

SmartLynx Airlines: Around the world in 7 days

Malta, September 29, 2021: 7 days – this is how long it takes for SmartLynx Airlines Malta, EU-based specialists in full-service ACMI aircraft leasing solutions and air cargo charters, to transport your freight shipment around the world.

With 5 recently added Airbus A330 aircraft, modified to Zero LOPA, SmartLynx Airlines are on their way to becoming the leaders of the long-haul cargo market. "We can get large shipments around the world in just 7 days. It is all possible thanks to great planning and excellent teamwork," says Edvinas Demenius, VP of Sales and Development at SmartLynx Airlines.

The modified Airbus A330 carry cargo with a volume capacity of 260 m3 and a maximum cargo weight of 50,000 kg. SmartLynx Airlines offer their clients quick and efficient transportation to and from anywhere in the world and, if needed, even around the world. "One of our recent clients had us flying from France to Chicago, USA, with loading in Vietnam. The full route was France-Cambodia-Vietnam-South Korea-Alaska (USA)-Chicago (USA), with stops for fuelling and crew's rest," said Edvinas. "We always strive for the most efficient and effective route for each cargo charter flight of every shipment at the same time ensuring safety and well-being of our crew."

According to The International Air Transport Association (IATA) air cargo volumes that have risen to unseen highs during the global pandemic have stabilised. July was the third consecutive month of relative stability in air cargo growth. Industry-wide cargo tonne-kilometres (CTKs) rose by 8.6% in July compared to the pre-crisis month of July 2019, a minor deterioration from the 9.2% increase in June. IATA data prove that, at this stage, a significant slowdown in air cargo traffic appears unlikely.

"SmartLynx Airlines adding long-haul operations was a well-thought-out step in our development strategy. As one of the leading EU-based ACMI and air cargo charter operators on Airbus aircraft, we are constantly looking for ways to improve our current services as well as offer new options for our clients. The pandemic has brought many challenges to the industry and, at the same time, has opened many doors for growth. We believe that by adding long-haul operations during such turbulent times we took a risk that will pay off immensely," says Edvinas Demenius.

According to the VP of Sales and Development, once the long-haul cargo market returns to the pre-Covid levels, SmartLynx Airlines plan to return the Airbus A330 aircraft to operate on long-haul passenger flights.



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Founded in 1992, **SmartLynx** is the second largest Latvia-based airline. SmartLynx Airlines specializes in full-service ACMI aircraft lease services and is an acknowledged ACMI, cargo and charter provider in the EU on Airbus A320, A321 and A330 aircraft.

Recognised as one of the top choices for aircraft lease solutions, SmartLynx is supporting leading airlines with short and long-term ACMI services by operating flights around the world. In 2020 the airline have expanded its service portfolio with plans to further establish position in the world of air cargo transportation. SmartLynx Training Centre is a well-recognized pilot training company in the Baltic States providing type-rating courses for Airbus A320 series.

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