

Smooth transition

Lufthansa Technik has carried out its **first transition of an Airbus A380**. The handover of the widebody jet was prepared by Lufthansa Technik for its new operator Hi Fly Malta. With this project, the company demonstrated that its CAMO organization can support a smooth transition even for this aircraft type.

Singapore Airlines, which was one of the first operators of the Airbus A380, the largest passenger aircraft in the world, had decided that the lease of the aircraft with the manufacturer serial number (MSN) 006 would not be extended. The aircraft is owned by Doric Flugzeugfonds Vierte GmbH & Co. KG and managed by Doric, which is headquartered in Offenbach am Main, Germany. The Portuguese airline Hi Fly was identified by Doric as new leasing customer, which is using its affiliated company Hi Fly Malta as operator for the aircraft. Doric fundamentally places great value on smooth transitions to avoid jeopardizing the aircraft's entry into service at its new lessee.

Since this project was the first transition of an A380 from lessee to lessor and then to a new lessee, Lufthansa Technik was initially commissioned with an EASA compliance check of the asset before subsequently providing support as CAMO for the aircraft's transition to its new operator. The 12-year-check necessary for the lease return was carried out by Singapore Airlines Engineering Company. To support the transition optimally, Lufthansa Technik put together an extensive package from which the customer could call off the necessary services flexibly in line with its current needs.

Since the aircraft will now be operating with a European registration, a comprehensive EASA compliance check was the

first step in the process, including an on-site inspection of the aircraft and the relevant aircraft documentation. Because preparations were thorough, the checks for the compliance with European regulations and the customer acceptance flights carried out according to EASA guidelines resulted in no substantive findings. The final demonstration and acceptance flight took place and allowed the transfer to the new operator after review of all documentation.

Powerful CAMO team

The first transition of a new aircraft type – especially if it is the largest passenger aircraft in the world – is always a challenge. Lufthansa Technik rose to the occasion with maximum flexibility with regard to specialized personnel as well as the provision of additional services at short notice. “We basically always had to keep a number of options open,” emphasizes Michael Hopp, the Lufthansa Technik project manager who brought the project through to a successful conclusion with his powerful CAMO team. With this project, Lufthansa Technik demonstrated once again its ability to reliably fulfill the complex requirements of aircraft lessors. 📌



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