

Amsterdam Airport Schiphol: Presentation of 2014 Schiphol Aviation Awards

Companies recognised with awards for outstanding performance

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This afternoon Maarten de Groof, Executive Vice President & CCO of Schiphol Group presented the 2014 Schiphol Aviation Awards. Each year Schiphol presents aviation awards to business partners who have distinguished themselves over the previous year in terms of their innovative business operations or positive performance.

Operational Excellence Award

easyJet and Menzies Aviation were recognised with the Operational Excellence Award. By adopting a joint approach and a joint focus, they implemented visible improvements to easyJet operations over the past year. This has, among other things, helped to considerably reduce waiting time at the check-in desks.

Efficiency Award

Over the past year KLM contributed significantly to increasing process efficiency in various areas. This includes the formulation of a shared vision for the boarding process. In anticipation of the introduction of central security, KLM developed a smart boarding vision which ties in with the infrastructural changes at the gates. This development was recognised with the Efficiency Award.

Sustainability Award

This Sustainability Award was presented to Arke this year. Last September Arke received ISO 14001 certification. In 2014 Arke put its first Boeing 787-8 Dreamliner into service. This aircraft type is around 20% more fuel efficient than the Boeing 767, which is gradually being replaced by the Dreamliner.

Cargo Award

This year Kales Airline Services B.V received the Cargo Award on account of its fundamental role in the development of cargo at Schiphol. Kales Airline Services B.V. represents 95 airlines at the airport.

Passenger Airline of the Year Award - Europe

Transavia added two new European destinations to its network: Bari and Thessaloniki. Transavia welcomed a growing number of transfer passengers on board as a result of joining the KLM network. Over the past year the airline carried almost four million passengers in Europe, for which it was recognised with the Passenger Airline of the Year Award - Europe.

Passenger Airline of the Year Award - Intercontinental

Garuda Indonesia was presented with the Passenger Airline of the Year Award - Intercontinental this year. In 2014 the airline introduced a non-stop connection to Jakarta and replaced the Boeing 777-300ER with the A330. Schiphol is the European hub for Garuda Indonesia. As a result of the further expansion of its network, Garuda Indonesia (a SkyTeam partner) has recorded as much as 72% growth over the past year.