
New MD picked at Hamburg Aviation

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Ulf Weber is taking over for the retiring Dr. Franz Josef Kirschfink as Managing Director of [Hamburg Aviation](#) starting July 1.

Weber, was part of the team that established [Swiss International Air Lines](#), and he also spent several years as CEO of [AeroLogic](#) a joint venture freight carrier established by [Lufthansa Cargo](#) and [DHL Express](#). Most recently, the graduate aerospace engineer led [ASL Airlines](#) Belgium.

“I was born in Hamburg and I have followed the development of this city as a centre of aviation my whole life. That I will now be play a role in shaping this as Managing Director of Hamburg Aviation, building on the successful work of Dr. Kirschfink, is a source of both great delight and pride. Particularly in the face of the current Corona situation, the global aerospace industry is facing huge challenges. This makes it all the more important for me that our industry sticks together, continuing to develop a joint outlook with future prospects for the Hamburg Metropolitan Region. We need to pay particular attention to making full use of our potential, maintaining the high priority given to innovative and forward-looking topics such as the commercial, sustainable use of hydrogen, digitalisation and cooperation within the supply chain and urban air mobility,” says said Weber, in today’s announcement.

An engineering graduate, Weber brings more than 25 years of experience in aerospace, logistics and consultancy to the role. The 52-year-old began his career at the former Swiss airline, Crossair, following on from studies in aeronautics and aerospace engineering within the transportation sciences field at the [Technical University of Berlin](#) and the [Massachusetts Institute of Technology](#). Over the past 20 years, Weber has been in senior leadership positions with companies including Swiss International Airlines, Thomas Cook Airlines Belgium (as CEO), [Brussels Airlines](#), DHL Express/AeroLogic (as Managing Director) and was most recently CEO of ASL Airlines Belgium (formerly TNT Airways).