

Press Release

Darwin Airline Operative changes and the beginnings of the partnership with MyAir

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Darwin Airline would like to announce their decision discontinue flights on the Lugano-Berne-London City route, with effect from 11th June 2007, to make way for new partnership opportunities with the Italian company MyAir.

Within the framework of financial reorganisation and company consolidation, Darwin Airline announced to the Lugano, Cantonal and Federal authorities yesterday its intention to discontinue Lugano-Berne flights, and consequently the connecting flight from Berne –London City, from 11th June, 2007.

This step, taken after careful evaluation of results from when the connection was introduced in February 2005 up to the present day, is influenced by a wider competitive, political and economic situation.

Recent commercial strategies by Swiss and foreign carriers on the routes from Zurich, Geneva and Basle to London City airport have unfortunately compromised the attraction of Darwin's flights from Berne to this destination.

It is clear that the market alone cannot finance this line: the authorities recognised this and declared they were willing to provide a 'public service grant' on the Lugano-Berne route. Unfortunately, technical and legislative reasons have up to now prevented such a grant from being released. It is therefore no longer possible for Darwin Airline to bear the significant losses generated on the Lugano-Berne-London City route.

Entering into share capital with MyHolding, who control the airline company MyAir, announced on 11th May, has opened up new prospects, and various economic opportunities are underway. From 11th June, aircraft from the flight programme Lugano-Berne-London City will be free to operate on a dozen or so MyAir routes.

Darwin Airline will personally contact passengers booked on flights after 10th June 2007 on the discontinued routes, and assures them an alternative flight on our commercial partner's aircraft. The whole summer charter programme departing from Berne will not undergo any changes.

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