

Dear Mr Kurt Wipraechtiger,

Star Alliance is the world's largest airline alliance with its 28-member carriers covering 98% of the world with its vast network. The extent of this network alone gives customers the need for comprehensive information about all products & services of Star Alliance and its member carriers.

In order to meet this requirement, we are continuously optimising our services. Star Alliance's website is certainly in the foreground of this initiative as passengers should easily be able to obtain all the information they need from a single source.

To satisfy the requirements of a contemporary design, Star Alliance has developed a new layout for its website. For example, the most important tools such as flight search and lounge finder can be accessed directly from our homepage. The core design has also changed into a more elegant one, making it more user friendly and providing additional shorter paths to other popular features of our website.

But surprise yourself with the presence of our new website using the following [link](#).

Now also enjoy reading our latest member carrier news items below.

With kind regards,



Jonas Walter,
Star Alliance Coordinator Switzerland

Overview Regional News

Future Star Alliance lounge in Guangzhou

Star Alliance and Guangzhou Baiyun International Airport Co. Ltd. (CAN), one of the largest airports in China, have agreed on space allocation to facilitate the establishment of a Star Alliance branded lounge at the airport. A Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) to this effect was signed by Jeffrey Goh, CEO Star Alliance and Qiu Jiachen, Chairman of the Board, Guangzhou Baiyun International Airport. This is a milestone for both Star Alliance and Guangzhou Baiyun International Airport, as it establishes the foundation for development of co-located check-in and gate facilities, connection services and a Star Alliance branded lounge at Terminal 1 for use by the 10 member carriers of the Alliance serving this dynamic market.



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STAR ALLIANCE MEMBER CARRIER NEWS

February 2019

AIR CANADA 



Air Canada increases its frequency on Vancouver-Zurich-Vancouver flight in 2019

Air Canada increases the frequency of its non-stop seasonally flight between Zurich and Vancouver in 2019. The service will once again be operated with a Boeing 787-Dreamliner.

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Austrian 

AIR NEW ZEALAND 



Air New Zealand is the first airline in the world to scoop two awards at the Air Transport World Airline Industry Awards

Air New Zealand has been crowned ATW Eco Airline of the Year and won the Passenger Experience Achievement award for recent upgrades to its Economy Skycouch seats.

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Ethiopian 



Austrian Airlines presents its new strategy called #DriveTo25: Expansion of Vienna Flight Hub, Realignment of Decentralized Flight Traffic

- Austrian Airlines will invest more than EUR 200 million to expand its Airbus fleet
- Phase-out of the Dash turboprops by 2021 at the latest

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LOT POLISH AIRLINES



From Warsaw to New Delhi: Namaste India.



Ethiopia surpasses Dubai as major transit hub to Africa

Ethiopian Airlines, the largest Aviation Group in Africa, SKYTRAX certified Four Star Global Airline and Star Alliance member, is pleased to announce some great news: Ethiopia surpasses Dubai as major transit hub to Africa, new operation Geneva – Mogadishu is confirmed with excellent connections.

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 **Lufthansa**



A legend celebrates its birthday: the Jumbo Jet turns 50

LOT Polish Airlines will launch a new non-stop service between Warsaw and New Delhi, starting 17 September 2019. As with all of LOT's long-haul services, the new route will be operated by state-of-the-art Boeing 787 Dreamliner five times a week.

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 Scandinavian Airlines



SAS expands its fleet with three Airbus A321 LR

This gives SAS an opportunity to offer travelers more intercontinental routes from and via Scandinavia.

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 SWISS

- On February 9th, 1969, the first Boeing 747-100 took off on its first official flight over Seattle
- On April 26th, 1970, Lufthansa's first Boeing 747-130 took off from Frankfurt on its first scheduled flight to New York

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SINGAPORE AIRLINES 



Singapore Airlines is the world's first airline with network-wide meal pre-ordering for premium class customers

Singapore Airlines has launched a new service enabling customers travelling in Suites, First Class and Business Class from anywhere in the Airline's global network to pre-order main courses from their flight's menus. SIA is the world's first airline to roll out this bespoke service on all flights across its network. There are also plans to extend it to Premium Economy Class in the near future.

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 THAI



SWISS to fly to Larnaca from Geneva

SWISS is expanding its route network from Geneva by offering a new connection to Larnaca (Cyprus) from 3 July. This coastal resort joins the list of new summer destinations announced by SWISS in December.

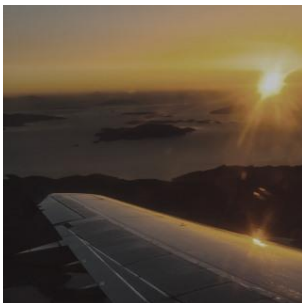
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Smooth As Silk

Thai Airways International with its legendary Royal Orchid Service – a 59-year success story – with 35 years of flight experience to Switzerland.

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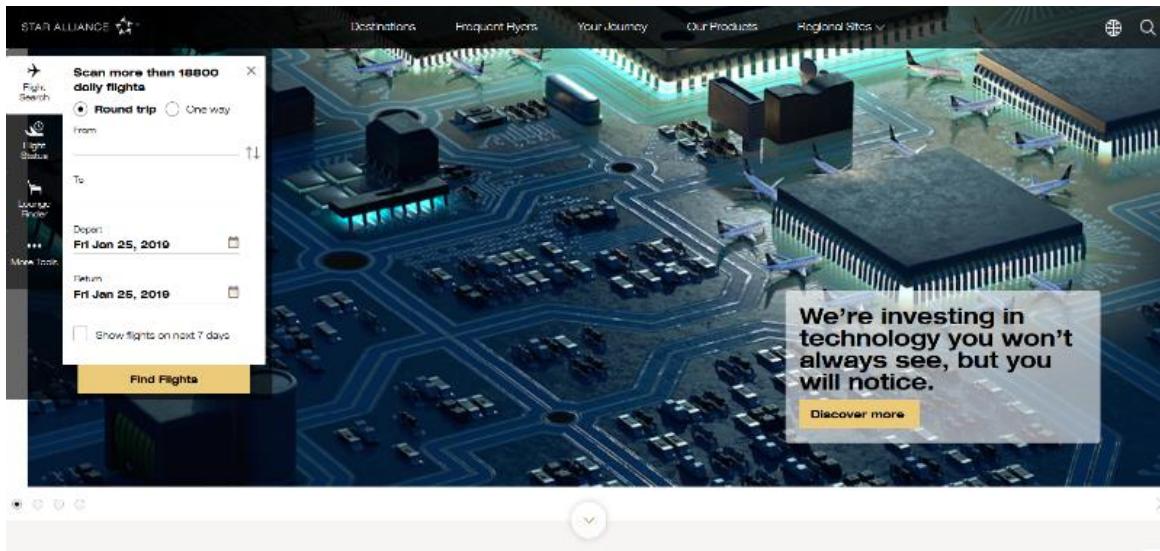
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Star Alliance's global website in new design



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