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DUBAI: December 30, 2017. Emirates SkyCargo reports carrying 2.5 million tonnes of airfreight in 2017 and a 38 percent growth in pharmaceutical traffic since the launch of its Emirates Pharma product.

Other highlights during the year included the signing of a strategic operational partnership with Cargolux Airlines, the first of its kind in the air cargo industry, which saw both carriers working closely on a number of operational aspects including enhancing capacity from key markets, optimizing networks as well as boosting belly cargo feeder traffic, and hub connectivity capabilities. In October, the two carriers extended the partnership with a codeshare agreement.

Emirates also marked nine years of A380 operations and also celebrated its 100th A380 delivery milestone in November 2017, strengthening its position as the world's largest operator of the iconic double-decker aircraft.

The airline expanded the number of cities served by its A380 fleet to 48 during the year with the launch of five new destinations: Tokyo-Narita, Casablanca, São Paulo, Nice

and Johannesburg. Emirates also layered on more A380 services to the schedules of existing points and also led one-off A380 services to four destinations: Boston, Colombo, Warsaw and Bahrain.

In July, the airline entered into a significant partnership with FlyDubai, which includes an extensive codeshare agreement, strategic schedule alignment, as well as optimizing synergies to eventually offer travellers access to over 200 destinations on the combined networks of both airlines.

In October, Emirates and Qantas announced the extension of their successful partnership until 2023, with proposed network changes that would deliver greater year-round frequency and more services to Australia and New Zealand.

Reflecting on the year, Sir Tim Clark, President Emirates Airline said: “Despite the ups and downs of 2017, Emirates delivered steady growth and we have come out stronger and even more resilient. Throughout the year, we challenged convention and acted nimbly to mitigate challenges and maximize opportunities. We implemented initiatives to boost revenues, trim costs, and used emerging technologies to make our business and operations more agile, without compromising on quality or service. We enter 2018 with optimism, and an unflagging drive to keep raising the bar in terms of customer experience and business performance.”