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Lufthansa Launches New Service to Austin, Texas

- **New route becomes the third Lufthansa gateway in Texas**
- **Five-times-weekly service between Bergstrom International Airport and Frankfurt Airport**

Austin, TX, May 3, 2019 – Today, Lufthansa began its new non-stop service between Austin and the airline’s Frankfurt hub. Flight LH468 departed Frankfurt Airport at 10 a.m. local time and touched down at Austin’s Bergstrom International Airport at 2:05 p.m. local time. Eastbound flight LH469 departed the Texas capital at 4 p.m. local time, inaugurating the third gateway and destination served by Lufthansa in Texas.

Lufthansa’s Austin service employs the Airbus A330-300 in a three-class cabin configuration. The aircraft includes 42 Business Class, 28 Premium Economy and 185 Economy Class seats to accommodate a total of 255 passengers. Arriving in Frankfurt, passengers can connect to over 1,300 destinations worldwide through Lufthansa Group carriers and Star Alliance partners—the world’s largest airline network.

The new Austin service will operate five times weekly on Mondays, Wednesdays, Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays. As Lufthansa already provides daily service to Dallas and Houston, the addition of Austin gives the German carrier’s customers access to Texas’ largest metropolitan areas.

“Austin is our third gateway in Texas, offering not only a connection between two culture-rich cities, but also an important link for the city’s local burgeoning technology ecosystem and the global technology hubs which Lufthansa serves,” said Heike Birlenbach, Senior Vice President of Sales for the Lufthansa Hub Airlines and Chief Commercial Officer of the Frankfurt Hub. “Central Texas residents can now access Lufthansa’s vast network of destinations in Europe and beyond via Frankfurt. The new service also supports the growing interest in Austin for both commerce and leisure, directly benefiting the local economy and spurring further business development on both sides of the Atlantic.”

“Lufthansa’s service is a doorway for Central Texans to reach Europe and for global travelers to experience Austin’s art, music, and culinary culture,” said Jim Smith, Austin-Bergstrom International Airport Executive Director. “Frankfurt, Germany is a desired international economic and tourist destination. We welcome the air service between the two tech hubs and the successful interchange of international tourism, business, and economic development opportunities.”

As the only five-star-rated airline in the Western Hemisphere (certified by Skytrax), Lufthansa is one of a select group of airlines worldwide to earn the coveted rating. Lufthansa's state-of-the-art aircraft offers customers an onboard experience that includes comfortable seating in all classes, acclaimed culinary offerings, a plethora of in-flight entertainment operations, and Wi-Fi throughout the entire journey.

Frankfurt, Germany's most international city, offers a rich culture and history, with a population of about 5.6 million. The Frankfurt Rhine-Main metropolitan region is one of Europe's leading economic centers and a popular travel destination. It is home to a wide range of tourist attractions and sights, including world-class ballet, opera, theaters and art exhibitions. As Germany's fifth largest city, it is the nation's financial powerhouse—home to the German Central Bank and the European Central bank, which manages the euro. It is also the gateway to Germany's robust hi-tech scene.

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. Safety, quality, reliability and innovation are the prime credentials and priorities of all its business activities.

The Lufthansa Group is divided into the two 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, and 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. Moreover, 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 of 763 aircraft and its member airlines will be taking delivery of 220 new aircraft between now and 2027. In 2018, the Lufthansa Group employed around 135,000 personnel, welcomed 142 million passengers aboard its flights and generated sales of around EUR 35.8 billion.

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