Leipzig/Halle Airport
Driving force in a region in the centre of Europe

Fresh start after 1990
In 2012, Leipzig/Halle Airport celebrated its 85th anniversary and is thus one of Germany’s oldest airports.
After a dynamic development in the 20s and 30s of the previous century turning Leipzig/Halle into one of the busiest airports in Germany, the airport led a more provincial life between 1945 and 1990. Only on the occasion of the spring and autumn fairs in Leipzig did the airport gain in international importance and, among others, was able to document eleven Concorde visits.

A tri-modal airport that connects rail, road and air traffic
Since 1990 the airport has evolved step by step into one of Europe’s most modern airports that distinguishes itself with a high-performance infrastructure and an exemplary connection of rail, road and air. The far-sighted concept as well as the capacity reserves of the established facilities guarantee all users as well as potential customers long-term planning and investment security.
In combination with the airport’s location factors such as its ideal geographical conditions for traffic in the centre of Europe, direct access of the passenger and cargo areas to the trans-European motorway and rail network as well as 24-hour air cargo operation the airport offers ideal parameters for companies in the air transport and logistics sector. Furthermore, Leipzig/Halle Airport has its own train cargo station. Thanks to its future-oriented, modern infrastructure, the airport is well prepared for linking up the different modes of transport perfectly and provides ideal conditions for intermodal shipping of goods.

Important expansion stages since 1991
Starting in 1991 the handling facilities and aircraft movement areas, among others, were redeveloped and extended and all-weather capability according to category IIIb was introduced.
A first stage of Leipzig/Halle Airport’s redevelopment was the opening of Terminal B in the spring of 1996. The building has six jetways and an annual capacity of 3.5 million passengers.
In March 2000 the 3,600-metre-long North Runway was taken into operation. The northern runway that took five years to plan and be set up is not subject to any range or payload restrictions.
In June 2003 the multi-functional Central Terminal was completed joining the airport railway station, the central check-in area, the multi-storey car park and diverse service and shopping facilities. The Central Terminal has an annual capacity of 4.5 million passengers. Due to its modular structure as well as its central location between the two runways the Central Terminal can be extended to accommodate a capacity of seven million passengers per year in a timely and need-driven fashion.
The commissioning of the new **South Runway** in July 2007 provides Leipzig/Halle Airport with a parallel runway system allowing simultaneous take-offs and landings on the two 3,600-metre-long runways.

**Strategic success:**

**Leipzig/Halle is DHL’s European hub**

The decision of Deutsche Post World Net to use Leipzig/Halle Airport as its European DHL hub clearly showed that the airport’s shareholders and management had quite rightly focused on a long-term strategy. The finalisation of the contract between DHL and Leipzig/Halle Airport in September 2005 created the basis for a long-lasting cooperation turning the central German airport into one of the most important cargo transhipment centres in Europe. Since 2008 around 50 DHL cargo aircraft have been using Leipzig/Halle Airport per night and handle up to 2,000 tonnes of cargo each night.

Deutsche Post World Net has invested approximately 300 million euros in the new location. As a result of the activities of such a dynamic, global company further investments in the region are expected.

**Ground breaking ceremony for new logistics center**

DHL Supply Chain, DHL’s contract logistics provider, is underpinning its offering of integrated European logistic services by expanding its logistics capacity at the European DHL Hub. The ground breaking ceremony for a new 15,000 sqm multi-user logistics center, set to start operations in May 2012, took place in the direct vicinity of the airport in September 2011. DHL is investing 14 million euros in the new logistics center with the last expansion stage to be completed in 2014.

**Leipzig/Halle is home base for AeroLogic**

Leipzig/Halle Airport is the home base for AeroLogic. The establishment of the cargo airline by DHL Express and Lufthansa Cargo will boost Leipzig/Halle’s position as the most important logistics location in the region. AeroLogic will further increase the airfreight and express business to and from Asia, the Middle East and North America.

The first brand-new AeroLogic freighter of type Boeing 777 touched down at Leipzig/Halle Airport on 13 May 2009. The AeroLogic fleet includes eight Boeing 777F's.

**Cargo route network: Leipzig/Halle, a cargo hub for goods from all over the world**

Cargo flights currently operate from Leipzig/Halle Airport to over 55 destinations in more than 30 countries on four continents, including destinations such as Los Angeles, New York, Cincinnati, Hong Kong, Delhi, Singapore and Seoul, are served from Leipzig/Halle, Not included in the above figures are those AN-124 flights, which Volga-Dnepr and Antonov Design Bureau operate from Leipzig/Halle, as well as cargo charter flights.
The airport handled 863,665 tonnes during the whole of 2012, which represents a growth rate of 13.6 percent. Leipzig/Halle Airport is therefore continuing to enhance its position as Germany’s second-largest freight hub.

**Cargo Area South**

**Ideal conditions for investors from the aviation and logistics sectors**

Beside the grounds used by DHL, Leipzig/Halle Airport has further areas for air transport and related companies to locate. A 12-hectare apron directly connected to the cargo area was put into operation in June 2006 and provides enough space for up to six large cargo aircraft such as the Antonov 124 or Airbus 380. The cargo apron is connected to the runways via separate taxiways. In addition, a developed, not built-up area directly connected to a four-lane trunk road as well as to the motorway network offers ideal development possibilities for potential investors.

Construction work to connect the Cargo Area South to the national rail network started in September 2011 and is scheduled for completion by the end of 2012. Furthermore, a new cargo handling area with direct road access will be built. The new rail link will enable Leipzig/Halle to connect the Cargo Area South to all modes of transport and thus to further enhance the airport’s attractiveness for companies from the air transport and logistics sectors.

In the vicinity of Leipzig/Halle Airport there are further sites with direct transport connections available.

**First investment: World Cargo Center**

World-Cargo-Center GmbH (WCC) uses an area of 35,325 m² in Cargo Area South. The 20,000 square-meter air cargo building, which the company invested about 30 million euros to build, has a transhipping capacity of 200,000 tonnes per year. The commissioning created around 50 new jobs.

To allow the transhipment between aircraft and trucks the freight centre is equipped with 38 loading gates which trucks can easily dock on to. 171 parking spaces are available to the tenants on the grounds. In addition 3,400 m² office space is available with a direct connection to the cargo building. The WCC has direct access to the airport apron.

**Lufthansa Cargo moved into the World Cargo Center**

In April 2009, Lufthansa Cargo shifted its cargo handling activities into the World Cargo Center. The move into the World Cargo Center marks an important step for Lufthansa Cargo in the expansion of Leipzig/Halle as an air cargo base.

**New Air Cargo Center to be built by 2014**

Dietz AG, Bensheim, and Flughafen Leipzig/Halle GmbH have agreed to engage in long-term cooperation for the further development of general air cargo at Leipzig-Halle Airport.
ACC AirCargo Center Leipzig GmbH, a subsidiary of Dietz Group, will develop an area of approximately 60,000 square meters of the declared available land with direct apron access in the south cargo area. It is expected that the first construction phase of a new AirCargo Centre, with an area of approximately 23,000 square metres, will be completed by the first quarter of 2014, according to the latest building and security standards. A further 15,000 square metres of air cargo areas will be built in the second construction phase, to be completed by the end of 2018.

**Maintenance and service facilities at the airport**

**European maintenance centre for Antonov 124-100 aircraft**

In January 2007 Ruslan Salis GmbH, a cooperation between the Volga-Dnepr Group and Antonov Design Bureau, opened Europe’s first maintenance centre for Antonov 124-100 aircraft at Leipzig/Halle Airport.

Since March 2006 two Antonov 124-100s have been stationed permanently at Leipzig/Halle for the SALIS project (Strategic Airlift Interim Solution).

**Leipzig/Halle Airport hands over new maintenance hangar to Volga-Dnepr Technics GmbH**

Since end of 2012, the hangar serves as a maintenance base for Volga-Dnepr Technics, a subsidiary of the Volga-Dnepr Group that is based at the airport. As a result of the opening, Volga-Dnepr Technics now has a hangar available at Leipzig/Halle Airport, which can accommodate aircraft such as Antonov 124-100 or Airbus A 380. An apron area is connected to the building and has direct links to the runway system. As many as five Antonov 124-100 or Boeing 747 aircraft can occupy the stands here.

**Ideal environment for handling of large animals**

As a member of the Animal Transportation Association, ATA, Leipzig/Halle Airport is also a reliable partner for handling live animals.

PortGround GmbH, a sister company of Leipzig/Halle Airport, offers a wide range of ground and cargo handling services. The company employs IATA certified staff for handling aircraft of all types and cargo of all kinds, including large animals.

**Animal Export Center**

Since August 2010, Leipzig/Halle Airport has been operating the Animal Export Center covering 1,300 square metres. A large delivery area can also be used as animal-run, should the need arise. Common and relaxation rooms are available for the attendants accompanying the animals.

Large animal stalls - particularly for horses - and several other stabling opportunities are available to keep the animals comfortable. Veterinary staff and customs are available 24 hours a day. A Border Inspection Post to carry out all the inspections required to import and transit animals from third countries complements the range of services provided.
Border inspection post

In December 2007 the newly-built border inspection post at Leipzig/Halle Airport was officially handed over to the District Office of North Saxony as the occupants. The airport now possesses the only border inspection post in the Free State of Saxony, of which 22 exist nationwide.

The work of the border inspection post ensures that only safe foods which comply with the food regulatory requirements of the European Union get to the consumer via traders. Furthermore the checks at Leipzig/Halle Airport should prevent dangerous animal epidemics being brought into Germany and into the area of the EU.

The border inspection post was built in the south-eastern section of the airport. The investment made for constructing the building amounted to approximately 4.8 million euros.

Occupants and tenants of the building are the Food Inspection Office and the Veterinary Inspection Office of the North Saxony District Office as well as the Saxon State Ministry for the Environment and Agriculture, Regional Institute for Agriculture.

The airport as a driving force for growth and investment

Against the backdrop of increasing capacity bottlenecks at other European cargo transhipment centres Leipzig/Halle Airport presents itself to the entire air transport and logistics industry as a competitive and ideally located alternative to enter the growing markets in East Europe and Asia.

Due to the consistent and market-oriented expansion of the airport which was only made possible thanks to the intensive support of its shareholders, especially the Free State of Saxony, Leipzig/Halle Airport has developed into an important location factor in the region. Renowned companies such as DHL, BMW, Porsche, Future Electronics, Amazon, Dow Chemical and Dell have settled in the vicinity.

In 2012, the 130 companies at Leipzig/Halle Airport again recorded double digit growth of 11.9 percent and employed 5,927 people overall. The Mitteldeutsche Airport Holding companies maintained stable employment levels compared to the previous year with 646 members of staff.

Flying from Leipzig/Halle – summer timetable 2013

The services cover 51 destinations in 14 countries and are operated by 23 different airlines. Flights during this summer season will operate to about 40 sun destinations on the Mediterranean coast, the Atlantic and the Black Sea and Red Sea.

The summer timetable also features new non-stop flights to more destinations on the Red Sea. Sun Express Deutschland will operate direct flights to the holiday centres at Marsa Alam and Sharm el Sheikh during the summer season. There are also non-stop flights to the holiday island of Ibiza, operated by Condor.

There are three new airlines operating flights during this summer season: Aegean Airlines, Air Cairo and Bulgaria Air. They will fly to Rhodes in Greece, Hurghada in Egypt and Varna and Burgas in Bulgaria.
The most popular holiday destinations during this summer season are Antalya and Palma de Mallorca; there are up to 31 flights to the former every week and as many as 23 to the latter. There are as many as eight flights every week to Burgas and six to Varna on the Black Sea. As many as five flights a week will operate to Hurghada on the Red Sea coast.

**New from Leipzig/Halle Airport**

Ryanair is serving two new destinations from Leipzig/Halle from 1 April onwards: Pisa and Faro; flights operate to these cities on Mondays and Fridays. As a result, the Irish airline is expanding its services, which also include five flights a week to London Stansted, three weekly flights to Rome Ciampino, two flights a week to Trapani on Sicily and Malaga.

**City connections**

The summer timetable also includes many flights to major international hubs so that passengers can then reach almost any destination around the globe.

Turkish Airlines has a daily flight to Istanbul, the largest city in Turkey. Passengers can change flights at Istanbul Atatürk Airport and reach more than 200 destinations in 90 different countries from there. Austrian Airlines flies to Vienna up to twelve times a week.

Lufthansa operates daily domestic flights to its major hubs at Frankfurt, Munich and Düsseldorf and passengers can then travel on to 200 destinations in 81 countries from there.

Germanwings flies to Cologne/Bonn and Stuttgart from Leipzig/Halle Airport. It is then easy for passengers flying from Leipzig/Halle to reach destinations all over Europe through these hubs.

**New Non-Stop Services to Paris and Amsterdam Operated by Darwin Airline**

The Swiss regional airline Darwin Airline will connect Leipzig/Halle Airport with Paris and Amsterdam from 2 September onwards. This means that Leipzig/Halle is the first airport in Germany, from which Darwin Airline will operate scheduled services. The airline will use a Saab 2000 aircraft with 50 seats. The international hubs of Paris Charles de Gaulle and Amsterdam offer many connecting flights within the Air France-KLM global network of routes. Services to Paris and Amsterdam will operate twice a day on Mondays to Fridays, while there will be one daily service on Saturdays and Sundays. Darwin Airline will take off from Leipzig/Halle Airport 24 times a week in all.
Preview of the 2013/2014 winter season

To Egypt and the Canary Islands with SunExpress from November 2013 onwards

SunExpress, a joint venture owned by Lufthansa and Turkish Airlines, is expanding its range of services from Leipzig/Halle Airport and will link the Saxon city with Egypt and the Canary Islands several times a week between November 2013 and the end of April 2014. It will provide non-stop flights to Luxor, Hurghada, Sharm El Sheik and Marsa Alam and fly to the islands of Tenerife, Fuerteventura, La Palma and Gran Canaria. For this purpose, SunExpress will be basing a Boeing 737-800 from its German fleet at Leipzig/Halle Airport. The flights will be operated for the partner tour operator FTI. SunExpress will also be introducing a new destination in its timetable - Gazipasa Airport, which is situated close to Alanya. Flights will take off for the airport on the Turkish Riviera every Tuesday and Thursday.

Germania will link Leipzig/Halle Airport with Moscow Domodedovo twice a week from December 2013 onwards

The German airline Germania, which is based in Berlin, will provide a non-stop service between Leipzig/Halle Airport and Domodedovo International Airport in Moscow airport from 5 December onwards. An Airbus 319 aircraft will operate the new connection to the Russian capital on Thursdays and Sundays. There are also many connecting flights to destinations in the CIS through the hub at Moscow Domodedovo.

Condor expands its services

Condor will be basing a second Airbus A 320 aircraft at Leipzig/Halle Airport and will be introducing three new destinations to its services during the 2013/2014 winter season; they are Lanzarote, Madeira and Agadir and the company will fly to each once a week.

Traffic developments 2012

Passenger numbers at Leipzig/Halle Airport in 2012 exceeded the figure recorded in the previous year. There was significant growth in the number of people starting or ending their journey at the airport. This figure rose to 2,089,530 during the course of 2012, an increase of 13.9 percent over the previous year. This development was particularly due to the new service operated by Turkish Airlines and the expansion of routes by Ryanair.

The above-average increase in the number these passengers enabled the airport to make up for the ongoing decline in transit traffic, which fell by more than 55 percent in comparison with the previous year. Most transit passengers are accounted for by US civilian airlines. They fly to Leipzig/Halle for technical stopovers. Overall, 2,286,151 passengers passed through Leipzig/Halle Airport, an increase of 0.9 percent over 2011.
Ongoing double-digit growth in air freight volumes

Freight volumes at Leipzig/Halle Airport set a new record for the eighth time in succession. The airport handled 863,665 tonnes during the whole of 2012, which represents a growth rate of 13.6 percent. Leipzig/Halle Airport is therefore continuing to enhance its position as Germany’s second-largest freight hub and is also consolidating its status as one of the most important air cargo transhipment points in Europe.

Mitteldeutsche Airport Holding

Leipzig/Halle Airport is a Mitteldeutsche Flughafen AG company. Mitteldeutsche Flughafen Aktiengesellschaft was founded on 1 January 2001. Under the umbrella of this holding company three independent subsidiaries operate the actual airport business at the Leipzig/Halle and Dresden sites. These three companies are Flughafen Leipzig/Halle GmbH, Flughafen Dresden GmbH and the handling company PortGround, which performs ground services at the two airports.

Flughafen Leipzig/Halle GmbH
Marketing/PR
Phone: +49-341-224-1159
Fax: +49-341-224-1161
www.leipzig-halle-airport.de