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### **Lufthansa's Airbus A350-900 flagship aircraft flies to Charlotte Douglas International Airport for the first time**

- **Lufthansa celebrates 15 years of service on Charlotte – Munich route**

East Meadow, March 28, 2019 – When Lufthansa's Flight LH428 touches down at Charlotte Douglas International Airport on March 31, 2019, it will mark the first time an Airbus A350-900, the world's most state-of-the-art, long-haul aircraft, arrives in this city. It will also mark 15 years of Lufthansa service on the Charlotte – Munich route.

Charlotte, NC, will join an exclusive roster of North American cities that Lufthansa connects to Munich with its new flagship long-haul aircraft that includes Boston, Denver, Chicago O'Hare, Newark and Vancouver.

Flight LH428 departs from Munich at 12:45 p.m. and is scheduled to arrive in Charlotte on March 31, 2019 at 4:25 p.m. local time. The return flight, LH429, will depart from Charlotte at 6:30 p.m. and will arrive in Munich at 9:00 a.m. on the following day. All times are local. This flight between Charlotte and Munich will travel daily.

Furthermore, 15 years ago, on March 26, 2004, Lufthansa began operating the Charlotte – Munich route. In 2004, an Airbus A340-300 served the route and flew daily between Charlotte and Munich. Due to increased customer demand, in the summer of 2008, the aircraft was upgraded to an Airbus A340-600, which was, at the time, the largest aircraft to serve the city. On Sunday, March 31<sup>st</sup>, Lufthansa's flagship aircraft, the Airbus A350-900, will begin to operate the Charlotte – Munich route and fly seven times per week to the capital of Bavaria in South Germany.

“We're thrilled to start operating the Charlotte – Munich route with our most innovative and modern aircraft. With the already strong ties between Charlotte and Germany, Lufthansa is happy to further strengthen this relationship by offering passengers a flight experience on the A350-900 that is unlike any other,” said Larry Ryan, Senior Director, Sales USA of the Lufthansa Group. “The 15 year anniversary and the beginning of our A350 service to Charlotte continue to display the commitment we have to the U.S., as it is our single most important market outside of Europe.”

## A350-900

The Airbus A350-900 is the world's most advanced, environmentally-friendly long-haul aircraft. It uses 25 percent less kerosene, produces 25 percent fewer emissions and is significantly quieter on take-off. The aircraft has space for 293 passengers with 48 seats in Business Class, 21 in Premium Economy and 224 in Economy Class. At just under 5.6 meters wide (18.4 feet), the cabin of the new Airbus is more spacious than comparable models of aircraft.

Lufthansa's A350-900 also offers an exceptionally pleasant cabin environment that makes the journey on board the aircraft even more satisfying. In Business Class, passengers enjoy a self-service area where they can easily help themselves to snacks and drinks throughout the flight.

The Premium Economy Class offers much more than merely a comfortable seat. Passengers can check in two pieces of luggage at no charge, each with an allowable weight of up to 22.7 kilograms (50 lbs). Travelers can conveniently select their favorite food from the menu card, and the food is served on porcelain dishes.

The award-winning Economy Class, furnished in various shades of blue, features special ergonomically-formed seat upholstery and provides travelers with more personal and storage space. The A350 Economy Class was conceived by the design bureau, PearsonLloyd, and was awarded the *German Design Award 2018* by the German Design Council.

Throughout the cabin, passengers can use their own mobile device as a second screen, as well as pre-selected programs from the on-board entertainment system, up to six weeks prior to flight time.

Due to the aircraft's particular construction, passengers reach their destination feeling more well-rested. This is achieved through improved cabin pressure during the flight, as well as a novel LED lighting system that adjusts with the day and night-time rhythm of the passengers.

## Munich airport

Munich International Airport is Europe's first five-star airport. With Lufthansa being the Western Hemisphere's only five-star airline, Munich Airport and Lufthansa offer its customers a 10-star product that represents excellent quality on the ground and on board. As a central hub for Lufthansa and its partner airlines, T2, the joint venture

terminal of Munich Airport and Lufthansa at Munich Airport, includes five new Lufthansa lounges, as well as 27 additional gate positions that allow passengers to board aircraft directly without bus transportation.

## **Munich**

Munich has a population of 1.52 million and is located north of the Bavarian Alps in the southern part of Germany. Second only to Berlin in terms of tourism, Munich is known for its Christmas Markets, Beer Gardens and Oktoberfest celebrations. Publishing, fashion, high-tech and automotive, are among the industries that comprise the city's bustling business community, which is also the European headquarters of numerous international corporations.

## **About The Lufthansa Group**

The Lufthansa Group is the world's biggest airline group in terms of revenue, and is also the market leader in Europe's airline sector. The Group strives to be the "First Choice in Aviation" for its customers, employees, shareholders and partners. And safety, quality, reliability and innovation are the prime credentials and priorities of all its business activities.

The Lufthansa Group is divided into the three strategic areas of Hub Airlines, Point-to-Point Business and Service Companies. The Group's network carriers, with their premium brands of Lufthansa, SWISS and Austrian Airlines, serve its home market from their Frankfurt, Munich, Zurich and Vienna hubs. With its Eurowings brand, the Group also offers short- and long-haul point-to-point services in the growing private travel market. And with its service companies, which are all global market leaders in their individual industries, the Lufthansa Group has found success in further areas of the aviation business.

The Lufthansa Group's airlines currently (Summer Schedule) serve 318 destinations in 102 countries on four continents and offer 13,267 weekly frequencies. The Group's total fleet comprises some 728 aircraft and its member airlines will be taking delivery of 180 new aircraft between now and 2025. In 2017, the Lufthansa Group employed around 130,000 personnel, welcomed 130 million passengers aboard its flights and generated sales of around EUR 35.6 billion.

The Lufthansa Group is headed by its five-member Executive Board. Carsten Spohr is Chairman & CEO; Thorsten Dirks is in charge of Eurowings and aviation services; Harry Hohmeister bears responsibility for the commercial management of the Group's hub airlines and airports; Ulrik Svensson is head of finance and IT; and Dr. Bettina Volkens is in charge of HR and legal affairs.

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