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Cargolux goes Italy *Update*

As mentioned in the last edition of the Spotter's Journal (N°32), Cargolux will start a new Cargo subsidiary, called Cargolux Italy, in Milan Malpensa. New information's emerged making LX-KCV the first one being transferred to Italy. Launch date is expected to be April 2009 with the route Milan – Hongkong.

As rumours go along it might be possible that LX-KCV (photo) will undergo a slight change of its colour scheme (needs to be confirmed).

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Malaysian Sikorsky 76C in Luxembourg

One, or better two, very exotic visitors were spotted on 19th March. The two Malaysian Helicopters, two Sikorsky 76C, arrived as airfreight in Luxembourg and were put together and prepared for flight on the Cargocenter Parking (P7). The two Sikorsky were 9M-STB (sn: 760384) and 9M-STD (sn: 760397), operated by MHS Aviation. With some delay, both helicopters made several test flights before being flown, via Algeria, to Mauritania.

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Easy Aviation Dornier Do328

The following Dornier Do328-300 Jet, VP-CJD, operated by Easy Aviation was present on 7th March 2009.

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TF-ARL and Tesis VP-BXD News

On 18th March, TF-ARL, the ex. Tesis 747 was towed from P8 to the maintenance apron P3. In addition engineers started working on the aircraft but no information if the Boeing will be in the air again. VP-BXC is still sitting at P8 and missing an engine.

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Ethiopian Cargo MD-11

Big highlight this month is definitely this Cargo aircraft. Ethiopian Cargo received its first McDonnell Douglas MD-11F, ET-AML on 31st January 2009. With the ex. TAM PT-MSI, the 1945 founded Cargo Airline should arrived once a week, on Monday, around midday and depart shortly afterwards. The first flight was operated on 16th March. Currently it looks like it will return regularly.

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Last Luxair Boeing 737-700 repainted and some of the Q400 need new paint

On 12th March, LX-LGR, the last Boeing 737-700 to be repainted came back in new colours and resumed normal operations (*photo below*).

In contrary to this newly and good looking repainted bird, some other Luxair planes need a new paint too. Although only in use since 2007 they already look very used (LX-LGA and LX-LGC, *right photos*).

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Some nice Business Jets and small Props

During the last month we had some nice Business traffic and some interesting small Props.

Starting with the 18th March three nice visitors arrived at ELLX. First, one of the JetFly Aviation Pilatus PC-12/47, LX-TAI (ex. HB-FQZ) (*left photo*) and an Aeronautica Militare (AMI) Piaggio P-180 Avanti, M62207.

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Last bird during that day was this Global Jet Luxembourg Dassault Flacon 900DX, LX-AFD (*left photo*), arriving with the last sunrays.
On 19th then this little one, D-IKKY (*right photo*) was present at Luxembourg Airport. It's not the first time, but this Mitsubishi MU-2B-26A Solitaire is quite a rare aircraft type seen here.

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The last one was present on 23rd March. Might be the first time that this Falcon, LX-GET, came to Luxembourg.

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LUXAVIATION (Text & Photos by Serge BRAUN)

LUXAVIATION *S.A.* is a newly set-up company registered in Luxembourg on June 13th 2008. Their headquarter is on L-1110 Luxembourg-Airport. Promptly after its set-up, LUXAVIATION has taken over the activities of a company of the same name active in the business jet chartering since 5th May 1992 at Findel Airport. At that moment, the "old" LUXAVIATION continued flying under the name of "*European Business Air Charter S.A.*" and transferred it's headquarter to 43, rue Maréchal Foch, L-1527 Luxembourg.
The "new"' LUXAVIATION is an air taxi operator, specialized in the transportation and organization of flights for the Governmental, the Executive and VIP clientele, on a European and world-wide scale. It's a main player in the field of air taxi business in Luxembourg. The general management has been taken over by Christian Heinzmann, a well-known and reputed manager in aviation.

The one and only aircraft for the moment is a nearly brand new state-of-the-art Cessna Citation XLS (LX-INS). With that modern biz-jet, LUXAVIATION offers to their customers the comfort of a very luxurious and convenient cabin for max. 9 passengers, combined with a great flight range, permitting to reach most of the European destinations on a non-stop basis. The longest routing till now was a flight from Luxembourg to Moscow. Two pilots, two co-pilots and six office agents (including the management) are working for LUXAVIATION in March 2009.

Responding to an ever increasing demand for private flights world-wide, LUXAVIATION will consequently increase their fleet by introducing adequate aircraft over the time in order to serve even better the various demands for range, passenger capacity, safety and comfort. Probably during summer 2009, LUXAVIATION will get its second aircraft, a long range Gulfstream G450.

LUXAVIATION is cooperating with other local and international operators as well as main charter brokers, thus generating business for all parties concerned and respecting the requests of a very demanding clientele. Therefore LUXAVIATION's slogan is: "*A NECESSITY! NOT A LUXURY*". Well done! Many happy landings.

A few days ago, I've got the invitation for a visit at LUXAVIATION and I could take several pictures of LX-INS (outside and inside). Watch the pictures...

Swissport is closing down in LUX

Another sad news during the crisis. On 27th March Swissport, cargo handling agent in Luxembourg, announced that it will close down its business in Luxembourg. Since 2002 Swissport operates cargo handling in Luxembourg. Swissport plans to leave Luxembourg on 1st October 2009. Last year they obtained a licence for passenger handling.
As European regulations oblige to have 2 handling agents at the airport, Luxembourg Airport Official have now to start looking for a new handling agent interested in coming to Luxembourg.

Luxembourg's Logbook: Passenger and Cargo Visitors

01.03.2009	G-MKJA	MK Airlines	Boeing 747-200
	HB-IPS	Swiss	Airbus A319-100
	PH-KZO	KLM cityhopper	Fokker 70
02.03.2009	G-MKCA	MK Airlines	Boeing 747-200
	G-WINA	London Executive Aviation	Cessna 560XL Citation Excel
	HB-LSG	Private	Piper PA-60-602P Aerostar
	LX-TQJ	Global Jet Luxembourg	Bombardier BD-100 Challenger
04.03.2009	B-2432	Yangtze River Express	Boeing 747-400
	G-MKBA	MK Airlines	Boeing 747-200
	N4QG	Private	Dassault Falcon 2000EX
	N917W	Private	Gulfstream G-IV
	PH-LXJ	KLM cityhopper	Fokker 50
	VP-CJD	Easy Aviation	Dornier 328-100
	YU-BNA	Govt. of Serbia Montenegro	Dassault Falcon 50

05.03.2009	D-CPPP	Windrose Air	Cessna 550 Citation Bravo
	G-MKGA	MK Airlines	Boeing 747-200
	I-CABD	Private	Cessna 550 CitationJet
	N497XP	Private	Raytheon 400XP Beechjet
	PH-KZT	KLM cityhopper	Fokker 70
06.03.2009	D-AKUE	Challenge Air	Canadair CL-600 Challenger
	HB-LTN	Private	Piaggio P-180 Avanti
	I-FLYP	Private	Dassault Falcon 2000
	I-FXRB	Foxair	Piaggio P-180 Avanti
07.03.2009	TC-MNC	MNG Airlines	Airbus A300-200
	TS-IOH	Tunisair	Boeing 737-500
08.03.2009	T-783	Air Force - Swiss	Dassault Falcon 50
09.03.2009	G-MKHA	MK Airlines	Boeing 747-200
	HB-VMX	Jet Aviation Business	Cessna 550 Citation Bravo
	LZ-BVD	Private	Bombardier CL-600Challenger 605
	OY-RJG	Cimber Air	Canadair CRJ-200LR
10.03.2009	742	Air Force – Greece	C-130 Hercules
	I-BNTN	Eurofly Service	Dassault Falcon 2000
	LN-RLR	Scandinavian Airlines (SAS)	McDonnell Douglas MD-82
11.03.2009	68-023	Air Force – Turkey	C-160 Transall
	G-CBJZ	Private	Westland SA-341 Gazelle
	G-KALS	Private	Bombardier BD-100 Challenger
	G-MKHA	MK Airlines	Boeing 747-200
	LX-TAI	JetFly Aviation	Pilatus PC-12/47
	N500FF	Private	Socata TBM-700
12.03.2009	CE-04	Air Force – Belgium	Embraer ERJ-145
	LX-DNI	Jet Cruising	Pilatus PC-12/47
	LX-JET	Private	Cessna 525 CitationJet CJ3
13.03.2009	D-IFSH	FSH Luftfahrtunternehmen	Piper PA-42 Cheyenne
14.03.2009	TC-MNV	MNG Airlines	Airbus A300-600
	TS-IMI	Tunisair	Airbus A320-200
	VP-BIR	Private	Sikorsky 76B
15.03.2009	N526MC	Atlas Air	Boeing 747-200
16.03.2009	ET-AML	Ethiopian Airlines Cargo	McDonnell Douglas MD-11
18.03.2009	LX-AFD	Global Jet Luxembourg	Dassault Falcon 900DX
	MM62207	AMI - Aeronautica Militare	Piaggio P-180 Avanti
19.03.2009	9M-STB	MHS Aviation	Sikorsky 76C
	9M-STD	MHS Aviation	Sikorsky 76C
	YR-BEA	Romavia	British Aerospace BAe 146-200
20.03.2009	81-0978/SP	Air Force – USA	Fairchild A10-A Thunderbolt II
	99-0102	Army – USA	Cessna UC-35A
	HB-ZFA	Private	Aérospatiale AS35
	UR-CGV	Meridian	Antonov An-12
21.03.2009	F-GPKN	Private	Piaggio P-180 Avanti
22.03.2009	LX-DCA	Private	Cessna 525B CitationJet CJ3
25.03.2009	VQ-BLA	Private	Gulfstream GV-SP
26.03.2009	N524MC	Atlas Air	Boeing 747-200
28.03.2009	RA-1909K	Private	Aero L-39 Albatros
29.03.2009	MM62172	Air Force – Italy	Dassault Falcon 900EX

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