

## Media Release

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### FARNAIR – 30 years in the Air

**On April 1<sup>st</sup>, 1984 the Swiss Federal Office for Civil Aviation FOCA acknowledged and approved the company's first Flight Operations Manual. It was the day FARNER Air Transport AG was entitled to perform commercial flights under its airline operating licence. What started with a Seneca aircraft transporting up to 200 kg of parcels four times per week from Basel to Brussels and back has meanwhile grown to a Group of companies with activities across the globe. Operating a fleet of more than 20 aircraft, FARNAIR today ranks among the long standing and larger airlines in Switzerland.**

„We are very proud to have been able to sustain for so many years in this competitive market“ says Guy Girard, CEO of the FARNAIR Group. „In our globalized world air transportation is of growing significance. Consumers order goods that are delivered directly to their doorstep. This transportation must be punctual, precise and fast. With our fleet we mainly serve the routes between the large distribution centres at night time. Two of our freighters ATR42 and 72 as well as our passenger aircraft are based in Basel, other aircraft are based in Cologne, West Africa, India and Oceania. Our staff work 24/7 to ensure smooth operations and the highest level of on-time reliability. Be the goods urgent, perishable or alive - we transport nearly anything to anywhere, at the shortest response time.“

The book „Nightriders in the Sky- A European Express Story“ by Sepp Moser gives impressive evidence of the FARNAIR history and the fascination of aviation related to it. Many facts and anecdotes, lavishly illustrated with many photos give an inside view of the varied operations and exceptional missions of our aircraft in different regions of the world. The book is available with FARNAIR in English and German.

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#### **FARNAIR Europe – Committed to Quality – [www.farnair.com](http://www.farnair.com)**

For 30 years FARNAIR has been at the forefront in the field of European express air cargo transport and logistics. Headquartered in Allschwil, in close proximity to Basel EuroAirport, the FARNAIR team with expertise in various domains, meticulously caters to the client needs. Its primary freighter activities include operating network feeder services for integrator and third party logistics industries. These operations are well complemented by ad-hoc charters for manufacturers and freight forwarders, where immediate launch is often required. FARNAIR's passenger activities include supplying aircraft to governmental and relief agencies, ACMI services for regional airlines and charter flights for the events industry. With a fleet of over 20 aircraft and a variety of different layouts and loading systems FARNAIR today operates in Europe, West Africa, the Middle East, India, Asia and Oceania. The portfolio of the FARNAIR Group also includes a full array of complementing, value-adding service options such as Crew Training, Ground Logistics and Cargo Handling as well as Aircraft Trading and Leasing. All services are bundled under the widely-recognised FARNAIR Europe trademark.