

BWI Thurgood Marshall Airport Celebrates New International Service from Condor Airlines

German carrier starts service to Frankfurt

Maryland transportation officials and business leaders this evening welcomed Condor Airlines and the launch of new international air service between Baltimore/Washington International Thurgood Marshall Airport and Germany. The German airline began seasonal, twice weekly service to Frankfurt.

“This important new international air service demonstrates the continued growth and success of BWI Marshall Airport,” said Paul J. Wiedefeld, Executive Director of BWI Marshall. “It offers residents from Maryland and the National Capital region direct access to a premier global gateway. Condor will offer business and leisure travelers more options, competitive fares, and excellent customer service.”

Frankfurt is an important international destination and a key European hub market. The city is a leading international center for finance, commerce, transportation, and tourism. Frankfurt Airport ranks among the world’s busiest, offering airline connections throughout Europe and the globe. The airport also provides outstanding rail and roadway connections.

“Our passengers constantly request additional flights to North America,” said Ralf Teckentrup, CEO of Condor. “For this reason, we are extending our flight program with this nonstop service from the Washington-Baltimore region to Frankfurt to offer our passengers further variety in our flight schedule.”

Passenger traffic has grown steadily at BWI Marshall in recent years. 2011 was a new record year for BWI Marshall, with passenger traffic increasing 2.1 percent over the previous annual record in 2010 to 22.4 million passengers. International passengers increased 11.2 percent in 2011. For April 2012, the most-recent monthly data available, passenger traffic rose 2.9 percent to 1.9 million passengers for the month, a new April record. International passengers rose 24.7 percent in April 2012.

Condor offers service to over 70 international destinations in Europe, Asia, Africa, and North America. The flights between BWI Marshall and Frankfurt will operate on Mondays and Thursdays. The service will utilize a 270-seat Boeing 767-300 aircraft offering three classes of service—Comfort (business), Premium Economy, and Economy.

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