa Cargo is sending an important signal for innovation and competitiveness at Frankfurt Airport," emphasized R. Alexander Lorz, Hessian Minister of Finance. "Here in Hesse, where the automotive sector, the pharmaceutical industry and medical technology play a central role, the connection provided by Lufthansa Cargo is an indispensable gateway to the global market." In a video message, Kaweh Mansoori, Hessian Minister for Economics, Energy, Transport, Housing and Rural Areas, said: "Frankfurt Airport is regularly referred to as the 'heart muscle of the region'. The last few years have shown just how important cargo traffic is in addition to passenger traffic. The key to remaining competitive in this dynamic environment is an efficient and modern infrastructure. With the modernization of its cargo center, Lufthansa Cargo, the largest cargo carrier at Frankfurt Airport, is helping to further strengthen airfreight at the location. The challenges of the future will be mastered by using the latest technologies and intelligent solutions. At the same time, this is a clear signal for the economic strength and sustainable development of our region and strengthens the position of Frankfurt Airport as an important hub."

"Frankfurt Airport is crucial to the economic strength of our city, connecting countless companies to global markets. By investing in modern infrastructure and creating a wide range of jobs, Lufthansa Cargo is making a significant contribution to the future viability of Frankfurt. Together with the air cargo industry, we are committed to ensuring that Frankfurt remains an attractive location for companies and employees," said Mike Josef, Lord Mayor of the City of Frankfurt.

Since its opening in 1982, the LCC has been in continuous operation 24 hours a day, seven days a week and has played a central role in global airfreight traffic ever since. The modernization program includes the gradual renewal of all central functions by 2030, including cargo handling facilities, storage and conveyor technology, building technology, administrative buildings and IT systems. With a total area of around 330,000 m<sup>2</sup> - the equivalent of around 46 football pitches - it is one of the largest airfreight hubs in Europe.

Lufthansa Cargo is carrying out this ambitious project without interrupting operations. This "open-heart surgery" requires the cooperation of all parties involved to ensure smooth operations. "We are working closely with partner companies such as Züblin and Bleichert Automation, who are contributing their expertise to the successful implementation, which is fully on schedule so far," says project manager Stefan Dürr.

The construction work is being carried out in sections so that daily operations can continue undisturbed. During the current construction phase, Lufthansa Cargo is renovating or building new facilities on an area of around 55,000 m<sup>2</sup>. A notable milestone is the construction of a 42-meter high-bay warehouse,

which will be the second-highest building at Frankfurt Airport.

## Lufthansa Cargo AG

With revenue of 3.0 billion euros and a transport performance of 7.5 billion freight ton kilometers in 2023, Lufthansa Cargo is one of the world's leading companies in the transport of airfreight. The company currently employs around 4,150 people worldwide. Lufthansa Cargo's focus is on the airport-toairport business. The route network covers around 300 destinations in more than 100 countries, using both freighter aircraft and cargo capacity from passenger aircraft operated by Lufthansa, Austrian Airlines, Brussels Airlines, Discover Airlines and SunExpress, as well as trucks. The majority of the cargo business is handled via Frankfurt Airport. Lufthansa Cargo is pursuing the goal of becoming the world's most environmentally friendly cargo airline. To achieve this, the company relies on state-of-the-art technologies and constant investments in the area of sustainability. In 2023, important milestones were reached, such as the investment in the continuous expansion of the B777F fleet, the expansion of short- and medium-haul networks with A321 freighters, and the continuation of the Sustainable Aviation Fuel program. In 2024, Lufthansa Cargo plans to successively equip its B777F fleet with Sharkskin technology, implement further digital services and contribute to reducing CO2 emissions through sustainable logistics solutions. Lufthansa Cargo is a wholly owned subsidiary of Deutsche Lufthansa AG and the specialist for the logistics business of the Lufthansa Group.

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