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Lufthansa CityLine celebrates 25 years of Bombardier CRJ series operations

- **On October 19, 1992, Lufthansa CityLine received the world's first Canadair Regional Jet**
- **Successful development partnership with Bombardier**
- **Anniversary logo on a CRJ900 in the skies from today**

October 19, 1992, was a special day for Lufthansa CityLine: It was the world's first airline to receive a Canadair Regional Jet (CRJ). Lufthansa was a major driving force for the start of the series, and to this day, 35 CRJs of the latest generation form a crucial part of the fleet of Lufthansa CityLine. From today onwards, a CRJ900 will therefore carry a large-scale special logo with the anniversary message across Europe.

The concept of a twin-engine regional aircraft, which combines the flexibility of smaller, usually propeller-driven engines with the comfort and travel speed of jet engines, was revolutionary at the time. Over the past two and a half decades, the CRJ underwent continuous further development. Today's CRJ900 is hardly comparable to the first model. Based on the original 50-seater CRJ100 and CRJ200, the CRJ700 evolved. Today's CRJ900 is a veritable medium-haul aircraft with around 90 seats that serves European destinations from Ancona to Zagreb at Lufthansa CityLine. Many core elements have remained the same, however: Passenger comfort, its specific seating capacity which makes the connection to regional destinations economically viable, short turnaround times and its agility in flight, which is not only a joy for pilots.

„Back in 1992, nobody would have dared to expect the CRJ series to become the success story we know today. For Lufthansa CityLine, the CRJ has always been the backbone of our fleet during the past 25 years, and we will continue to work very closely with our friends at Bombardier in the future” emphasizes Jörg Eberhart, Managing Director Operations at Lufthansa CityLine. Carsten Wirths, Managing Director Commercial, adds: “We value the flexibility, reliability and efficiency of this aircraft family. These characteristics are central to our success as a modern airline. We are proud to have been first to realize these values, and we profit from them to this day.”

“We thank Lufthansa CityLine for being an early adopter of the trend-setting CRJ Series program, and we wish our longstanding customer continued success,” said Fred Cromer, President, Bombardier Commercial Aircraft. “Bombardier took a bold step in uncharted territory by revolutionizing regional air travel, changing the way the world flies and connecting millions of passengers and the communities where they live. This revolution in airline transportation was certainly made possible because of Lufthansa CityLine’s innovative and forward thinking spirit, and we thank our launch operator for paving the way for the CRJ Series which is known today as the most successful regional aircraft program in history.”

Lufthansa CityLine is a 100 percent subsidiary of Deutsche Lufthansa AG and offers feeder flights to the worldwide Lufthansa route network at the hubs in Frankfurt and Munich. With a fleet of around 55 aircraft of the types Bombardier CRJ900, Embraer 190/195 and Airbus A340, the company flies to around 80 destinations in over 25 countries worldwide. The airline transports approx. 7.7 million passengers a year and employs around 2,250 members of staff.

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