# The Lufthansa Group in Panama A Successful Launch of Operations – a six month retrospective

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### **Outline**

- The Lufthansa Group was no stranger in Panama
- Planning Ramp up & Time Line
- We went online
- Why Panama: six of the many reasons
  - Touristic destination
  - Attractive business location
  - Hub of the Americas ®
  - Atlantic Joint venture
  - Strong local partner
  - The right product
- Governmental Support
- Looking back... and into the future!



### The Lufthansa Group – no stranger in Panama

- Sky Chefs de Panamá, S.A. is 100% owned by LSG Sky Chefs
- LSG Sky Chefs opened a new, state-ofthe-art production facility at Aeropuerto Internacional de Tocumen in March 2014, replacing the previous facility, which had been in use since 1963
- 535 employees
- 25.097 meals per day maximum capacity
- We served in 2015 9.812.446 meals!





### Our project – Ramp Up and Time Line



#### Phase 1 – Analysis

From market analysis → Go-to-Market strategy

#### Phase 2 – Project Planning Phase

From flight announcement → Ramp-up

#### Phase 3 – Ramp-up

From start of ramp-up → Regional Office setup

#### Phase 4 – Settling in

First General Manager appointed > Establishing regional office in Panama, hiring team and increasing commercial presence in entire region

#### First Flight Frankfurt - Panama - Frankfurt

#### Phase 5 – Consolidation

From first flight -> Consolidation in the market, finalize set up open issues, increase commercial presence in Central America & Caribbean, cooperation with ATP, expand Code Share flights with Copa Airlines, create additional brand awareness and further sales and market activities.

### We went online on March 2<sup>nd</sup> – First flight Frankfurt - Panamá











### Why Panama as a Lufthansa destination?

Six of the most important reasons for our new service:

- Great touristic destination
- Attractive business location
- Hub of the Americas ®
- Atlantic Joint venture
- Strong local partner
- The right product







### Panama offers a wide range of attractions

Panama offers a myriad of tourism attractions to suit a variety of interests and budgets













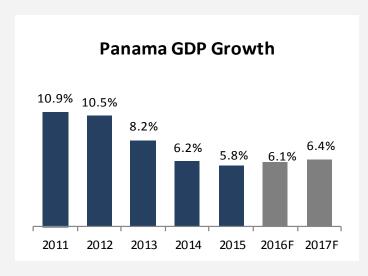
### Panama – A great touristic destination

- Has the highest per capita tourist spending in Central America
- Offers leisure travellers excellent links within the country, to the entire region and the Caribbean
- Is one of the few places in the world where you can see the sunrise on the Pacific and the sun set on the Atlantic!
- The Panama Canal is one of the spots anyone has to see at least once in a lifetime
- Hotels: 3,000 new hotel rooms added in 2015 (20% growth) and more to come!
- ... and many children in Germany are familiar with the beauty of this country already from early ages on...



#### Panama – Attractive Business Location

- Has the fastest Growing Economy in Latin America, some call it the "Singapore of the Americas" because of its exceptional economic growth.
- Growing as regional headquarters base for multinational companies
- It serves as a regional business and logistics hub
- Strong public and private sector investment
  - Panama Canal Expansion (completed June) 2016)
  - Metro Transportation System (2nd line under construction)
  - > 3<sup>rd</sup> Bridge over the Canal on the Pacific (Bid process)
  - New Convention Center in Panama City (est. late 2017)
  - New Green Convention Center in Chiriquí (Bid process)





### Strong cooperation enhances our offer to passengers

The Lufthansa Group's **Atlantic Joint Venture with** Air Canada and United offers passengers even more choice and value on North Atlantic routes:

- over 10,000 daily flights to more than 570 destinations
- 16 hubs in Europe and North America
- more than 300.000 seats each week
- wide choice of on board products and services
- access to more than 60 exclusive lounges
- reciprocal frequent flyer programmes
- combinable fares
- optimised schedules
- from Canada to Panama



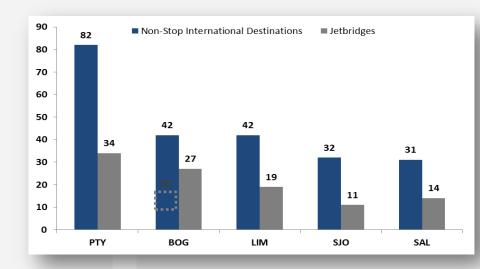
### **Atlantic Joint Venture**



### Panama – Hub of the Americas ®

- More jetbridges and international destinations than competing hubs
- Copa represents >80% of Tocumen Airport passenger operations
- South terminal expansion accommodates long-term growth needs (2Q/2018)





### Panama - Right Infrastructure also long term

#### **South Terminal Expansion**

- Construction 62% complete (est. 2Q18)
- Construction was slowed to make significant design improvements
  - Improvements to passenger connectivity between terminals
  - **Expand Customs, Immigration and** passenger circulation areas
  - Improved Baggage Handling System to fully integrate terminals
- South Terminal remote aircraft positions are being utilized for live operations





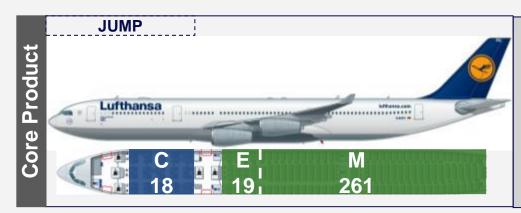
### **South Terminal**



### Panama - Copa Airlines, our strong local partner



### With JUMP, we now have a sub-fleet to match the demand structure



- Reconfigured Airbus 340-300
  - · Cabin layout optimized for leisure travel
  - · For routes with high % price-sensitive travelers
- · LH classic brand & products
  - New lie-flat Business Class
  - New Premium Economy
- · Retained brand focus on quality & premium
- · Extensive global network with Frankfurt hub



- Star Alliance Frequent Flyer Program accrual/redemption
- · Most complete network in Latin America
  - More destination choices for Lufthansa Passengers
- · Reliable partner for connecting traffic:
  - On time performance 90%
  - · Schedule/fleet reliability 99%
- · Minimized Passengers wait time/misconnexctions
- · Comfortable onboard experience for LH PAX
  - Average fleet age under 6 years
  - "Best Airlines in Central America & Caribbean" Skytrax 2013

With COPA, we have a partner for required feed from smaller markets

### **Governmental support – Panama Tourism Authority**

#### **Cooperation agreement ATP-Lufthansa**

#### **Concrete support from ATP**

Promote Panama as destination

#### **Trade Fairs & Exhibitions**

Secure international presence

#### Roadshows

Across country presence

#### **Familiarization Trips**

Product & destination experience for easier selling

#### **Press Trips & Bloggers**

Product & destination experience for easier publishing & sharing

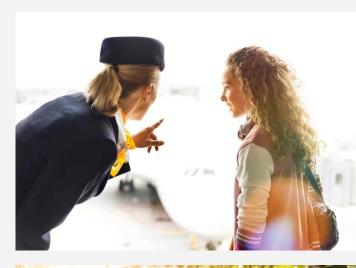




### Looking back... and into the future!

#### Our new flight Frankfurt-Panama-Frankfurt

- Seat Load Factor Slightly above target
- Transferring and point-to-point customers Increasing customers with final destination Panama
- Local/Regional Sales Share After 6 months, achieving target from business case
- On-time performance In line with expectations for Tocumen Airport
- Future bookings Strong short-term bookings, positive trend, above expectations







Investing in Panama
Lufthansa German Airlines

2015 2.3.-30.9.2016

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Employees 1 11 + external staff

Landings 0 303

SKO (Tsd.) 0 820,623

Seats offered 0 90,294



### **Central and South America:** 11 Lufthansa Group destinations in 7 countries



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