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## Challenge Handling handles every cargo with ease



**With Challenge Handling, Challenge Group offers to its customers the best service in Europe and beyond, with advanced tailor-made solutions.**

Located in the heart of the Golden Triangle, between Paris, Frankfurt and Amsterdam, Challenge Handling is a major provider with leading-edge infrastructure. Sitting in the heart of Europe, benefiting from the no curfew status of Liege Airport and operating 24/7 confers to Challenge Handling and more generally to Challenge Group a strong competitive edge with fast and direct access to all major European economic centres. With more than 25 years' experience in air cargo, Challenge Handling is one of the largest and most sophisticated handling facilities in Europe with 425.000 tons processing capacity yearly.

The division, which has grown in step with the group's airline route expansion, has three facilities at Liege with a total area of 40.000 sqm. One is located on the south side and one in the north of the airport, plus a warehouse for import sorting and distribution. Live animals are pampered guests at another facility, the ultra- modern Horse Inn hotel at Liege Airport. In 2021, Challenge Handling transported over 7,000 horses, including 250 to the Tokyo Olympics, confirming the company as a reliant expert on Horse transportation.

"The strength of Challenge Handling lies in the global expertise of Challenge Group, allowing it to think like an airline in every detail and to adapt to the most unusual situations, deploying innovative solutions to meet them," said Yossi Shoukroun, CEO of Challenge Group.

Challenge Handling is also an expert in the transport of non-standard cargo including oversize, but also in the transport of hazardous materials and pharmaceutical products. Indeed, the handler of the Group has Europe's unique largest 52-tonne high-loader, can handle all aircraft types, and has recently been recertified for the third time by IATA CEIV Pharma, testifying that it is well equipped to deal safely with temperature-sensitive shipments. Confirming Challenge Handling is trained, certified, and experienced in handling and flying all kinds of commodities. Challenge Handling is built on values of efficiency and quality (ISO9001 certified) with the highest standards of safety and security, and is committed to its customer satisfaction by offering tailor made solutions to airlines and forwarders.

"We are very pleased to be able to offer top of the art facilities, vast expertise and a digitized process to extend our service to accompany the growth of our customers and to welcome new partners, airlines or forwarders," said David Alexis, General Manager of Challenge Handling.



### About Challenge Group

Challenge Group is a unique, international air cargo conglomeration offering tailored air freight industry solutions from handling, air and ground logistics, to aviation services, for a wide range of industries and commodities.

Challenge Group employs 850 people across three airlines (CAL Cargo Airlines in Israel, Challenge Airlines BE in Belgium, Challenge Airlines MT in Malta), a commercial division (Challenge Air Cargo) in Malta, a ground handling company (Challenge Handling in Liege, Belgium), a European road feeder provider (Challenge Logistics in Liege, Belgium), an aircraft and parts leasing division (Challenge Aviation), and a comprehensive line maintenance provider (Challenge Technic). The company has trebled its capacity over the past four years and now handles 300,000+ tonnes of cargo per year.