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TAP prepares for different future scenarios with the network planning solution from Lufthansa Systems

- TAP is the 10th Star Alliance member to opt for the network planning solution from Lufthansa Systems
- NetLine/Plan was chosen for its unmatched speed and ability to simulate market changes
- The network planning tool is a Software-as-a-Service solution and is hosted in the Global Aviation Cloud from Lufthansa Systems

Raunheim, 25th March 2025. Lufthansa Systems announced that TAP Air Portugal (TAP) selected its network planning solution NetLine/Plan. TAP is the 10th Star Alliance carrier to choose the network planning solution from Lufthansa Systems. They opted for NetLine/Plan because of its accuracy, unmatched speed in adapting network planning to the needs of this dynamic industry, and ability to simulate market changes. And all that is tailored to their specific network reality. NetLine/Plan will be delivered as a Software-as-a-Service (SaaS) solution hosted in the Global Aviation Cloud (GAC).

“Forecasting future scenarios with the best accuracy possible is key for us. With NetLine/Plan, we can comprehensively evaluate the network and find the best solutions within different competitive and market contexts. It allows us to evaluate new route launches, schedule changes, airline hub optimizations, and partnership changes in different future time frames, and other long-term plans,” explained Mario Cruz, Chief Commercial & Revenue Officer, TAP Air Portugal.

Developed in collaboration with many network airlines worldwide, the industry-leading network planning tool from Lufthansa Systems addresses the toughest network planning challenges the airlines face. NetLine/Plan enables TAP to maximize profitability across its entire schedule by helping it make intelligent network planning decisions with unmatched speed, accuracy, and transparency. While other tools take several minutes or even hours to deliver network planning results, NetLine/Plan can perform a complete O&D-based network evaluation in less than 30 seconds. This allows TAP to work more efficiently and evaluate multiple network scenarios. In addition, sophisticated proprietary models and data allow NetLine/Plan to forecast profitability with the accuracy and consistency that is required in today’s rapidly changing airline industry.

“We are pleased to strengthen our partnership with TAP and add an important solution to their implemented portfolio of our NetLine and Lido solutions. NetLine/Plan will help them by evaluating potential schedule changes in the form of business cases while balancing commercial realities and operational constraints. These business cases include new destinations, frequency and time changes, aircraft up and down-gauges, as well as partnership scenarios with codeshare or alliance partners. Today, more than 20 airlines and

aircraft manufacturers from around the world rely on NetLine/Plan for their network planning business cases,” added Jan-Peter Gaense, Head of NetLine at Lufthansa Systems.

About TAP Air Portugal

TAP is Portugal's leading airline and is a member of Star Alliance since 2005. Flying since 1945, TAP Air Portugal has its hub in Lisbon, a privileged access platform in Europe, at the crossroads with Africa, North, Central, and South America. TAP Air Portugal is the world's leading airline between Europe and Brazil. TAP offers more than 1,070 weekly flights to 80 cities in 32 countries through its network of destinations, which includes 5 airports in Portugal, 10 in North America, 14 in Central and South America, 13 in Africa and 38 in Europe (in addition to Portugal).

TAP has made a clear commitment to modernizing its fleet and offering the best product in the sector to its customers. The Portuguese airline operates one of the youngest fleets in the world, with all of Airbus' next generation NEO aircraft: A320neo, A321neo, A321LR, and A330neo, with superior efficiency and reduced emission levels. TAP also operates 19 Embraer aircraft in its regional fleet (TAP Express).

TAP is ranked by Airline Ratings as the safest airline in Europe and the 11th safest in the world.

TAP Air Portugal has been recognized and awarded as Europe's Leading Airline to Africa, as well as Europe's Leading Airline to South America by the World Travel Awards in 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022, 2023 and 2024.

About Lufthansa Systems

Lufthansa Systems GmbH, the leading airline IT provider, has been shaping the future of digital aviation for almost 30 years. Helping airlines unlock their full potential, the company combines profound industry know-how with advanced technological expertise. A subsidiary of the Lufthansa Group, the company offers its more than 350 customers worldwide a portfolio with often market-leading products that cover all airline business processes – on the flight deck, in the cabin, and on the ground. Lufthansa Systems is committed to improving its own environmental footprint and that of its airline customers of all sizes and business models. Headquartered in Raunheim near Frankfurt/Main, Germany, Lufthansa Systems employs around 3,000 people at its locations in 16 countries.

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