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Lufthansa expands complimentary hot beverage selections at Frankfurt and Munich gates

Viennese coffee, cappuccino, espresso, latte macchiato now available

East Meadow, NY, Dec. 04, 2009 -- Coffee connoisseurs can now choose from a wider selection of their favorite hot beverages on Lufthansa flights departing Frankfurt and Munich to German domestic and most European destinations (Schengen Area). At the departure gates to those destinations, Lufthansa has installed new automatic vending machines with an appreciably greater choice of hot beverages. Black coffee, Viennese coffee, cappuccino, marocchino, latte macchiato, espresso, café au lait, hot chocolate and an assortment of teas -- are all available as a complimentary 'pick-me-up' to passengers in Economy and Business Class before boarding their flight. No other airline, worldwide, offers a similar service.

The new automatic vending machines come from Crane Merchandising Systems. Jacobs Professional supplies the coffee, which is obtained from coffee farms certified by the Rainforest Alliance. In its efforts to promote agricultural sustainability, the Rainforest Alliance certifies companies which meet rigorous standards aimed at protecting the safety and livelihood of coffee growers and their families as well as conserving nature and the environment.

Offering hot beverages to passengers prior to departure is a long Lufthansa tradition. The airline first began offering hot coffee and tea from large thermos flasks in the mid-80s. The first automatic vending machines serving freshly brewed coffee were installed at airports in 1993. Meanwhile, a total of around 100 automatic coffee vending machines can be found serving passengers in Frankfurt and Munich.

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