



Condor takes off for DHL Express

Cargo flights from Express hub in Leipzig to Shannon, Milan and Cologne through end of May

Bonn/Neu-Isenburg, February 25, 2021 – Parcels instead of passengers: Effective immediately, Germany’s favorite holiday travel airline Condor will be flying four of its Boeing 767s on behalf of DHL Express, the worldwide leader of Express service. The first cargo flights under the partnership took off this week. The Condor planes will be based at DHL Express’ largest European hub in Leipzig and transport shipments along three routes – to Shannon, Ireland, Milan-Malpensa in Italy, and Cologne, Germany. These flights would also be available to transport Covid-19 vaccines. The partnership will initially extend until the end of May.

“We began flying more cargo last year and continued to build on our air freight expertise. And we’re very pleased now to be working together with such an experienced partner in DHL Express,” says Condor COO Christian Schmitt. “The partnership also demonstrates Condor’s ability to adjust to unusual situations and, in this case, to work together with DHL to make an important contribution to maintaining international supply chains.”

“This partnership between cargo and passenger carriers is unique,” adds Markus Otto, Senior Vice President Aviation Europe at DHL Express. “It allows us to react even faster and more flexibly to the continued high demand for international express service. The additional capacity through Condor allows us to further improve service quality and transit times, and maintain our growth trajectory.”

Since April of last year, Condor has devoted an increasing number of flights to cargo, transporting primarily medical protective equipment – including millions of face masks, protective suits and gloves – in addition to e-commerce goods. In the process, a portion of Condor’s Boeing 767 fleet has been converted to pure cargo aircraft. For a period, 14 of Condor’s 16 Boeing 767 aircraft were being used solely for cargo. Condor has also trained and deployed a team of Cargo Supervisors to oversee cargo operations and ensure quality execution. But Germany’s most popular holiday travel airline remains loyal to the travel industry, with Condor currently operating flights to the Canary Islands, Egypt, Cuba, the Maldives and the Dominican Republic.

For Deutsche Post DHL Group’s Express division, the partnership is part of a program of action measures to expand capacity in the face of growing express volumes worldwide and maintain the company’s growth trajectory. Early in 2021, DHL Express had already announced additional purchases of new wide-body Boeing 777F aircraft.

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Condor has been flying passengers to the world’s most beautiful vacation destinations since 1956. Every year, some 9.4 million passengers fly with Condor from eight German cities to some 90 destinations throughout Europe, Africa and the Americas. In fiscal year 2018/19 Condor Flugdienst

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GmbH achieved an operating profit of approx. €57 million with revenues of approx. €1.7 billion. Condor operates a fleet of over 50 aircraft, which are maintained according to the highest safety standards by subsidiary Condor Technik GmbH at its locations in Frankfurt and Düsseldorf. According to a n-tv survey conducted by the Deutsches Institut für Servicequalität (German institute for service quality), Condor has been Germany's most popular holiday travel airline for several years running. Additional information and image material is available at www.condor.com/downloads.