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SWISSPORT LAUNCHES NEW CARGO FACILITY AT HEATHROW AIRPORT

The leading aviation services provider has launched their new facility at the major UK airport in a strategic investment as part of an overall growth plan.

Swissport, a leading global provider of airport ground services and air cargo handling, today announced the launch of a brand-new cargo facility at London Heathrow Airport (LHR). The launch marks Swissport's significant growth in the cargo sector, following a 17% increase in cargo tonnage in the year to date.

Strengthening its presence at one of the world's busiest airports, Swissport is fueling its ongoing expansion in the rapidly growing air cargo market, with a launch set to be announced at Gatwick, and expansions planned at East Midlands, Manchester, and Stansted airports.

"Our new facility at Heathrow is a cornerstone of our global air cargo expansion strategy. It not only enhances our service capabilities at a critical global hub but also demonstrates our commitment to investing in infrastructure and technology to meet the growing demands of the air cargo industry." said Joe Bellfield, Chief Operating Officer of Cargo.

SWISSPORT'S SIGNIFICANT INVESTMENT IN CARGO CAPABILITIES AND BUSINESS GROWTH

The move to increase its footprint across the UK follows phenomenal tonnage growth, driven largely by e-commerce imports.

"Looking ahead to 2025 and beyond, we have confidence that these market trends will continue. That's why we've made a strategic decision to invest in this part of the business," says Joe Bellfield.

"Several customers are waiting to join Swissport's portfolio once we have the space, and we're thrilled to be expanding at Gatwick, East Midlands, Manchester, and Stansted in the months that follow our opening at Heathrow Airport today."

Pharmaceuticals and perishable items have also led to an increased demand for specialised handling solutions, and the Heathrow facility includes a Border Inspection Post dedicated to immediate airside evaluation capabilities for importing goods.

"We are confident that this facility will play a key role in driving our continued growth in this important market segment, solidifying our position as a leading global air cargo handler.," adds Joe Bellfield.

The new facility includes 15,000 square feet of temperature-controlled space, advanced warehouse management systems and real-time tracking capabilities. These advancements will enable Swissport to handle more customers and satisfy additional demand.

In 2023, Swissport International AG provided best-in-class airport ground services for some 232 million airline passengers (2022: 186 million) and handled roughly 4.7 million tons of air freight (2022: 4.8 million) at 115 air cargo centers worldwide. Several of its warehouses have been certified for pharmaceutical logistics by IATA's CEIV Pharma and by the British MHRA. At the end of December 2023, the world's leader in airport ground services and air cargo handling, with currently around 60,000 employees, was active at 286 airports in 44 countries on six continents.

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