

On June 26, 2024, the Lufthansa Group marked another important milestone in its history as another airline with an independent air operator's certificate (AOC) started operations. Named Lufthansa City Airlines, the group officially stated that the airline was established to ensure the strength of its long-haul network that would be complemented by feeder services provided by the newest carrier.

Newest Lufthansa Group airline

The first rumors about the newest Lufthansa Group airline came in early 2022. In March 2022, when Lufthansa Group was presenting its 2021 results, Carsten Spohr, the chief executive officer (CEO) of the group, remarked that the group was planning to establish a second regional airline, akin to Lufthansa CityLine, which would start operations in early 2023, according to a report by Airlinsight.







letailed that the airline was supposed to offer unities for captains who were previously employed by thansa Group airline that stopped flying in 2020. nouncement, Lufthansa Group detailed that it would ines with lower costs, with added higher productivity osts.

"Regional airlines will take over more short-haul routes, leisurefocused airlines [and] more touristic routes from Network Airlines."

In March 2023, the Lufthansa Group announced that it would launch its newest airline, called City Airlines, in mid-2023. However, delays have followed since then, and on October 25, 2023, Lufthansa Group said that after the airline had obtained its AOC in June 2023, it would begin operations during the upcoming summer.

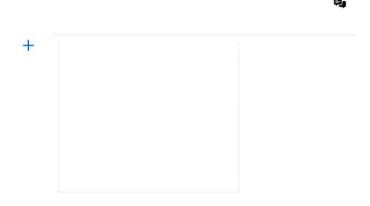
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	September 2009 (full ownership)
	June 2003 (full ownership)
	June 2009 (minority stake, full ownership in January 2017)
	September 2023 (independent AOC)
	November 2008
	December 31, 2005 (full ownership)
	June 2016 (independent AOC)
	March 1992 (full ownership)
s	June 26, 2024
Lines (SWISS)	July 2007 (full ownership)

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Feeding its long-haul network

In October 2023, the group detailed that Lufthansa City Airlines would operate alongside Lufthansa CityLine, another regional airline that has been owned by the Lufthansa Group, providing feeder services for its long-haul network.

"In order to position City Airlines for the long term, English-speaking pilots are also being considered in the recruitment process for cockpit roles. Applicants with prior experience will be given preference during hiring. For Group employees interested in switching to City Airlines, offers with voluntary switching conditions can be negotiated. This includes Lufthansa CityLine staff in particular."

Jens Fehlinger, the Managing Director of City Airlines, said at the time



- City Airlines would result in positive prospects in the
 curing sustainable jobs in Germany. This was the only and sustainably strengthen the Frankfurt Airport (FRA) (MUC) hubs, Fehlinger, who will become the CEO of
 Air Lines (SWISS) on October 1, added.
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om the flight tracking website Flightradar24, the network since it began operations on June 26 has lusively operated from MUC to five German airports ne United Kingdom, namely Birmingham Airport (BHX).



Photo: Lufthansa City Airlines

Meanwhile, ch-aviation records showed that Lufthansa City Airlines had taken delivery of four aircraft, namely three Airbus A319ceo, registered as D-ABGH, D-ABGK, and D-ABGP, and one A320neo, registered as D-AIJI. It launched flights with the latter, flying from MUC to BHX on June 26.

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- :ially, Lufthansa Group said that it had launched ies to strengthen the FRA and MUC hubs with better
- would be provided by its newest airline, the airline's igung Cockpit (VC), has provided another side of the

nor's interview with the Germany-based publication VC said that it was puzzled by the group CEO's :hansa CityLine had to be wound down due to the

could not use larger than 95-seat aircraft in the vith the union.



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VC emphasized that Spohr's comments were "misleading," adding that the pilot union has repeatedly offered to adjust the so-called '95-seat rule,' which would have enabled the continuity of Lufthansa CityLine, with the closing of the airline being unnecessary; VC added.



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- is also extremely doubtful whether and to what on of the new company under the Lufthansa City be permissible in the future in view of the existing ing agreements."
- + old <u>airliners.de</u> that Lufthansa CityLine could not

due to the existing agreement with VC and the fact

+ regional jets, namely the CRJ900s, were approaching vice life. Mitsubishi purchased the assets of the let (CRJ) program in June 2020, despite the fact that vious owner of the CRJ program, had ceased gional aircraft in December 2020.

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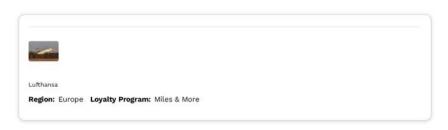
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up's words in October 2023 that the group's priate new conditions to switch from any of the a City Airlines, with the emphasis being on Lufthansa now have a different tone, especially considering the e latter airline's days are now numbered.



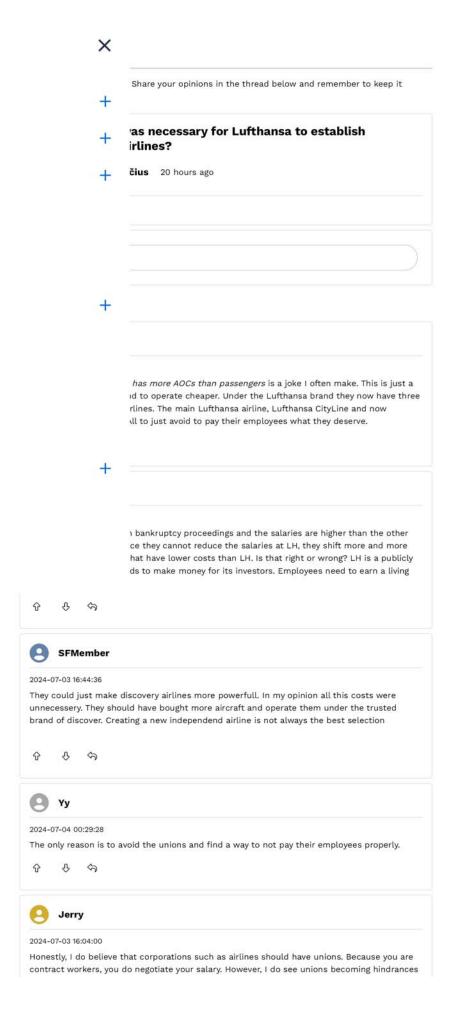
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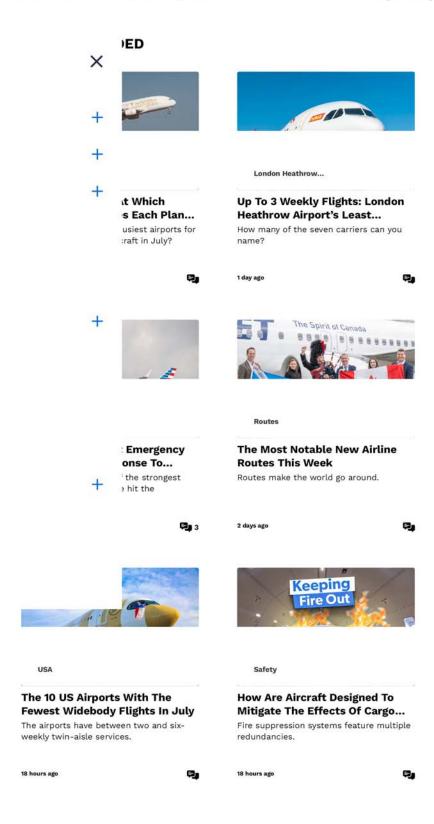
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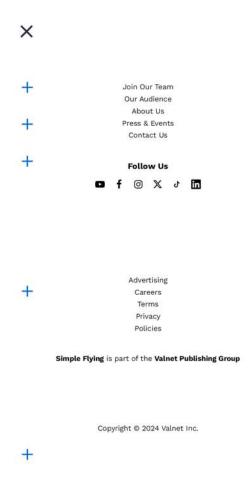
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