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Air Partner Appoints Mike Hill as Director of Freight

[Air Partner](#), the global aviation services group, is pleased to announce that Mike Hill has been appointed as Director of Freight, with responsibility for freight across the entire Air Partner Group.

Mike has been with the Group since 2007, when he joined to set up Air Partner's freight office in Germany from scratch. In 2014 he was promoted from a business development position to Regional Freight Director – Europe. Mike will remain based in Air Partner's German office and will report directly to Richard Smith, Head of Products, who previously held the role.

Mike has 20 years' industry experience and prior to joining Air Partner, worked for the cargo charter airline African International as a Commercial Manager for seven years. He has also held management roles within an airport handling company as well as travel companies.

Steered by Mike, the German freight office has now become one of the leading brokers in Central Europe, working exclusively with freight forwarders. The office works across a number of sectors and has developed a notably large presence in the automotive industry in Europe.

Air Partner's [full year results for the year ended 31 January 2016](#), which were released on Thursday 28 April, reported that the Freight division delivered a 21% increase in gross profit for the period, with strong growth in the Group's German and US businesses.

Commenting on his appointment, Mike said: *"I have thoroughly enjoyed my time building up Air Partner's European freight presence and am delighted to now be expanding my role across the Group. Richard and the team have built up an enviable global freight business, leaving me well placed to capitalise on opportunities within the industry."*

Richard Smith, Air Partner's Head of Products, said: *"Mike has consistently achieved great results, as evidenced by the growth of the German office, and I have no doubt he will continue to do so as Air Partner further develops its freight offering."*

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