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cargo-partner successfully completes the first 100 days as a Member of the NX GROUP

The international transport and logistics provider became a Member of the NX GROUP precisely 100 days ago on 04th January 2024, marking the occasion on 08th January with a magnificent inaugural ceremony at the Hofburg Palace in Vienna. cargo-partner and Nippon Express got down to brass tacks straight away, more than ten work streams meet regularly and have tackled 180 tasks to date.

Founded as a privately owned company in 1983, cargo-partner has grown from 5 to 4,000 employees with 160 offices in more than 40 countries. The global cargo-partner network is particularly strong in Central and Eastern Europe, ideally complementing Nippon Express' network. The focus of this first part of the transformation has consisted of identifying synergies and finding areas in which the two companies complement each other, leveraging strengths.

“Looking back at the first 100 days of co-operation, I am proud of the professionalism, positive attitudes and dedication displayed by both the cargo-partner and the Nippon Express teams. We have the unique opportunity to build something lasting and great, and we have started working together on projects to help and support each other. I am fully convinced “we will find the way” by “taking it personally.” Not only in terms of business but also in terms of culture, these two companies are an ideal fit,” says Luca Ferrara, CEO of cargo-partner.

New lock-up logo design

One of the first steps consisted of adapting the cargo-partner visual identity, rolling out a logo that still retains cargo-partner's traditional seagulls but is complemented with “Member of Nippon Express” to show that the cargo-partner has now become a part of an even bigger group with more than 70,000 employees. This logo is already visible at the cargo-partner site in Fischamend and is gradually being rolled out to all cargo-partner sites.

Putting the proper set-up in place

The increased air and ocean freight managed volume will enhance the Group's competitive edge in the global market. It will enable prompt responses to diverse customer demands worldwide, improve logistical capabilities between Asia and Europe, and fortify its global account structure. cargo-partner has developed particular expertise in the LCL business. As one of the leading providers of LCL transports in Central and Eastern Europe, cargo-partner operates its own weekly LCL consolidation lines from more than 20 Asian and East-Mediterranean countries to its Koper and Ljubljana hubs.

Expanding warehousing opportunities

From the all-timber iLogistics Center in Vienna up to modern facilities in Asia and the USA, cargo-partner now offers 300,000 m² of warehouse space around the globe designed to optimize supply chains and enhance operational efficiency for its customers. The NX GROUP owns warehousing space consisting of approximately 2.95-million square meters in Japan and approximately 2.4-million square meters overseas. cargo-partner will also be given access to these facilities thus having more flexibility to support its customers' supply chain perfectly.

Joint project of the Expo 2025 in Osaka

The Expo will be held in Osaka, Japan, from 13 April 2025 to 13 October 2025. The Japanese Association has appointed Nippon Express as a Total Logistics Provider for the 2025 EXPO. It is the designated on-site cargo handler, the commissioned logistics provider and the recommended logistics service provider. cargo-partner will support this project with its dense and comprehensive network in Central and Eastern Europe.

“These are the first highlights of the joint journey that has only just begun,” concludes Luca Ferrara, “opportunities are endless, and as a team, we strive to seize all of them.”

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About cargo-partner

cargo-partner is a full-range info-logistics provider offering a comprehensive portfolio of air, sea, land transport and warehousing solutions. With over 40 years of expertise in information technology and supply chain optimization, the company designs tailor-made services for a wide range of industries to create competitive benefits for its customers all around the world. Founded in 1983, cargo-partner generated a turnover of over 2.06 billion euro in 2022 and currently employs more than 4,000 people worldwide. Since January 2024, cargo-partner has been a member of the NX GROUP.

About the NX GROUP

The NX GROUP is a world-leading logistics provider established in Japan in 1937. With over 73,000 professionals in 50+ countries and regions, the NX GROUP is renowned for its global presence. Our holding company, NIPPON EXPRESS HOLDINGS, is listed on the Prime Market, the highest tier of the Tokyo Stock Exchange. Distinguished by its unwavering commitment to excellence, the NX GROUP holds a strong market position in air, sea, rail, and truck transport as well as contract logistics, offering high-quality end-to-end supply chain solutions that seamlessly integrate information technology. As a partner that goes beyond simply transporting goods, the NX GROUP is committed to creating sustainable and environmentally-conscious supply chains. We strive to co-create our customers' future by providing innovative solutions. For more information about our company, please visit <https://www.nipponexpress-holdings.com/en>

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